

**RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS**  
**Pocahontas Public Schools**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
June 15, 2020

Board Members Present: Dr. Mike Davis, President; Jim Toney, Vice President; Karen Baltz, Secretary; Gary Cole and Judy McClain

Others Present: Jerry Martens, Superintendent; Lesa Grooms, Assistant Superintendent; Nathan Anthony, Nabholz; Todd Welch, Architect; Brandon Smith, Press

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the junior high library. All board members were present.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on May 18, 2020 as well as the special board meeting minutes on June 3, 2020.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial statements for the month of May, 2020.

**OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Item 4: Presentation of Updated High School Project Drawing

Todd Welch presented the board updated high school project drawings.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Item 5: Ex-Officio Secretary and Co-op Board Member Approval

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to name Jerry Martens as Ex-Officio Secretary and board representative for the Northeast Arkansas Co-op for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Item 6: Approval to use a Facsimile

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the use of a facsimile per Act 671 of 2003.

Item 7: Microsoft Subscription Renewal for 2020-2021

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the renewal of the district's Microsoft subscription for the 2020-2021 school year at a cost of \$21,666.00.

Item 8: Student Chromebook Quotes – CARES Act Funding

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of 520 student chromebooks in the amount of \$125,736.62. The purchase will be from SHI via TIPS/TAPS. The purchase will be made with ESSER funds.

Item 9: Property Insurance Renewal

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to approve renewal of the district's property insurance with Arkansas School Boards Association's Risk Management Program. The cost is \$57,189.17.

Item 10: CARES Act Funds – ESSER

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Jim Toney the board voted 5-0 to approve the budget for the CARES Act – ESSER funds as presented.

Item 11: Transfers

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following transfer requests:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Jerry Molencupp	13	8	Pocahontas	Hoxie – online
Dawson Goins	14	9	Pocahontas	Maynard
Audrey Rainwater	15	10	Hoxie	Pocahontas
Austin George	12	7	Hoxie	Pocahontas

Item 12: Resignations

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to accept the following resignations:

- Andrea Jansen – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher
- Courtney Horton – MDW Special Ed Para

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to enter Executive Session for the purpose of employment discussion.

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to exit Executive Session.

Item 13            Employment – PHS

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to hire Lea Padgett as a Special Education Para at PHS.

Item 14:           Employment – Alma Spikes

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to hire the following employees at Alma Spikes Elementary:

- Kelly Johnson – Special Ed Para
- Cara Beller – ESA Para
- Adrian Casey – Title I Para

Item 15:           Employment – MDW

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to hire Kayla Holder as a Special Ed Para for MDW and transfer Lydia Ulmer from Migrant Tutor to Special Ed Para for MDW.

Item 16:           Curriculum Coordinator/Instructional Specialist

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to hire Rhonda McCallister as Curriculum Coordinator/Instructional Specialist.

Item 17:           Psychology Specialist

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to hire Lillie Sutton as Psychology Specialist.

Item 18:           Head Volleyball Coach/JH Social Studies

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to hire Brandi Varner as Head Volleyball Coach/JH Social Studies teacher.

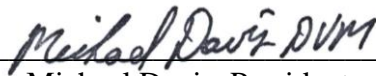
Item 19:           Medicaid Billing Compensation

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to compensate Tiffany Ashlock for Medicaid Billing Duties for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$13,000.00.

Item 20: Hazardous Duty Pay

Mr. Martens recommended the board approve \$500 per cafeteria worker for duties performed during the feeding of students. No action was taken.

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Dr. Michael Davis, President

  
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Karen Baltz, Secretary