

**RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS**  
**Pocahontas Public Schools**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
October 28, 2019

Board Members Present: Gary Cole, President; Dr. Mike Davis, DVM, Vice President; Jim Toney, Secretary; and Karen Baltz.

Others Present: Jerry Martens, Superintendent; Lesa Grooms Assistant Superintendent; Nathan Anthony and Kenny Nahlen from Nabholz Construction; Lori Steimel; Brandon Smith, Press

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the junior high library. Board Member Judy McClain was absent.

Item 2: Reorganization of the Board

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 4-0 to reorganize in the following manner; Dr. Mike Davis, President; Jim Toney, Vice-President; Karen Baltz, Secretary.

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 4-0 to name Gary Cole as the primary board disbursing officer.

Item 3: Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on September 16, 2019 as well as the special board meeting on September 27, 2019.

Item 4: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 4-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of September 2019.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Item 5: New Elementary School Update

The board was updated on the construction status of the new elementary school.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Item 6: Act 1120 Resolution Regarding 5% Salary Increases for FY19

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 4-0 to approve, by resolution, the Act 1120 salary increases for FY19 as presented.

Item 7: Basketball Season Ticket Sales

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 4-0 to approve the sale of basketball season tickets at the same prices as last year.

Item 8: Adoption of Academic Standards and Outcomes

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Jim Toney, the board adopted the Arkansas state academic standards and expected outcomes as the district's expected standards and outcomes for the 2019-2020 school year.

Item 9: Legal Transfer Request

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 4-0 to approve the following legal transfer requests.

Hailey Buckner	age 15	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	to Sloan-Hendrix
Angel Granger	age 16	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	to Hoxie
Kelsey Smith	age 13	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	to Sloan-Hendrix
Matthew Blevins	age 8	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	to Maynard

Item 10: Resignation

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 4-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of employment.

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 4-0 to accept the resignation of Donnie Tribble, District Maintenance, effective November 8, 2019.

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 4-0 to return to open session.

Item 11: Increase in Substitute Teacher Pay Due to Minimum Wage Increases

Superintendent Jerry Martens informed the Board that the substitute pay scale would need to be revised due to minimum wage increase, beginning January 1, 2020. There was discussion regarding if the beginning level sub pay would only be raised or if all levels would increase. The Board requested more information. No action was taken at this time.

Item 12: Catastrophic Leave

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 4-0 to approve Catastrophic Leave for Amanda Dail and Mark Saala.


Item 13: Employment

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 4-0 to hire Nema Hicks as Food Service Worker in the MD Williams Cafeteria.

OTHER

1. APSRC Board Training - Session 1, November 4, 2019 5:30
2. The Board will attend ASBA Board Training November 5, 5:30 pm at the NEA Coop. Dinner will be served.
3. Superintendent, Jerry Martens, shared the Classification and Realignment for 2020-2022, released by Arkansas Activities Association.
4. Superintendent, Daryl Blaxton, reported the district enrollment to be 2048 on 10/22/19 which compared to 2061 on a corresponding date last year.
5. November 5- "Hidden in Plain Sight" 1:30p - 6p in PJHS 9th grade teachers' lounge. This "mock" teenage room provides parents with clues from a teen's bedroom to help determine whether their child might be experimenting with or using drugs or alcohol.
6. November 8- Make a Wish has set a date to dedicate the finished tennis courts and complete Chase's wish. Make a Wish and the United States Tennis Association will host a dedication ceremony beginning at 11am at the city tennis courts.

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Dr. Mike Davis, President

  
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Karen Baltz, Secretary