

The Pocahontas County Board of Education met on Tuesday, July 21, 2020, for a regular Board Meeting at the Board of Education Conference Room, Buckeye, WV, with the following members present:

Sue E. Hollandsworth, President

John Burns)
H. Samuel Gibson) Members
Jarrett McLaughlin)
Morgan McComb)

Call to Order.

IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES, AND THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, PLEASE LISTEN TO THE BOE MEETING BY JOINING THE SCHEDULED ZOOM MEETING JULY 21, 2020, AT 6:00 PM. IN-PERSON PUBLIC ATTENDANCE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED.

(the audio link will also be provided on County Website at <http://pocahontas-k12.wvnet.edu/boe/>)

Audio link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89621860011?pwd=KzgrcnJzK0RCQnhONjhrNVgrcFZBUT09>
Meeting ID: 896 2186 0011 Password: 1m613e

Call to Order.

Open with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES...

On the motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes from the Board of Education meeting held on June 29, 2020.

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On the motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes from the Board of Education meeting held on July 06, 2020.

AGENDA...

On the motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Gibson, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT & SPECIAL RECOGNITION...

Mr. Beam discussed the Re-Entry Plan. Eighty-four individuals including employees, board members and health care providers, all helped design our Re-Entry Plan. Chair persons are as follows: Lori Doolittle/Food Service, Joe Riley/CTE program, Sherry Radcliff/Secretaries and Finance, Ron Hall/Maintenance, Safe Schools and Cleanliness of Facilities, Jenny Friel/Health Care and Social & Emotional Needs, Lynn Bostic/Academic Instruction, and Ruth Bland/Transportation, Special Education and Technology. All aspects of major concerns are being addressed.

Currently, the Re-Entry Plan defines a 2-day face-to-face blended learning option or a full virtual option for those concerned about entering the school environment. A detailed letter will be mailed to parents defining their options. This will give us an idea of the number of students returning. In order to keep everyone informed, employees will also be given notice. It is imperative that emails be checked daily for current updates.

The new 2020-2021 Pocahontas County School Calendar was presented. Changes include Out of School (OS) Environment days are at the beginning of the year instead of the end. Thanksgiving will remain as it has in the past but other holiday breaks have been reduced in order to maintain the required instructional days.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/CENTRAL OFFICE UPDATES...

Mrs. Bostic discussed Community of Schools program. The CIS helps to provide greater educational opportunities for our students. Whether a student needs extra tutoring, supplies, or a mentor, the program provides the necessary outlet. Two Site Coordinators can be hired should the Board approve the \$384,000 budget, grant funded 2-year program.

Mrs. Bostic, along with the other directors, created an informative document describing the Re-Entry Options. It helped to answer some of the questions and concerns that our parents may have.

Mrs. Bland continues to work diligently to prepare students and staff with adequate technology. 100 web cameras have been purchased to make video conferencing/virtual learning more sufficient.

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

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Gibson, the Board unanimously approved to authorize payment of vendor listing of claims in the amount of \$23,687.24.

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VENDOR LISTING OF CLAIMS (LOCAL GOVERNMENT PURCHASING CARD)...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Gibson, the Board unanimously approved to authorize payment of vendor listing of claims (Local Government Purchasing Card) in the amount of \$116,375.78.

APPROVAL OF GRANT AWARDS...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. McComb, the Board unanimously approved the grant awards.

APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE PAYROLL...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Gibson, the Board unanimously approved the following employee payroll:

June 30, 2020 (Clean Up)- \$3,162.24
July 08, 2020 - \$222,757.09

APPROVAL OF EXTRA DUTY PAY...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously approved the Extra Duty Pay (EOY Clean Up) for the month of June 2020, in the amount of \$2,491.73.

APPROVAL OF EXTRA DUTY PAY...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Gibson, the Board unanimously approved the Extra Duty Pay for the month of July 2020, in the amount of \$574.80.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously approved the Budget Adjustments.

APPROVAL OF PRAIRIE FARMS ROLL-OVER BID...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously approved to roll-over the bids from Broughton Foods, LLC, now doing business as Prairie Farms, per the terms of the 2018-2019 bid for the 2020-2021 school year.

APPROVAL OF FLOWERS BAKING COMPANY ROLL-OVER BID...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, the Board unanimously approved to roll-over the bids from Flowers Baking Company of Lynchburg, LLC, per the terms of the 2018-2019 bid for the 2020-2021 school year.

APPROVAL OF TRI-COUNTY WHOLESALE PRODUCE ROLL-OVER BID...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously approved to roll-over the bids from Tri-County Wholesale Produce, per the terms of the 2019-2020 bid for the 2020-2021 school year.

APPROVAL TO REMAIN PART OF COUNTRY ROADS COOPERATIVE...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, the Board unanimously approval to remain in conjunction with the Country Roads Cooperative in a roll-over bid with US Foods, per the terms of the 2019-2020 bid for the 2020-2021 school year.

