<p align="center">RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Special Board Meeting
February 10, 2022</p>

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 11:00 am in the administration building. All board members were present.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 2:   DESE – Latest COVID-19 Guidelines

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to amend COVID-19 guidelines as follows:

- If an individual tests positive, they will need to isolate for a minimum of five (5) days and they are permitted to return on day six (6) with a mask (worn appropriately at all times) for the remainder of their ten (10) day isolation period. Preschool students who test positive will continue to isolate for ten (10) days.
- If a student is considered a probable close contact (PCC), their parents will be contacted so they may monitor for symptoms. Should they develop symptoms, they are to stay home and get tested at an appropriate time. Individuals who are considered as possible close contacts (PCC's), but who do not have symptoms, will no longer be immediately quarantined.
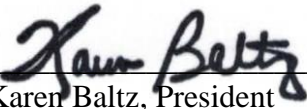
This approach aligns with long-standing practices and policies that districts have used when responding to our other contagious diseases.

We will continue to focus on mitigation strategies and practices that have worked in our district so far. This will include social distancing, isolating positive cases, and additional cleaning and disinfecting. We will also continue to monitor positive case numbers and update the Board each week in case a change is needed.

Item 3:   Review of Mask Policy

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to lift the mask mandate, effective February 11, 2022. The most current data will be reviewed and the mask policy will be revisited at the next regular board meeting.

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Karen Baltz, President   Gary Cole, Secretary