

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Special Board Meeting
May 26, 2022

Board Members Present: Karen Baltz, President; Judy McClain, Vice President; Gary Cole, Secretary; Mike Davis, Jim Toney

Others Present: Lesa Grooms, Superintendent; Visitors as follows: Adam Butler, Linda Bowlin, Carol Carroll, Anne Simpson, Hannah Wilson, Dianna Johnson, Suzanne Chester, Gena Farrin, Jennifer Rawls, Andrea Russell, Tracy Ballard, David Ballard, Madi Ballard, Jordan Ballard, Kary Story, Angela Vandermeer, Ben Derrick, Chad Chester, Brent Massey, Heather Pankey, Kim Guthrie, Dina Radcliff, Victoria Pratt

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm in the Pocahontas Junior High library.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 2: Discussion of Rock Building

Superintendent presented two options provided by DESE Facilities.

1. Rescind the Partnership Funding for the PHS Building Project. We would not accept the \$5million plus that State was providing. We have the chance to reapply for Partnership Funding for the 2025-2027 cycle. The application would be submitted in March 2024. The caveat to this option is that the State (DESE) will come in and review the high school facilities to approve use of buildings for students.
2. Keep the PHS project going with the current Partnership Funds. We can ask for a 6 month extension and not have to have a signed contract with construction by November 2022. This would put off the project until May 2023. We would still be moving forward with the current bldg project. If we needed more time in May, we could request another 6 month extension.

Jim Toney made a motion to table a decision concerning the PHS Building Project and wait to see if there would be additional funding from DESE after the June Legislative session. Mike Davis seconded the motion. The board voted 2-3. Motion did not pass.

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 3-2 to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Option 1 from above.

Item 3: Legal Transfers

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

- 1 student, Kindergarten from Pocahontas to Maynard
- 1 student, 12th grade from Pocahontas to Sloan Hendrix
- 1 student, 9th grade from Pocahontas to Sloan Hendrix
- 1 student, 7th grade from Pocahontas to Sloan Hendrix

Item 4: Resignations

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

- Justin Stewart – PHS Science
- Christie Wright – PES 3rd Grade
- Hannah Morgan – PES 1st Grade
- Rachel Wofford – MDW 5th Grade
- Madison Casillas – PHS English

EXECUTIVE SESSION

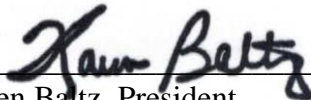
Item 3: Employment

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

- Lindsay Stewart – PHS Counselor
- Anthony Hausman – Softball Coach
- Katrena Hunt – Educational Interpreter for Deaf Student

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve summer school staff for Migrant Camp and summer school as presented. (See attached).

ADJOURNED



Karen Baltz, President



Gary Cole, Secretary