

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Regular Board Meeting
September 19, 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; Courtney Throesch, LEA Supervisor; Shawn Carter, PES Principal; Chris Lindner, MDW Principal; Eric Housh, PJHS Principal; Christian Helms, Elementary Assistant Principal; Craig Green, High School Principal; Kyle Sutton, Jennifer Rawls, Ruth Holt, Philip Taylor, Kristen Orick, Andrea Baker, Tracy Ward, Dianna Johnson, Rhonda McCallister, Maryn Jones, Katie Harris, Reesa Hampton, Morgan Brinker, Rachel Burtman, Michael Barnett, Tonya Hutsell, Tracy Ballard, Jordan Ballard, Lillie Sutton, Amanda Washburn, Joe Washburn, Reche Drakeford, Marti Little, Garry Palmer, Visitors

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the junior high library. The Annual Report to the Public was given and board meeting followed after.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on August 15, 2022 as well as the minutes from the special board meetings on August 30, 2022 and September 12, 2022.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Chad Overman, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of August, 2022.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Item 4: Legal Transfers

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

- 1 student from Pocahontas to Lawrence Co.
- 2 students from Lawrence Co. to Pocahontas

Item 5: Act 1599 Resolutions

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the Act 1599 Resolutions as attached.

Item 6: Agreement with BRAD Child Dev Programs for Early Childhood SPED Services

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the agreement with BRAD regarding programs for Early Childhood SPED Services. (See attached)

Item 7: Medicaid Billing Contract

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Chad Overman, the board voted 5-0 to approve the Medicaid Billing Contract with Veronica Milton, New Dimension Medicaid Billing Consultants in the amount of \$15,000.00 annually.

Item 8: Behavior Analytic Services

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the Behavior Analytic Services agreement with Dayna Miller-Black for services as outlined in the attached agreement.

Item 9: Approval to Purchase a Handicap Bus

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Chad Overman, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of a 14-passenger handicap bus, through the state bid contract process. The cost of the bus is \$98,370.00 and will be purchased with ARP School and ARP ESSER funds.

Item 10: Fuel Bids

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the bid from Riverside Petroleum for fuel. The bids received were as follows:

Company	Diesel Bid Amount	Gasoline Bid Amount	Total Fuel Amount
Home Service Oil Popular Bluff, MO	\$3.74 gallon = \$29,920.00	\$2.82 gallon = \$8,460.00	\$38,380
Riverside Petroleum Inc. Pocahontas, AR	\$3.438 gallon = \$27,504.00	\$2.776 gallon = \$8,328.00	\$35,832.00
Scott Petroleum Newport, AR	\$3,449 gallon = \$25,867.50	\$2.809 gallon = \$8,427.00	\$34,294.50

The bid from Scott Petroleum only bid on 7500 gallons and did not meet bid requirements.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 11: Resignations

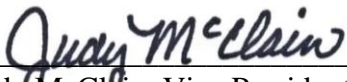
On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following resignations:

- Alexandria Smith – MDW ALE Paraprofessional
- Cyndy Busick – PHS Secretary

OTHER

1. Superintendent Grooms reported the district enrollment to be 1944 on 9/19/2022.
2. The October board meeting will be moved from October 17 to October 24.

ADJOURNED



Judy McClain, Vice President



Gary Cole, Secretary