

**RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS**  
**Pocahontas Public Schools**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
March 16, 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 – 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 Gary Cole, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on February 24, 2020.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of February 2020.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business was discussed

**NEW BUSINESS**

Item 4: Resignations

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following resignations, effective June 30, 2020:

- Sara Martin – Special Education Director
- Gary Pratt – PJHS Custodian/Bus Driver

Item 5: Catastrophic Leave Request

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve 1 catastrophic leave request per district policy.

Item 6: School Transfer Requests

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

<b>NAME</b>	<b>AGE</b>	<b>GRADE</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
Natalie Russell	8	3	Lawrence County	Pocahontas
Aubree Montgomery	6	1	Lawrence County	Pocahontas

Item 7: Update on COVID-19 Prevention Measures (Informational Only)

Superintendent, Jerry Martens, updated the board on COVID-19 prevention measures after Governor of Arkansas closed schools beginning Tuesday, March 17 through March 29. AMI days will be used.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

Item 8: Addendum

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve adding 7<sup>th</sup> grade cheer stipend to Kim Nead's contract in the amount of \$1538 to be paid out over the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Item 9: Assistant Cheer Sponsor

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to approve hiring Amy Story as follows:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Cheer - \$500
- Jr. Assistant Cheer - \$400
- Sr. Assistant Cheer - \$500

These added duties will begin with the 2020-2021 school year.

Item 10: Re-employment of Certified Staff as Listed

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to re-employ the certified staff who had requested re-employment for the 2019-2020 school year. (See attached list)

Item 11: New Hire - Cafeteria

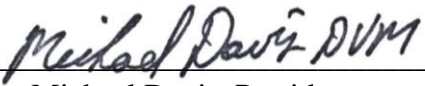
On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to hire Shondal Winchell as a Jr. High Cafeteria worker for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Item 12: Bank Account Change Approval

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve closing the existing new elementary school account, due to fraudulent activity, and open a new account to replace it.

OTHER

1. Superintendent, Jerry Martens, reported the district enrollment to be 2055 which compares to 2053 at this time last year.

  
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Dr. Michael Davis, President

  
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Karen Baltz, Secretary