

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS

Pocahontas Public Schools

Regular Board Meeting

September 15, 2014

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

Others Present: Daryl Blaxton, Superintendent; Dalton Sullivan and Bill Endicott, Press; RoseMary Weaver, David Goodin, Brent Miller, Shannon Fish, Shawn Carter, Sara Martin, Anthony Brewington, Harlan Davis, Chris Lindner and Judy McClain

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

The district provided its Annual Report to the Public. Progress toward district & building level ACSIP plans, academic achievement targets (AMOs), federal programs, accreditation and budget reports were all addressed during the presentations.

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 18, 2014.

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 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

Item 5: Albert Frankenberger, district architect, provided an update on the construction of the PE/Multi-Purpose facility at the junior high school.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 6: Approval to Pay Staff above their Contract for Work after Hours

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve payment to staff for work above their regularly contracted hours for extra duties such as homebound instruction, tutoring, etc. at the rates of \$26 per hour for certified staff and \$14 per hour for classified staff as determined by the superintendent.

Item 7: Arkansas Better Chance (ABC) Renewal Program Grant Agreement

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the district's ABC grant application.

Item 8: Legal Transfer Requests

On a motion by Chuck Andrews, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to to approve the following legal transfer requests.

IN:

Christopher Palmer	age 11	From GCT
Carolynn Palmer	age 14	From GCT

TO:

Tyler Turner	age 16	To Sloan-Hendrix
Holden Bowers	age 17	To Marmaduke

Item 9: Act 1120 Resolution Regarding 5% Salary Increases for FY14

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to approve, by resolution, the district's Act 1120 Resolution regarding salary increases of 5% or more for FY14.

Item 10: Approval to Purchase Additional Storage for Band Instruments

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of additional storage for band instruments from Melhart Music Center at a cost of \$11,078.75 per TIPS Contract #2052512.

Item 11: Approval of FY15 Tuition Payments to Donnie Martin Center

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by James Chester, the board voted 5-0 to approve the tuition payments for three-(3) students to attend the Donnie Martin Center at a total cost of \$72,980.91.

Item 12: Approval of Technology Upgrades

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve the purchase of 27 additional computers from CDW-G at a cost of \$21,400.59 per TIPS/TAPS contract #1062812.

Item 13: Approval of Speech Language Pathologist Contracts for FY15 Medicaid Billing

On a motion by Chuck Andrews, seconded by Gary Cole, the board voted 5-0 to approve contracts for district speech pathologists to perform medicaid billing on eligible students.

Item 14: Approval of Agreement with Brad Child Development Programs

On a motion by James Chester, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to approve the district's agreement with Brad Child Development Programs for early childhood special education services.

Item 15: Approval of Additional Sick Days per Sick Leave Bank Policy

On a motion by Gary Cole, seconded by Dr. Mike Davis, the board voted 5-0 to approve Terri Fort's request for an additional nine-(9) sick days via volunteer sick bank policy.

Item 16: Resignation

On a motion by Dr. Mike Davis, seconded by Chuck Andrews, the board voted 5-0 to accept the resignation of technology director, Shawn O'Donnell.

Item 17: Employment

On a motion by Gary Cole, 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 employ Tammy Reed for central office cleaning at approximately five-(5) hours per week.

OTHER

ADJOURNED

Victor Stone, President

James Ray Chester, Secretary

