

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Regular Board Meeting
June 20, 2022

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

Others Present: Lesa Grooms, Superintendent; Visitors as follows: Jennifer Rawls, David Rawls, Courtney Throesch, Nelson and Melba Henderson, Leahann Bounds, Dianna Johnson, Stephanie McCormic, Debbie Hall, Jamey Sullinger, Jody Sifford, Teresa Jones, Kirsten Godwin, Tabitha Corder, Tracy Ward, Blaire O'Donnell, Ali Brooks, Amanda Hackworth, Tracy Ballard, David Ballard, Anthony Noftsgger, Raul Blasini, Jennifer Poe, Kim Lewis, Russell Lewis, Leah Prevett, Marlo Caldwell Wardlow, Jill Neely, John Allen French

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the junior high library. Board President, Karen Baltz was absent.

Item 2: Resignation

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 4-0 to accept the resignation of Board President, Karen Baltz.

Item 3: Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on May 16, 2022 as well as the minutes from the special board meetings on May 26, 2022 and June 9, 2022.

Item 4: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 4-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of May, 2022.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Item 5: Ex-Officio Secretary and Co-op Board Member Approval

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 4-0 to name Superintendent Lesa Grooms as Ex-Officio Secretary and board representative for the Northeast Arkansas Coop for the 2022-2023 school year.

Item 6: Approval to Use a Facsimile

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 4-0 to approve the continued use of a facsimile per Act 671 of 2003.

Item 7: School Choice Applications

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 4-0 to approve the list of school choice applications for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

Item 8: Legal Transfers

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 4-0 to approve the following legal transfers:

- 1 - 8th grade student from Pocahontas to Sloan Hendrix
- 1 - 2nd grade student from Pocahontas to Sloan Hendrix

Item 9: Inventory Deletions

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 4-0 to approve the following inventory deletion:

- 2017 Bluebird Bus (totaled in accident)

Item 10: Property Insurance Renewal

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 4-0 to approve the property insurance renewal through the ASBA Risk Management program per the attached invoice of \$84,339.16

Item 11: Student Insurance Renewal

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 4-0 to approve the attached renewal quote from Dwight Jones Insurance Agency for student accident insurance coverage for \$22,000.00. This is the 2nd year of the 2 year agreement.

Item 12: Student Policy Updates

Superintendent Lesa Grooms presented ASBA student policy updates to be acted upon by the board during the regular July board meeting.

Item 13: Board Policy Updates

Superintendent Lesa Grooms presented ASBA board policy updates to be acted upon by the board during the regular July board meeting.

Item 14: Discipline Report

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 4-0 to approve 2021-2022 Discipline Report as presented by Superintendent Lesa Grooms.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 15: Employment

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 4-0 to approve the following employment items as listed below:


- Transfers:
 - Jenn Galvan from PHS Resource to Special Education/Indirect
 - Kathy Fisk from PHS ALE Para to PHS Self-Contained Para
 - Kalob Welch from PHS Sped Self-Contained to Elementary Counselor/Dist. Test Coordinator
 - Reche Drakeford - PJHS Sped Para to MDW Special Education Teacher
 - James Stone - PJHS Science to PHS Chemistry
 - Ali Brooks - Assistant Girls Basketball to Head Girls Basketball
 - Josh Herring - Assistant Softball Coach

- New Hire:
 - Stephanie Parsons - PES 1st Grade Teacher

OTHER

1. Superintendent Lesa Grooms provided the board an update on district enrollment - 1926 students
2. Teachers and Classified Employee of the Year were revealed:
 - a. Kristen Foust - Elementary
 - b. Marlo Caldwell Wardlow - Secondary
 - c. Kathy Fisk - Classified Employee of the Year
3. Special Board Meeting - A special board meeting will be held Thursday, June 30, 2022.
4. Athletic Director, Charles Baty, spoke to the board regarding coaching salaries/schedules.

ADJOURNED



Judy McClain, Vice President



Gary Cole, Secretary