

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Regular Board Meeting
March 13, 2023

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

Others Present: Lesa Grooms, Superintendent; Dr. Lance Arbuckle, Carol Massey, Trent Smith, Whitney Rose, Amanda Sutfin, 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 Brent Massey, seconded by Chad Overman, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on February 27, 2023.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

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

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Item 4: 2023-2024 Calendar

On a motion by Chad Overman, seconded by Jennifer Rawls, the board voted 5-0 to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar as presented. (Attached)

Item 5: Cybersecurity Solutions

On a motion by Brent Massey, seconded by Ruth Holt, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of cybersecurity solutions from I-K Electric, per Carahsoft Arkansas Contract #4600040559.

- CrowdStrike - \$38,096.61 (Annually)
- FortiMail - \$21,239.92 (3-Year)

Item 6: Esports Stipend/Coach Salary Schedule

Clarification was needed on adding an Esports Coaching salary to the existing Coaching Salary Schedule and salary for the current year.

On a motion by Chad Overman, seconded by Brent Massey, the board voted 3(for) to 2(against) to prorate the Esports Coaching salary for the current year.

Item 7 : Career Coach Contract Renewal

On a motion by Jennifer Rawls, seconded by Ruth Holt, the board voted 5-0 to approve the issuance of a support letter to continue the partnership with BRTC for Career Coach. The rate the district pays is \$27,345.00. This represents 50% of the Career Coach salary. BRTC pays the other 50%.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Item 8: Resignations

On a motion by Ruth Holt, seconded by Chad Overman, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following resignations:

- Anthony Brewington – Senior High Head Basketball Coach
- Michelle Kercheval – GT/AP Coordinator
- Janice Hulett – PHS Resource Language Arts Teacher

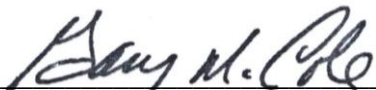
Item 9: Employment

On a motion by Jennifer Rawls, seconded by Brent Massey, the board voted 5-0 to renew the contract of Assistant Superintendent Anthony Dowdy for the 2023-2024 school year.

OTHER

1. Superintendent Grooms reported the district enrollment to be 1916.

ADJOURNED



Gary Cole, President



Ruth Holt, Secretary

Pocahontas School District | 2023-2024 CALENDAR

JULY '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

4 Independence Day

JANUARY '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

01 New Year's Day (No School)
15 M.L. King Day (No School)
21 Days in Session/102 Total

AUGUST '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

PD - TBD
16 First Day of School
12 Days in Session/12 Total

FEBRUARY '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

19 Presidents' Day (No School)
20 Days in Session/122 Total

SEPTEMBER '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

4 Labor Day – No School
20 Days in Session/32 total

MARCH '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

8 – End of 3rd Qtr (47 Days)
14 – PT Conf (PES, MDW)
?? – SEGP (PJHS, PHS)
18-22 Spring Break (No School)
16 Days in Session/138 Total

OCTOBER '23						
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29	30	31				

11 – End of 1st Qtr (40 days)
17 – PT Conf (PJHS)
19 – PT Conf (PES, MDW, PHS)
20 – Fall Break (No School)
21 Days in Session/53 Total

APRIL '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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28	29	30				

22 Days in Session/160 Total

NOVEMBER '23						
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30		

20-24 Thanksgiving Break (No School)
17 Days in Session/70 Total

MAY '24						
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24 – Last Day of School
End of 4th Qtr. (50 Days)
End of 2nd Semester (97 Days)
18 Days in Session/178 Total
27 Memorial's Day
28-31 - Make up days 1-4

DECEMBER '23						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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18-29 Christmas Break (No School)
15 – End of 2nd Qtr (41 Days)
End of 1st Semester (81 Days)
11 Days in Session/81 Total

JUNE '24						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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3 – Make up day 5