

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS
Pocahontas Public Schools
Regular Board Meeting
August 17, 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, High School Principal; Kathleen Fleming, ESL/Migrant Coordinator; Tonya Hutsell and Amy Story, ESL teachers; Tracy Ballard, Sandra Lowtharp, and Chris Wright, MDW teachers; Melodie Murray, HS teacher; 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 Jim Toney, seconded by Karen Baltz, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on July 20, 2020.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial statements for the month of July, 2020.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Item 4: Melodie Murray Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Superintendent, Jerry Martens recognized Melodie Murray, Pocahontas High School Math teacher, for being the recipient of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. Mrs. Murray will travel to Washington, D.C. where she will receive a certificate signed by President Donald Trump and a \$10,000.00 award.

Item 5: Kathleen Fleming – ESOL Handbook

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the ESOL Handbook as presented by ESL Coordinator, Kathleen Fleming.

Item 6: Go Math Curriculum for Alma Spikes

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of Go Math Curriculum for grades K-2 at a cost of \$17,371.31. This includes a digital component that can be utilized for virtual learning.

Item 7: Statement of Assurance

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve the 2020-2021 Statement of Assurance for Standards Accreditation.

Item 8: Legal Transfers

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

Name	Age	Grade	From	To
Hannah Thompson	17	11	Sloan Hendrix	Pocahontas
Ava Thompson	14	9	Sloan Hendrix	Pocahontas
Nicole Barr	8	3	Sloan Hendrix	Pocahontas
Aaron Ferrell	13	8	Sloan Hendrix	Pocahontas
Paul Ferrell	11	6	Sloan Hendrix	Pocahontas
Nataley Girtman	15	10	Pocahontas	Sloan Hendrix
Camden Smith	13	8	Pocahontas	Jonesboro
Ryan Rainwater	13	7	Pocahontas	Lawrence County
Keith Cook, Jr.	17	12	Pocahontas	Sloan Hendrix
Zoe Casey	11	6	Pocahontas	Piggott
Zane Casey	10	5	Pocahontas	Piggott
Zander Casey	10	5	Pocahontas	Piggott

Item 9 : Retirement

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the retirement of 6th grade teacher, Julie Campbell.

Item 10: Resignations

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

- Tiffany Lindner – PJHS Secretary
- Lea Padgett – PHS Special Education Paraprofessional

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to enter regular session.

Item 11: Employment

On a motion by Jim Toney, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to hire the following employees:

- Sarah Taylor – ALE Paraprofessional at MD Williams
- Anthony McMasters – 6th Grade Teacher at MD Williams

Item 12: Employment

On a motion by Karen Baltz, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to hire Roger Wells as full-time bus driver.

Item 13: Employment

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Jim Toney, the board voted 5-0 to approve adding a \$700 stipend to Coach Eric Housh's contract for Dragonfly Administrator/SIP Director/Eligibility Coordinator.

ADJOURNED

Dr. Michael Davis, President

Karen Baltz, Secretary