

The Pocahontas County Board of Education met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 14, 2015 at the Board of Education Conference Room, with the following members present:

Emery G. Grimes, President

Jessica Hefner) Members

Steven C. Tritapoe)

Norman E. "Joe" Walker)

Cheryl Beverage, absent

MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mrs. Hefner, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes from the regular meeting held on Monday, November 9, 2015 at the Pocahontas County Board of Education Conference Room.

AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mrs. Hefner, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

Superintendent's Report & Special Recognition

Mr. Beam informed the Board that he had been visiting the schools and talking to each staff, just to keep the lines of communication open between the schools and the board office.

Mr. Beam then updated the Board on the funding decisions of the West Virginia School Building Authority. He explained that Pocahontas County received a reserve grant in the amount of \$100,000. This grant is not to be used for repairs or renovation to the facilities, but used to run an excess tax levy. If the levy fails, the county is responsible for reimbursing the \$100,000 grant; if the levy passes, the county keeps the \$100,000 and is then awarded all funds requested to renovate and expand the facilities.

Mr. Beam stated that it was a bit more complicated than that, but those are the highlights.

Informational Reports/Central Office Updates...

Emily Boothe, Student Representative, provided the Board with dates to remember during the holiday season, provided an update on the athletic activities, and informed the Board that the leadership club will meet with Mr. Beam and Mr. Hall on Tuesday, December 15 regarding the condition of the bathrooms.

Sherry L. Radcliff, Treasurer, provided an update on the financial condition of the school system and also unexpected budget cuts and expenditures.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF VENDOR LISTING OF CLAIMS...

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mrs. Hefner, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved payment of vendor listing of claims in the amount of \$48,853.13.

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VENDOR LISTING OF CLAIMS...

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mrs. Hefner, the Board unanimously approved to authorize payment of vendor listing of claims in the amount of \$19,521.77.

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VENDOR LISTING OF CLAIMS...

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved to authorize payment of vendor listing of claims (local government purchasing card) in the amount of \$32,046.63.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE PAYROLL...

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mrs. Hefner, the Board unanimously approved the follow employee payrolls:

December 8, 2015 - \$220,599.07

APPROVAL OF EXTRA DUTY PAY...

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mrs. Hefner, the Board unanimously approved Extra Duty Pay for the month of November, 2015.

PCS MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT...

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mrs. Hefner, the Board unanimously approved the Pocahontas County Schools Monthly Financial Report on a Cash Basis – as of, and for the month ended November, 2015.

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENTS OF VENDOR LISTING OF CLAIMS PRIOR TO JANUARY 11, 2016 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING...

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously approved for the superintendent to authorize payment of vendor listing of claims prior to the January 11, 2016 Board of Education meeting, if deemed necessary.

APPROVAL TO PLACE POLICY ON COMMENT...

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mrs. Hefner, seconded by Mr. Tritapoe, the Board unanimously approved to place Policy IE – School Calendar on 30-day comment period.

APPROVAL OF EQUINE THERAPY FOR MARLINTON MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS...

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mrs. Hefner, the Board unanimously approved Equine Therapy for Marlinton Middle School Students with Shayna Meadows Therapy & Wellness, LLC, at a cost of \$1,000 for eight weeks. Service fees will be paid for by the Snowshoe Foundation.

APPROVAL FORM PATRICK D. GIBSON TO TRANSPORT STUDENTS TO MONTICELLO IN CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA...

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mrs. Hefner, the Board unanimously approved for Patrick D. Gibson to transport 9 students by rental van to Monticello in Charlottesville, Virginia, retroactive to December 14, 2015 through December 15, 2015, all expenses will be paid by vocational funds.

(Superintendent Beam noted that the trip had been rescheduled for December 15 & 16, 2015.)

APPROVAL TO RELINQUISH RITA FORTNEY'S CONTRACT...

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mrs. Hefner, the Board unanimously approved to relinquish Rita Fortney's contract as Speech/Language Pathologist for Pocahontas County Schools, effective at the end of the day on December 23, 2015.

APPROVAL OF CORY McNABB AS VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT COACH...

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mrs. Hefner, the Board unanimously approved Cory McNabb as Volunteer Assistant Basketball Coach (boys') at Pocahontas County High School, effective for the 2015-2016 school year.

PERSONNEL

On recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mrs. Hefner, the Board unanimously approved the Professional and Service Personnel.

Pocahontas County High School:

EMPLOYMENT: RICHARD HARTZELL, as Softball Coach at Pocahontas County High School, effective for the 215-2016 season, at a supplement of \$750. (NOTE: Position pending on sufficient number of players to make a team.)

Pocahontas County Schools:

RESIGNATION: SARAH A. EVES, as Substitute Teacher for Pocahontas County Schools, effective at the end of the day on December 23, 2015.

RESIGNATION: MARY SUE BURNS, due to retirement, as Teacher at Pocahontas County High Schools, effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

MATTERS FROM THE BOARD...

Mr. Tritapoe stated that members of "The Tribe" gave the Board Members a tour of the high school after the LSIC meeting on the 7th. He noted that he appreciated that.

He then asked if it would be possible to hire a third track coach for Pocahontas County High School, to focus on the field events.

Mr. Beam stated that the two current positions could be shared by three individuals.

Mr. Walker asked for an update on the Slaven property.

Mr. Grimes stated that he spoke briefly with Mr. Meck regarding the transaction; however, it was not in depth and no details were discussed.

Mrs. Hefner stated that she watched the girls' basketball team play Hinton recently. She voiced her support for the girls' and boys' basketball teams.

Mr. Grimes asked if the county every received a check for the pine sold off the ½ acre tract at Green Bank Elementary School.

Mrs. Radcliff stated that a checks was received, she couldn't remember the exact amount but it was between \$300 and \$400.

She noted that the forestry department is looking into purchasing a used van to transport the students.

Mr. Grimes then stated that he wanted to bring it to everyone's attention that the Marlinton Middle School boys' basketball team has 28 members. This could be an issue in the future.

NEXT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING...

Next Board of Education Meeting, Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM at the Board of Education Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Tritapoe, seconded by Mr. Walker, the Board unanimously agreed to adjourn.

President

Secretary