

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Regular Board Meeting
February 27, 2023

Board Members Present: Gary Cole, President; Chad Overman, Vice President; Ruth Holt, Secretary; Brent Massey and Jennifer Rawls

Others Present: Lesa Grooms, Superintendent; Carol Massey, Lindsey Eborb, Gracie Huff, Sarah Smith, Tracy Ward, Courtney Throesch, and Dianna Johnson, Visitors

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the junior high library.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Ruth Holt, seconded by Brent Massey, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on January 24, 2023, as well as the special board meeting minutes on February 3, 2023, February 8, 2023 and February 14, 2023.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Brent Massey, seconded by Chad Overman, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of January, 2023.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item 4: Update on Baseball Field Lights/Poles

Superintendent Lesa Grooms provided the board with an update regarding the baseball field lights/poles. Superintendent Grooms met the architect, Todd Welch, who said he would draw up plans and submit them to DESE Facilities Division.

On a motion by Brent Massey, seconded by Chad Overman, the board voted 5-0 to table any action on the baseball field lights/poles.

Item 5: 2nd Lien Bonds

After discussion on 2nd Lien bonds and construction projects, the following action was taken:

On a motion by Brent Massey, seconded by Jennifer Rawls, the board voted 3(for)-2(against) to surrender, or pay back, the previously received 2nd lien bonds.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 6: Booster Club Request

On a motion by Brent Massey, seconded by Chad Overman, the board voted 5-0 to approve the annual request from the athletic booster club to receive \$1 per ticket sold at the largest football and basketball games. The funds will be used toward expenses related to the end of year awards banquet.

Item 7 : Inventory Deletions

On a motion by Brent Massey, seconded by Jennifer Rawls, the board voted 5-0 to approve attached list of inventory deletions. (See attached)

Item 8: Catastrophic Leave Request

On a motion by Chad Overman, seconded by Brent Massey, the board voted 5-0 to approve catastrophic leave for the following employees:

- Dawn Shults
- Marlo Wardlow

Item 9: Legal Transfers

On a motion by Jennifer Rawls, seconded by Ruth Holt, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following legal transfers:

- 1 2nd grade student from Pocahontas to Sloan Hendrix

Item 10: Bus Camera System/Route Manager

On a motion by Jennifer Rawls, seconded by Brent Massey, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of bus camera system/route manager from Transportant in the amount of \$61,636.00. The following bids were received:

Company	Price	Annual Cost	What is included?
Transportant	\$61,636	High resolution \$910 Standard resolution \$770	14 Buses - cameras, installation
Pro-Vision	\$68,328.57 Tips/Taps	\$1,200 - 5 year fee	14 Buses - cameras, installation
REI	\$53,765.60	\$467.27 Cloud cell license	14 Buses - cameras

Item 11: E-rate Information

On a motion by Brent Massey, seconded by Chad Overman, the board voted 5-0 to approve the E-Rate application for wireless upgrades for the district.

Item 12: Coaching Stipends

On a motion by Chad Overman, seconded by Brent Massey, the board voted 5-0 to approve a stipend for Esports head and assistant coaches. The stipend will be the same as the Senior High Cheer Coach and the Senior High Asst Cheer Coach.

On a motion by Jennifer Rawls, seconded by Brent Massey, the board voted 5-0 to table the other coaching stipends presented until the March meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 13: Resignations

On a motion by Jennifer Rawls, seconded by Brent Massey, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following resignations:

- Shannon Baty – PHS Science
- Ashlyn Bigger – Asst Volleyball Coach only (contingent on finding a replacement)

Item 14: Employment

Superintendent Grooms recommended the following administrators/program directors be rehired for the 2023-2024 school year:

- Anthony Dowdy – Assistant Superintendent
- Craig Green – PHS Principal
- Eric Housh – PJHS Principal
- Chris Lindner – MDW Principal
- Shawn Carter – PES Principal
- Anthony Brewington – PHS Assistant Principal
- Christian Helms – PES/MDW Assistant Principal
- Courtney Throesch – Special Education Director

On a motion by Chad Overman, seconded by Brent Massey, the board voted 5-0 to table the position of Assistant Superintendent until further discussion with Superintendent Elect, Dr. Lance Arbuckle. In the same motion, the board voted 5-0 to approve the re-employment of the remaining administrators/program directors.

On a motion by Brent Massey, seconded by Jennifer Rawls, the board voted 5-0 to hire Anthony Brewington as Part-Time Athletic Director with the stipend of \$4500 prorated for the rest of the school year.

OTHER

1. Superintendent Grooms reported the district enrollment to be 1912. This compares to 1965 on a similar date last year.

ADJOURNED



Gary Cole, President



Ruth Holt, Secretary