

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS

Pocahontas Public Schools

Special Board Meeting

May 7, 2015

Board Members Present: Gary Cole, President; Mike Davis, Vice-President; Chuck Andrews, Secretary; and James Chester

Others Present: Daryl Blaxton, Superintendent; Michael McBride, Stephens, Inc.; Charles Baty, Athletic Director; RoseMary Weaver, Curriculum & Instruction Specialist; Lesa Grooms, Brent Miller

Item 1: Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. in the library of the Pocahontas Junior High School. All board members, with the exception of Victor Stone, were present.

Item 2: Financial Presentation_Michael McBride

Michael McBride, of Stephen's Inc., provided a financial analysis of the district as well as an explanation of an opportunity to refinance one of the district's bond issues. Action was tabled until the next meeting.

Item 3: Approval to Purchase New Bus

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 4-0 to approve the purchase of a 90 passenger bus, from Central State Bus Sales, per state bid contract #4600031819 at a total cost of \$105,203.

Item 4: Approval of Paper Order for Next Year

On a motion by Chuck Andrews, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 4-0 to approve the district's paper order, through the Northeast Arkansas Cooperative, at a cost of \$18,461.32.

Item 5: Catastrophic Leave Request

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board 4-0 to a catastrophic leave request from Tammy Hendrickson.

Item 6: Freedom of Choice Approvals

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 4-0 to approve the attached list of Freedom of Choice requests. (See attachment)

Item 7: Employment

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 4-0 to enter into executive session for the purpose of employment.

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 4-0 to employ the following staff members for the 2015-2016 school year.

- Kindergarten_Terri Jansen
- 1st grade_Wendy Roberts
- Secondary Social Studies_Brandon Kazee
- Business Ed._Deborah Hall
- FACS_Amy Lynch
- Asst. Jr. High Football Coach/Social Studies_Gary Jackson

ADJOURNED

Gary Cole, President

Chuck Andrews, Secretary