

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Regular Board Meeting
March 28, 2022

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

Others Present: Lesa Grooms, Superintendent; Craig Green, High School Principal; Chad Overman, Madison Bibbs, Kayla Harp, Sarah Rogers, Crystal Couch, Tracy Ballard, David Ballard, Emily Todd, Visitors

Item 1: Call to Order

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

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on February 21, 2022 as well as the minutes from the special board meeting on February 22, 2022.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of February, 2022.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 4: COPS Grant

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of equipment in conjunction with the COPS Grant that the district received in December. The grant will pay for 75% of the project and the district will pay 25%. See attached.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 5: CTE Program of Study Start up Grant

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of computers, monitors, and printer from Bytespeed, per

attached quote for the CTE Grant New Program of Study – Office Administration. The total cost of the project will be \$48,377.80.

Item 6: 2022-2023 School Calendar

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the 2022-2023 School Calendar as presented. See attached.

Item 7: 2022-2023 Professional Development Plan

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the 2022-2023 Professional Development Plan. See attached.

Item 8: Career Coach Renewal

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the Career Coach Renewal Agreement with BRTC. The school district portion of this agreement will be \$30,271.70.

Item 9: Bus Purchase

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of a 90-passenger Blue Bird bus at a cost of \$131,165.00 per the attached quote from Central States Bus Sales through the state procurement process.

Item 10: ELC Grant – Air Purifiers

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of air purifiers and replacement filters, per the attached quote from The Pizzuto Group, at a cost of \$59,753.34. This purchase will be made through the TIPS/TAPS purchasing system, Vendor Contract #200804. The list of quotes received were as follows:

Company	Air Purifiers	Replacement Filters	Total Quote
The Pizzuto Group	\$45,206.00 + \$3019.64 taxes (includes freight/delivery)	\$10738.45 + 779.25 taxes (includes Freight/delivery)	\$59,753.34
School Specialty	\$53,976.60 (includes shipping/taxes)	\$10,196.37 (includes taxes)	\$64,172.97

USASealing	\$47040.00 + \$3138.85 taxes (includes shipping)	\$10958.63 + 793.56 taxes (includes shipping)	\$61,931.04
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Item 11: Legal Transfers

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following legal transfers:

- 1 student, 8th grade from Pocahontas to Maynard

Item 12: Zoning

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve, by resolution, zoning option #1 that was presented by EFS Geo Technologies. See attachments.

Item 13: Catastrophic Leave Request

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve Catastrophic Leave for Karen Teel.

Item 14: Resignations/Retirement

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following resignations/retirements:

- Michelle Higginbotham – 3rd Grade Teacher
- Robin Stayton – 6th Grade Teacher
- Tonya Throesch – MDW Resource Teacher
- Taftnee Cox – PJHS Counselor
- Karen Burris – MDW Counselor

Item 15: Reassignment of Duties

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following reassignment of duties:

- Kim Guthrie – District Treasurer
- Julie Utnage – Payroll/Human Resources

Item 16: Approval of Dragonfly Administrator Stipend

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve a \$700 stipend for Ali Brooks for Dragonfly Administrator/SIP Director.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 17: Employment

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the re-employment of the attached list of certified staff for the 2022-2023 school year.

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following transfer:

- Shana Maxie from Title I Paraprofessional to Parent Center Coordinator

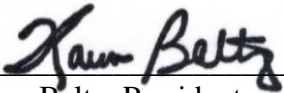
Item 18: Mask Policy Review

Mrs. Grooms provided the board with COVID information. No action was taken.

OTHER

1. Lesa Grooms, Superintendent, provided the board with an updated district enrollment count of 1950 as of 3/28/2022.
2. The Security System at PES was discussed. The system will be installed at a cost of \$13,700.00.

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Karen Baltz, President



Gary Cole, Secretary