

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Regular Board Meeting
February 24, 2020

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; Guests – Lori and Joe Steimel, Charles Baty, Williams Baptist students (4), Brandon Smith, Press

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 Karen Baltz, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on January 20, 2020.

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 January 2020.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed

NEW BUSINESS

Item 4: Charles Parten to Address the Board

Charles Parten, parent to PJHS student, addressed the board regarding recouping money from a returned clarinet.

Item 5: Visual Arts Scholarship Proposal

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to approve a Visual Arts Scholarship proposal. A district art show will be held and some of the artwork will be sold to fund said scholarship.

Item 6: School Bus Purchase

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of a 2021 Blue Bird 89 Passenger All American school bus at the state bid price of \$112,740.00.

Item 7: Booster Club Request

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the Booster Club Request to receive \$1.00 from each ticket sold at the largest gates for a football and basketball game. This money will be used for the Annual Athletics Awards Program.

Item 8: Resignations

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to accept the following resignations:

- Brandon Brown – Technology Support Specialist
- Heath Lane – PJHS English Teacher
- Amy Thielemier - Paraprofessional

Item 9: Approval of 2020-2021 School Calendar

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar.

Item 10: Approval of 2020-2021 Professional Development Plan/Calendar

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the 2020-2021 Professional Development Plan/Calendar.

Item 11: Student Transfers

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following legal transfer requests:

NAME	AGE	GRADE	FROM	TO
Colton Stroud	17	11	Pocahontas	Hoxie
Bailey Tucker	15	9	Pocahontas	Sloan Hendrix
Brayden Chambers	12	5	Pocahontas	Sloan Hendrix
Tybrina Caldwell	8	2	Pocahontas	Sloan Hendrix

Item 12: Upgrade Football Helmets for Senior and Junior High Programs

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve a 5-year contract with Xenith to purchase and recondition helmets for the

Junior and Senior High Football program. The 5-year contract is in the amount of \$56,750.00 plus tax.

Item 13: Employment/Personnel

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Karen Baltz, 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 Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to employ Justin Hand as Technology Support Specialist for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

The recommendation of employing Amy Story as Assistant Cheer Coach was tabled.

Item 14: Contract Addendum

The recommendation of adding a stipend, \$1538, for 7th Grade Cheerleading Coach to Kim Nead's contract for the 2019-2020 contract only was tabled.

Item 15: Re-employment of Administrators/Program Directors

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to re-employ the following administrators/program directors for the 2020-2021 school year:

- Charles Baty – Athletic Director
- Anthony Brewington – Asst High School Principal
- Shawn Carter – Alma Spikes Elementary Principal
- Harlan Davis – Asst Jr. High Principal
- Shannon Fish – MD Williams Intermediate Principal
- Lesa Grooms – High School Principal
- Chris Lindner – Asst Elementary School Principal
- Sara Martin – SPED Director
- Mack Skelton – Junior High School Principal

Item 16: Nabholz Financial Settlement

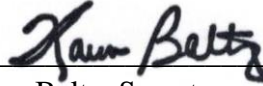
On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial settlement presented by Nabholz Construction regarding soil work at the new elementary site.

OTHER

1. The date for the next school board meeting is Monday, March 16, 2020 in the Jr. High Library at 7pm.
2. Superintendent, Jerry Martens, reported the district enrollment to be 2053 which compares to 2055 for last month and 2044 at this time last year.
3. Senior Girls will play Pulaski Robinson in the first round of Regionals at Valley View, Thursday, February 27 at 4pm



Dr. Michael Davis, President



Karen Baltz, Secretary