

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Regular Board Meeting
November 28, 2022

Board Members Present: Gary Cole, Mike Davis, Ruth Holt, Brent Massey, and Chad Overman

Others Present: Lesa Grooms, Superintendent; Jennifer Rawls, Tabitha Corder, Tracy Ward, Amanda Washburn, Joe Washburn, Megan Weston, Kathleen Fleming, Marlo Wardlow, Dawn Shults, Rick Tribble, Charlotte Tribble, Dianna Johnson, Carol Massey, Lindsay Stewart

Item 1: Call to Order

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

Item 2: Reorganization of the Board

Reorganization of the board officers takes place after the Annual School Election, as required by A.C.A 6-13-618. Due to a board member run-off election, the board will organize officers for the current meeting and after the run-off election is complete, the board will reorganize in December.

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Brent Massey, the board voted 5-0 to reorganize in the following manner:

- Gary Cole, President
- Chad Overman, Vice President
- Ruth Holt, Secretary

On a motion by Brent Massey, seconded by Chad Overman, the board voted 5-0 to name Gary Cole as board disbursing officer.

Item 3: Drawing of School Board Terms

Due to district zoning, the newly elected school board members are required to draw lots after the election to stagger terms.

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Brent Massey, the board voted 5-0 to draw for term lengths. The following term lengths were drawn.

- Chad Overman – 4 years
- Gary Cole – 5 years
- Brent Massey – 3 years
- Mike Davis (incoming board member after run-off TBD) – 1 year
- Ruth Holt – 2 years

Item 4: Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Brent Massey, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on October 24, 2022 as well as the minutes from the special board meeting on November 14, 2022. One change should be made to the October 24, 2022 minutes to reflect that Item 7: ALC Recommendation – Retention/Recruitment Bonus was opened up for public comment.

Item 5: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Mike Davis, seconded by Ruth Holt, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of October, 2022.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Item 6: Xello Presentation

Lindsay Stewart, PHS Counselor, gave the board an informative presentation about Xello, a college and career readiness tool. Xello is used for the required Student Success Folders for secondary students.

Item 7: Parent Involvement Facilitators

On a motion by Brent Massey, seconded by Ruth Holt, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following parent involvement facilitators and stipends for the 2022-2023 school year.

- Pocahontas Elementary: Tabitha Byrd (\$500), Shelly Futrell (\$500), and Shawnee DuBois (\$500)
- MD Williams – Destiny Craft (\$750) and Shannon Barr (\$750)
- PJHS – Emily Hausman (\$1500)
- PHS – Pat Wren (\$1500)

Item 8: Legal Transfers

On a motion by Brent Massey, seconded by Chad Overman, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following legal transfers:

- 1 student from Pocahontas to Sloan Hendrix

Item 9: Michael McBryde – 2nd Lien Bond Paperwork

Michael McBryde from Stephens, Inc., presented information regarding the 2nd lien bonds and the process to rescind, which was passed at the board meeting on October 24. Superintendent Grooms recommended rescinding the bonds. After much discussion, a motion was made by Mike Davis to approve a Resolution Concerning the Defeasance of Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness (rescind bonds), seconded by Gary Cole. On a vote of 2 for and 3 against, the motion failed. The 2nd lien bonds would remain in place and a plan for spending said bonds will be worked on.

Item 10: Stipends/Proposals presented by the Certified PPC

The Certified PPC submitted policy proposals to the board. The following actions were taken.

- On a motion by Ruth Holt, seconded by Chad Overman, the board voted 5-0 to approve the proposal to increase the stipend for Yearbook Sponsor to \$500 for Pocahontas Elementary and M.D. Williams Intermediate.
- On a motion by Chad Overman, seconded by Mike Davis, the board voted 4 to 1 to refer the following proposal back to the Certified PPC for revision.
 - A proposal to increase the stipend for PHS Student Council Sponsors to \$1500, split between 2 sponsors at \$750 each.

The Board's recommendation is \$500 each or a total of \$1000.00

Item 11: Stipends presented by the Classified PPC

The Classified PPC submitted a proposal to add the existing Maintenance Stipends to the salary schedule for the District Maintenance Director Position. The stipends are as follows:

- HVAC Certification - \$5000.00 for Class A License or \$2000.00 for Class A Registrant Card (Greater of the two)
- EPA Freon Certification - \$2000.00
- Plumbing Certification - \$5000.00 for Master Plumbing License or \$2000.00 for Journeyman Plumbing License (Greater of the two)
- Electrical Certification - \$5000.00 for Master Electrician License or \$2000 for Journeyman License (Greater of the two)
- Workflow Coordinator - Ensures State Compliance/Schooldude Requirements - \$3000

On a motion by Chad Overman, seconded by Brent Massey, the board voted 5-0 to approve the proposal to add the existing Maintenance Stipends to the salary schedule for the District Maintenance Director Position.

Item 12: Delegate Assembly Voting Representative

The ASBA Delegate Assembly, which is the policy-making body of ASBA, will meet at 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 7, 2022, during the ASBA Annual Conference in Little Rock. This year, the Assembly will take place in the Grand Ballroom Salon B, which is located on the Ballroom Level of the Marriott Hotel. All ASBA-member school boards are allotted one voting representative at that meeting.

There are no board members that want to do this.

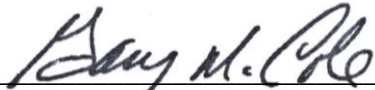
Item 13: Superintendent Evaluation

The Superintendent Evaluation form was shared with the board. No evaluation will take place in January.

OTHER

1. Superintendent Grooms reported the district enrollment to be 1936 on 11/28/2022.
2. The board was notified of December New School Board Member training and APSRC training.
3. Board members were asked to come by the central office to sign for new signature stamp.

ADJOURNED



Gary Cole, President

Ruth Holt, Secretary