

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Special Board Meeting
July 7, 2022

Board Members Present: Judy McClain, Vice President; Gary Cole, Secretary; Jim Toney

Others Present: Lesa Grooms, Superintendent; Whitney Phillips, Amanda Sutfin,
Trent Smith, Visitors

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the PJHS Library. Board member Mike Davis was absent

Item 2: ACT 867 - Shortened Days for Seniors

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 3-0 to approve the proposal from Mr. Green regarding Act 867. This would allow 12th grade students who meet requirements throughout their high school career to leave school early during their senior year.

Item 3: Keep Kids Fed Act

The Keep Kids Fed Act was passed into law on June 25, 2022, which means we will return to pre-COVID procedures collecting free/reduced applications, and students will no longer all eat for free. Some may qualify for free or reduced meals while others will not.

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 3-0 to approve student/adult meal prices for the 2022-2023 school year as follows:

- Student Breakfast - \$0.75
- Student Lunch - \$1.65
- Adult Breakfast - \$2.25
- Adult Lunch - \$3.75

Item 4: Resignations

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 3-0 to approve the following resignation:

- Jessica Lange - JH English

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Item 5: Employment

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 3-0 to hire the following individuals for the 2022-2023 school year:

Transfers:

- Karen Teel - From Sped Para to PJHS Math Teacher

New Hires:

- Daija Williford - MDW Sped Paraprofessional

OTHER

1. Superintendent Lesa Grooms introduced the new Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Anthony Dowdy.
2. There is a vacant seat on the school board. Anyone interested can submit their interest in writing to the Administration Building or a board member.

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