

**RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS**  
**Pocahontas Public Schools**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
April 17, 2017

Board Members Present: Judy McClain, President; Chuck Andrews, Vice President; Gary Cole, Secretary; James Chester and Dr. Michael Davis, DVM

Others Present: Daryl Blaxton, Superintendent; Bill Endicott and Brandon Smith, Press; Lesa Grooms

Item 1: Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. in the junior high library. All board members were present.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on March 20, 2017.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Chuck Andrews, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of March 2017.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Item 4: Approval of PHS Course Changes for 2017-2018 School Year

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve course changes for the 2017-2018 school year as presented by high school principal, Lesa Grooms

Item 5: Request to Hire Part-Time Summer Help

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to authorize Superintendent, Daryl Blaxton, to hire employees for summer work as needed for part-time positions.

Item 6: Approval to Use Athletic Activity Funds to Purchase Awards for Athletic Program

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to authorize the use of funds from the district's athletic activity account to pay for awards for the athletic program.

Item 7: Legal Transfer Requests

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following legal transfer requests.

- Kali Reed                      age 8                      from Sloan-Hendrix
- Kelsey Reed                      age 11                      from Sloan-Hendrix
- Taylor Brown                      age 16                      from Sloan-Hendrix

Item 8: Purchase of Chromebook Labs for PJHS

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of two Chromebook labs for PJHS from SHI at a cost of \$18,921.73. The purchase is being made through a TIPS/TAPS contract.

Item 9: Fuel Bids

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board 5-0 to approve the purchase of 6000 gallons of diesel and 2000 gallons of gasoline, from Riverside Petroleum, at a cost of \$13,778. Bids were solicited, per the district's fuel purchasing process and Riverside's bid was the low bid received.

Item 10: Approval to Pay Registration Fees for OM Team Qualifiers for World Competition

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to approve payment of the registration fees of the six district teams who qualified for World OM Competition. Cost of the registration fees is \$29,535.

Item 11: Professional Development Contract with Northeast AR Cooperative

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to

approve the district's 2017-2018 professional development contract with the Northeast AR Cooperative.

Item 12: Board Policy Updates

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to approve the attached board policy updates. (See attachments)

Item 13: Resignation

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following retirement.

- Gary Pratt Bus Driver

Item 14: Employment

On a motion by Chuck Andrews, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of employment.

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following transfers and employment(s) for the 2017-2018 school year.

Transfers

- Sandra Lowtharp from 3rd grade math to 4th grade math
- Nova White from 6th grade math to 3rd grade math
- Julie Campbell from 6th grade math to 6th grade literacy
- Sara Rogers from Kindergarten to 2nd grade
- Kelly Evans from Preschool to Kindergarten
- Erica Dunlap from Kindergarten to Preschool

Employment

- Holly Bradley - FACS teacher

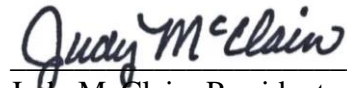
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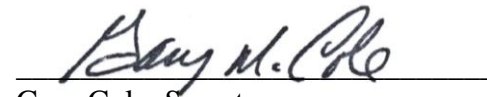
1. District Enrollment

Superintendent Blaxton updated the board on the district's current enrollment. The K-12 enrollment in the district, as of 4/4/17, was 1,920 students which is 45 students more than

the enrollment on the corresponding date from the previous year.

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Judy McClain, President

  
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Gary Cole, Secretary