

**RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS**  
**Pocahontas Public Schools**  
**Special Board Meeting**  
August 4, 2022

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

Others Present: Lesa Grooms, Superintendent; Anthony Dowdy, Assistant Superintendent; Jennifer Rawls, Visitor

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Pocahontas Junior High library. All board members were present.

Item 2: Updated Bidding Threshold

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the increase of the purchasing threshold for bidding amounts from \$21,604 to \$23,100 for the 2022-2023 school year per Ark. Code Ann. §6-21-304.

Item 3: Recruitment and Retention Plan

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the 3-year Teacher and Administrator Recruitment and Retention Plan as presented. (See attached)

Item 4: School Safety

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Chad Overman, the board voted 5-0 to approve the Pocahontas Police Department's use of Alma Spikes Elementary campus to practice entry in locked (u-lock) doors that enter into a room. The board also approved paying for half of the equipment purchased to aid entry into locked classrooms.

Item 5: Update from DESE Facilities Division Visit

Superintendent Lesa Grooms provided the board with an update on the visit from DESE Facilities Division.

Item 6: Resignations

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

- Roxanne Finegan - Food Service

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

### Item 7: Employment

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the employment of the following individuals for the 2022-2023 school year:

- Derek Falls - PJHS Math
- Ashley Manning - 4th Grade MDW
- Kira Hand - Paraprofessional MDW
- Sarah Murphy- PJHS Paraprofessional

### OTHER:

1. Current Enrollment: 1992
2. AAA Athletic Passes - I sent an email with a link. You will have to create a login and apply for your pass. A photo is also required this year. You can click to have it submitted to the district to be paid.
3. Sewer Tabled last meeting. Any updates? Could not get in touch with Koons, but Higginbotham.....

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