

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Regular Board Meeting
January 17, 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;

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 Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on December 13, 2021 as well as the minutes from the special board meeting on January 6, 2022.

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 December 2021.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Item 4: 2022 Six Year Facilities Plan Submission

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the district's 2022 Six Year Facilities Plan Submission as presented by Superintendent, Lesa Grooms.

Item 5: Approval to use 2nd Lien Bonds

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve, by attached resolution, the bond application that will allow the use of 2nd lien bonds as well as the agreement with Stephens, Inc.

Item 6: Board Training Report

Superintendent Lesa Grooms presented the board with the 2021 Board Training report. There are no compliance issues with any member. (See attachment)

Item 7: Legal Transfers

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve 1 student transfer from Pocahontas to Sloan Hendrix.

Item 8: Review Mask Policy

The board reviewed data regarding quarantined students/staff in the district. No action taken.

Item 9: Employment/Personnel

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following new hires:

- Tom Rice – PJHS Custodian
- Raine Tyler – PHS Cafeteria
- Sydney Palmer – Preschool Special Education Teacher (for remainder of school year)

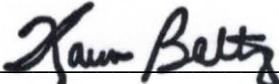
On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to extend the contract of Superintendent, Lesa Grooms, through June 30, 2024.

The board also voted to place Superintendent Grooms on a 1.8 salary index. After the meeting, it was determined that there was an error in the calculation. Placing the Superintendent on a 1.8 index would decrease her current salary and that was not the intention. The salary will be revisited at the next board meeting.

OTHER

1. Lesa Grooms, Superintendent, provided the board with an updated district enrollment count of 1979 as of 1/13/2022.

ADJOURNED



Karen Baltz, President



Gary Cole, Secretary