

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Regular Board Meeting
November 18, 2019

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

Others Present: Jerry Martens, Superintendent; Lesa Grooms, Assistant Superintendent;
Brandon Smith, Press; 4 WBU students

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the junior high library. All board members were present.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on October 28, 2019.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of October 2019.

OLD BUSINESS

Item 4: Increase in Substitute Teacher Pay Due to Minimum Wage Increases

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to approve the substitute teacher pay increase as follows:

- Classified - \$70.80
- Degree - \$75.80
- Degree Certified (teaching in area) - \$80.80
- Degree Certified (teaching in area for extended time – 30 days or more) - \$85.80

NEW BUSINESS

Item 5: Purchase of New Intercom for MD Williams Intermediate

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of a new intercom system as presented by Technology

Director, Adam Hand. This purchase will be \$100,464.11 from CDW-G per TIPS/TAPS contract and will be paid for from the building fund.

Item 6: Changing Phone Systems from CenturyLink to Mitel

The board was updated on changing phone systems from CenturyLink to Mitel. The district is currently paying \$34,089 annually for phone services with Century Link. The switch to Mitel, an internet based system, will have one-time equipment and set up fees of \$14,555.05. Monthly fees from that point forward will only be \$174.50 per month or \$2094.00 annually. No motion needed.

Item 7: Replace and Upgrade District Firewall

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to purchase a new firewall system from IK Network Solutions for \$15,013.80 which will be taken from this year's technology budget.

Item 8: Replace Computers in Mrs. Broyles' Lab

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to purchase 30 desktop units for Mrs. Broyles' computer lab from Bytespeed in the amount of \$11,281.43. This purchase will be taken from this year's business education budget.

Item 9: Curriculum Update

Assistant Superintendent, Lesa Grooms, presented the board with information on curriculum issues for the 2019-2020 school year.

Item 10: Act 1599 Resolution

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve an Act 1599 Resolution for Janet Harper to provide seamstress services to the district.

Item 11: Replacement of Ovens in PJHS Cafeteria

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of a double stack Combi oven for the PJHS Cafeteria from Brasco at a cost of \$60,000.59. The following bids were received:

- Restaurant Supply - \$60,913.00
- Supreme Fixture - \$73,003.63

- AIMCO – No bid received

Item 12: Parent Involvement Facilitators

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following parent involvement facilitators and stipends for the 2019-2020 school year.

- Alma Spikes: Tabitha Byrd (\$500), Shelly Futrell (\$500), Shawnee DuBois (\$500)
- MD Williams: Shannon Barr (\$1,500)
- PJHS: Taftnee Cox (\$1,500)
- PHS: Karen Johnson (\$1,500)

Item 13: Resignation

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to accept the resignation of Marie Nix, PJHS food service employee.

Item 14: Pocahontas School District 2020 Master Plan Public Hearing

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 set the Pocahontas School District 2020 Master Plan Public Hearing for December 16, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Pocahontas Jr. High Library.

Item 15: Transfers

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following student transfers:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Angel Granger	16	11	Pocahontas	Hoxie
Dalton Crow	15	9	Pocahontas	Hoxie
Catherine McClanahan	13	8	Pocahontas	Hoxie
Wayne McKay	6	1	Pocahontas	Maynard
Allyauna Harper	9	4	Pocahontas	Maynard
Ana Leigh Davis	5	K	Pocahontas	Maynard
Bethany Sorg	8	3	Pocahontas	Sloan-Hendrix

Item 16: Discipline for Student A

Item 17: Discipline for Student B

Item 18: Employment

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of employment and/or personnel discussion.

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to hire Tammy Reed as a bus aide on the handicap school bus.

OTHER

1. Superintendent, Jerry Martens, reported the district enrollment to be 2,058 on 11/18/19 which compared to 2,051 on a corresponding date last year.
2. The high school football team will travel to Springdale to play Shiloh Christian on Friday, November 22.
3. The December board meeting date will be December 16, 2019
4. A date was set for the Board to view Connections Instruction at Alma Spikes Elementary, January 16, 2020.

ADJOURNED



Dr. Michael Davis, President



Karen Baltz, Secretary