

**RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS**  
**Pocahontas Public Schools**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
September 18, 2017

Board Members Present: Judy McClain, President; Chuck Andrews, Vice President; Gary Cole, Secretary; James Chester and Dr. Michael Davis, DVM

Others Present: Daryl Blaxton, Brandon Smith and Bill Endicott, Press; Shawn Carter, Alma Spikes Principal; Shannon Fish, MD Williams Principal; Mack Skelton, PJHS Principal; Lesa Grooms, PHS Principal; Anthony Brewington, PHS Asst. Principal; Harlan Davis, PJHS Asst. Principals; Chris Lindner, Elementary Asst. Principal; Victor Stone, Patron

Item 1: Call to Order

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

Item 2: Annual Report to the Public

District administrators presented reports to the public regarding progress on school improvement plans, academic achievement goals, federal programs, accreditation reports, budget reports and other key information regarding the district and its schools.

Item 3: Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on August 21, 2017 as well as the special board meeting on August 31, 2017.

Item 4: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of August 2017.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Item 5: Approval to Pay Staff above their Contract for Work after Hours

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to pay staff for extra duties beyond their contract hours for homebound instruction, tutoring, etc. at the rate of \$26 per hour for certified staff and \$14 per hour for classified staff as determined by the superintendent.

Item 6: Act 1120 Resolution Regarding 5% Salary Increases for FY17

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to approve, by resolution, salary increases from the previous year of 5% or more per Act 1120.

Item 7: Approval of Agreement with Brad Child Development Programs for Early Childhood SPED Services

On a motion by Chuck Andrews, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to approve the district's agreement with Brad Child Development for Early Childhood SPED Services.

Item 8: ATRS Outsourcing Participation Election

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to participate as a "surcharge" employer regarding embedded employees as they relate to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and Act 575 of 2017.

Item 9: Act 1599 Resolution

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve an Act 1599 Resolution with Eric Bass.

Item 10: Approval of the FY17 Annual Financial Report/FY18 Budget & 2017-2018 Legal Balance Report

On a motion by Chuck Andrews, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve the FY17 Annual Financial Report/FY18 Budget & 2017-2018 Legal Balance Report. Total revenues for the proposed budget equaled \$17,492,640.18 and total expenditures equaled \$17,385,658.76.

Item 11: ADE Assurances for Programs Under the ESEA Act of 1965 Amended 2001

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to authorized Superintendent, Daryl Blaxton, to sign and submit the ADE Assurances statement for the current fiscal year.

Item 12: Employment

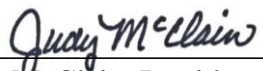
On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of employment.

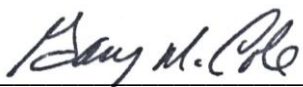
On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by James Chester the board voted 5-0 to approve the following employment(s) for the 2017-2018 school year.

Employment

- Robin Honeycutt - Long Term Substitute for PHS Library Position
  - Mrs. Honeycutt is the teacher of record and will be paid commensurate to where she falls on the teacher salary schedule.
- Kathy Fisk - Special Education Transportation Driver
  - Mrs. Fisk will be paid in accordance with the bus driver salary schedule.

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Judy McClain, President

  
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Gary Cole, Secretary