APPROVAL OF SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE (SESC) COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, the Board unanimously approved Dr. Sue E. Hollandsworth as the Pocahontas County Board of Education representative on the Southern Educational Services Cooperative (SESC) Committee, retroactive to July 6, 2020, for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

APPROVAL OF WEST VIRGINIA EXTENSION OFFICE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously approved Mr. H. Samuel Gibson as the Pocahontas County Board of Education representative on the West Virginia Extension Office Committee, retroactive to July 06, 2020, for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

APPROVAL OF DAY REPORT COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION...

As Dr. Hollandsworth opened the floor, Mr. McLaughlin nominated Mr. Morgan McComb as Board representation on the Day Report Committee. Mr. Gibson seconded the nomination and the Board unanimously approved Mr. McComb to represent Pocahontas County Board of Education on the Day Report Committee for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

APPROVAL OF UPDATED POLICY 3120.2...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously approved the July 14, 2020 updated Policy 3120.12—SUBSTITUTES IN AREAS OF CRITICAL NEED AND SHORTAGE.

APPROVAL OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION AGREEMENT...

On the recommendation of superintendent and motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, the Board unanimously approved agreement between Pocahontas County Board of Education and Pocahontas County Parks and Recreation regarding the use and funding of the "Wellness Center," retroactive to July 01, 2020, continuing until June 30, 2021.

APPROVAL OF PCS COVID-19 WAIVER...

On the recommendation of superintendent and motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Gibson, the Board unanimously approved the Pocahontas County Schools COVID-19 WAIVER for students to participate in extra-curricular activities as sanctioned by the West Virginia Secondary School Activities Commission.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT OUT-OF-JURISDICTION...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Gibson, the Board unanimously approved Andrea J. Sharp, a resident of Randolph County, WV, to enroll her child in Pocahontas County Schools for the 2020-2021 school year.

PERSONNEL...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, the Board unanimously approved the Service and Professional Personnel.

Marlinton Elementary School:

ASSIGNMENT
TRANSFER:

JANESA HENDERSON, as Counselor at Hillsboro Elementary School/Marlinton Elementary School to Counselor at Marlinton Elementary School effective for the 2020-2021 school year, term of employment shall remain 200 days.

Pocahontas County Schools:

CONSENT TO
CHANGE:

FELICIA SMITH, as Itinerant Special Education Classroom Aide/Bus Aide for Pocahontas County Schools (assignment: Marlinton Middle School/Hillsboro Elementary School) to Itinerant Special Education Classroom Aide/Bus Aide for Pocahontas County Schools (assignment: Marlinton Middle School), effective for the 2020-2021 school year. Term of employment shall remain at 200 days.

EMPLOYMENT:

KEVIN A. THOMPSON, as Itinerant Supervisory Special Education Classroom Aide-Bus Aide (half time)/ Custodian III (half time) for Pocahontas County Schools, at state basic salary, effective for the 2020-2021 school year, term of employment is 210 days, 200 days as an aide/custodian and 10 days as a custodian, shift 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Monday-Friday, multi-classified assignment: Hillsboro Elementary School.

CONTRACT
EXTENSION:

Extend Summer Feeding Program by an additional three days, August 12 -14, 2020, 6 hours per day (7:00 AM – 1:00 PM) in order to implement new guidelines from WVDE due to the changes in 2020-2021 school calendar start date, stemming from COVID-19 restrictions, for the following individuals:

Sherri Howe—Cafeteria Manager at MES
Lora Sue Miller—Cook III at MES
Kevin Thompson—Cafeteria Manager at GBEMS
Emmet Doolittle—Cook III at GBEMS

RESIGNATION:

CALLIE CRONIN SAMS, as Teacher of Science/Biology, at Pocahontas County High School, at state minimum salary based on degree and experience plus equity, effective for the 2020-2021

school year. Term of employment is 200 days, retroactive to June 30, 2020.

**CREATION
OF POSITION:**

Site Coordinator of the "Community in Schools" Program for Pocahontas County Schools at Green Bank Elementary-Middle School, at state minimum salary based on degree and experience, for the 2020-2021 school year, term of employment is 200 days. (Salary to be paid for by the CIS grant.)

**CREATION
OF POSITION:**

Site Coordinator of the "Community in Schools" Program at Pocahontas County High School, at state minimum salary based on degree and experience, for the 2020-2021 school year, term of employment is 200 days. (Salary to be paid for by the CIS grant.)

MATTERS OF THE BOARD...

Mr. McComb appreciated the creation and hiring of the half-time aide/half-time custodian at Hillsboro Elementary School. The blended position will save the Board of Education money.

Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Burns agreed the meeting with new Board representation was informative and voiced no concerns for Matters of the Board at the present time.

Mr. Gibson shared his concerns for student accountability during the upcoming, distant learning process. Interests included more graded materials and increased counseling as to have no student falling by wayside.

Mr. Gibson expressed a desire to have the JROTC program implemented at the high school. Mr. McComb agreed as he witnessed the program in action at a neighboring county.

Dr. Hollandsworth closed with concerns about the CEFP. Town meetings will be held shortly. The deadline extension is October 31, 2020. She was quite impressed with the Back to School committees. Monumental problems are being resolved quickly and glitches are being fixed.

NEXT BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING...

Next Board of Education Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020, beginning at 6:00 PM at the Board of Education Conference Room, Buckeye, WV.

ADJOURN ...

On the recommendation of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. Gibson, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.


Secretary


President