

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Regular Board Meeting
July 18, 2022

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

Others Present: Lesa Grooms, Superintendent; Krystal Barrios, Heather Pankey, Adam Butler, Dianna Johnson, Marsha Warner

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the junior high library.

Item 2: Appointment of New Board Member

The board tabled action on appointing a new board member to fill the vacancy left from the resignation of Karen Baltz. There will be a special board meeting on July 20, 2022 to revisit.

The following individuals expressed interest in filling the above mentioned vacancy:

- Scott Trammel (withdrew name)
- Kary Story
- Chad Overman

Item 3: Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on June 20, 2022 as well as the minutes from the special board meetings on June 22, 2022, June 30, 2022 and July 7, 2022.

Item 4: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 4-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of June, 2022. The approval included a transfer of \$758,451.12 from Fund 2001 to Fund 3000 and a transfer of \$1,020,200.00 from Fund 2000 to Fund 3200 to be used for future construction & capital improvement projects, major maintenance renovations as well as related supplies and equipment.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Item 5: Vehicle Insurance Renewal

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 4-0 to approve the renewal of the district's vehicle insurance through Arkansas Public school Insurance Trust in the amount of \$27,150.00.

Item 6: Legal Transfers

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

- 2 students 8th grade from Pocahontas to Maynard
- 1 student 6th grade from Pocahontas to Maynard
- 1 student 3rd grade from Pocahontas to Maynard
- 1 student 3rd grade from Pocahontas to Sloan Hendrix
- 1 student 2nd grade from Pocahontas to Sloan Hendrix
- 1 student 8th grade from Sloan Hendrix to Pocahontas

Item 7: School Improvement Plans

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 4-0 to approve the school improvement plans as presented. (See attached)

Item 8: Requested Information

Attorney Adam Butler had requested that I present some information to the Board. I believe he wanted me to present options or ask about plans for the future of the PHS cafeteria building. I have attached some articles.

I am supposed to have a meeting with Rachel Patton from the Preserve Arkansas group. I am awaiting a meeting date.

Currently, we do not have a building project in place for a new high school. That plan was canceled on May 26, 2022. DESE is sending someone from the Facilities Division in early August to view the following buildings to see what we will have to do to have them approved for student use.

- Cafeteria
- Original Structure (Main Hallway)
- Gym/Math/Sci Wing
- Home Ec Foods
- Choir
- Speech/Drama
- Home Ec Sewing

We may have some movement of classrooms if we need to make renovations for compliance.

Item 9: Resignations

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

- Betty Tate – MDW Paraprofessional

- Alexzandrea Hopkins – PES Sped Paraprofessional

EXECUTIVE SESSION


Item 10: Employment

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 4-0 to approve the employment of following new hires for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Haley Rose – PJHS Science
- Shonnon Guest – PJHS English

OTHER

ADJOURNED



Judy McClain, Vice President



Gary Cole, Secretary