

## RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS

### Pocahontas Public Schools

### Regular Board Meeting

April 28, 2016

Board Members Present: Dr. Mike Davis, President; Chuck Andrews, Vice-President; Judy McClain, Secretary; James Chester and Victor Stone

Others Present: Daryl Blaxton, Superintendent; Bill Endicott, Press

Item 1: Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. in the district meeting room in the high school business building. All board members were present.

Item 2: Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Victor Stone, the board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from the regular board meeting on March 14, 2016.

Item 3: Approval of Financial Statements

On a motion by Chuck Andrews, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to approve the financial statements for the Pocahontas School District for the month of March 2016.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Item 4: Career Readiness Initiative

The board was provided an update on the Career Readiness Initiative with BRTC. Representatives from BRTC, the Pocahontas School District and Sloan-Hendrix School District will present a proposal to the Arkansas Department of Career Education on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 in efforts to secure funding for the career pathways in Healthcare and Industrial Technology. Students participating in the Career Pathways will receive both high school and college credit for coursework taken within the pathways and will graduate high school with “value added” diplomas.

Item 5: Approval of PHS Curriculum Items

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Victor Stone, the board voted 5-0 to approve the attached curriculum items for Pocahontas High School as presented by Principal, Lesa Grooms. (See attachments)

Item 6: Approval of Amendment to PHS Professional Development Plan

On a motion by Victor Stone, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to approve an amendment to the high school’s professional development plan as presented by Principal, Lesa Grooms.

Item 7: Approval to Hire Part-Time Summer Help

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to authorize Superintendent, Daryl Blaxton, to hire part-time summer help as needed.

Item 8: Approval to Use Athletic Activity Funds to Purchase Awards for Athletic Program

On a motion by Chuck Andrews, seconded by Victor Stone, the board voted 5-0 to approve the use of athletic activity funds to purchase awards for the district’s athletic program.

Item 9: Legal Transfer Requests

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Victor Stone, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following legal transfers.

**Requests to Transfer Out of the District**

Elizabeth Waggle      age 14              to Maynard

**Requests to Transfer Into the District**

John Holcomb              age 10              from Sloan-Hendrix

Devin Snyder              age 10              from Sloan-Hendrix

Julienne Snyder            age 10              from Sloan-Hendrix

Item 10: Gym Floor Refurbishment

On a motion by Victor Stone, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to approve the refurbishment of the high school gym floor per TIPS TAPs contract with Gym Masters, Inc. at a cost of \$19,800.

Item 11: Fuel Purchase

On a motion by Chuck Andrews, seconded by Victor Stone, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of 7500 gallons of diesel and 1500 gallons of gasoline from Reed Oil Company at a cost of \$13,056.

Item 12: Approval to Pay Registration Fees for OM Team Qualifiers to World Competition

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to approve payment of the registration fees for the six (6) Odyssey of the Mind teams who qualified for World OM finals in Ames, Iowa.

Item 13 A-F School Ratings

The A-F School Ratings for each of the district's schools was presented by Superintendent, Daryl Blaxton. The ratings were as follows:

- Alma Spikes Elementary\_C
- MD Williams Intermediate\_C
- Pocahontas Junior High School\_B
- Pocahontas High School\_B

The breakdown for schools, statewide, was as follows:

- A - 1% of the schools
- B - 21 % of the schools
- C - 54 % of the schools
- D - 22% of the schools
- F - 2 % of the schools

Item 14: Audit Approval

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to approve the FY15 audit.

Item 15: Personnel Policy Updates

On a motion by Victor Stone, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to approve amendments to the certified and classified personnel policies per recommendations from the Arkansas School Board Association's Model Policy Service.

Item 16: Act 1599 Resolutions

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Victor Stone, the board voted 5-0 to approve a list of Act 1599 Resolutions as presented by Superintendent, Daryl

Blaxton.

Item 17: Approval of 2015-2016 Salary Increases

On a motion by Chuck Andrews, seconded by Judy McClain, the board voted 5-0 to approve salary increases for both certified and classified staff members. The increases will add a total of 2.2% to the total salary & benefit cost to the district for FY16. The recurring portion of the increases will add a total of 0.6% to the total salary & benefit cost to the district in FY17.

Item 18: Resignation

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Victor Stone, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following resignations.

- Kim Blanchard - PJHS English Teacher
- Linda Edington - Alma Spikes RTI Interventionist
- Gerald Fears - Counselor & District Test Coordinator
- Debbie Flagg - MD Williams 3rd grade Teacher
- Debbie Gates - PJHS Art Teacher
- Ron Guess - PHS Choir Teacher / Asst. Jr. High Football Coach
- Janet Hagood - Alma Spikes Kindergarten Teacher
- Terri Jansen - Alma Spikes Kindergarten Teacher
- Freda Richardson - PJHS Study Hall Monitor
- Dr. RoseMary Weaver - Curriculum & Instruction Specialist

Item 19: Employment

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Victor Stone, the board voted 5-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of employment.

On a motion by Judy McClain, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to approve the following transfers and new hires for the 2016-2017 school year.

Transfers

Sally Orrell - from 6th grade literacy to 7th grade English

Blaire O'Donnell - from Kindergarten teacher to RTI Interventionist

New Hires

Michelle Shelton - PJHS Art teacher

Cynthia Oaks - Kindergarten teacher

Abby Tyler - 1st grade teacher  
Megan Weston - 3rd grade math/science teacher

OTHER

Item 20: Enrollment Update

The board was advised that the district enrollment, as of 4/18/16, was 1,877 in grades K-12. The enrollment on a corresponding date from the previous year was 1,831.

Item 21: Annual Accreditation Report

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to accept the district and school accreditation reports as presented by Superintendent Daryl Blaxton.

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Dr. Michael Davis DVM, President      Judy McClain, Secretary