

The Pocahontas County Board of Education met on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, for a regular Board Meeting at the Board of Education Conference Room, Buckeye, WV, with the following members present under Zoom capabilities:

Sue E. Hollandsworth, President

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

Call to Order.

IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE COVID-19 SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES, AND THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT, YOU MAY LISTEN TO THE BOE MEETING BY JOINING THE SCHEDULED ZOOM MEETING DECEMBER 15, 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/81575472652?pwd=d0ZRMWpyQ3B3UVh1bTBLTm5sdDk3UT09>

Meeting ID: 815 7547 2652 Password: 2b491n

Open with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES...

On the motion of Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes from the Board of Education meeting held on December 01, 2020.

AGENDA...

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

DELEGATIONS...

No delegations were requested.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT & SPECIAL RECOGNITION...

Joining in Superintendent Beam's absence, Director Lynne Bostic informed the Board about upcoming events and endeavors at the Board Office. Director Bostic and ELA Coach Stephanie Burns are configuring the timeline on the new English/Language Arts curriculum adoption. This is a critical action for Title I.

Recent Zoom meetings included new teachers and mentors being prepped for designing a more efficient classroom experience for both teacher and student. Sharing experiences has helped to engage resourceful ideas. The Staff Development Council, made up of professional staff and service employees, has been postponed until January due to inclement weather. Discussion to incorporate effective Safe Schools Modules and proficient staff development will be discussed under Zoom conditions then. Faculty Senate Chairs met this week to deliberate school issues and student accountability under virtual learning. Team meetings have allowed for safe, open-lines of communication.

INFORMATIONAL REPORTS/CENTRAL OFFICE UPDATES...

- a. Jacob Kinnison, Student Representative, informed the Board that the Pocahontas County High School students are surviving the Remote Learning, though face-to-face instruction is definitely missed. Mr. Kinnison also expressed deep sorrow as he reported on a recent accident, leaving PCHS one fallen Warrior and an elementary school a student in critical condition. The high school students are organizing a cake walk to help with the unexpected expenses.

Mr. Kinnison thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve as the Student Representative for the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year. He will hand the torch to Alan Gibson in January. Dr. Hollandsworth and the rest of the Board graciously acknowledged Mr. Kinnison for a job well served in such times of uncertainty.

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF VENDOR LISTING...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously approved to authorize payment of vendor listing of claims in the amount of \$33,329.12.

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. Burns, the Board unanimously approved to authorize payment of vendor listing of claims (Local Government Purchasing Card) in the amount of \$109,521.99.

APPROVAL OF GRANT AWARDS...

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

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL...

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

December 02, 2020 – \$242,857.46

December 09, 2020 – \$1,667.02

APPROVAL OF THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY SCHOOLS SUMMARY OF SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. McLaughlin, seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously approved the Pocahontas County Schools Summary of Schedule of Revenues and Expenditures on a Cash Basis for the month ended November 2020.

APPROVAL OF BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS...

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

APPROVAL OF TEACHER-IN-RESIDENCE AGREEMENT WITH DAVIS & ELKINS COLLEGE...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion Mr. Burns of, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, the Board unanimously approved the Teacher-In-Residence Partnership Agreement (TIR) with Davis & Elkins College and the Pocahontas County Board of Education.

REVIEW OF RE-ENTRY PLAN...

On the recommendation of the superintendent and motion of Mr. Burns, seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, the Board entered a Review of Re-Entry Plan (action to be taken, if necessary) with possible recommendations and/or revisions. Lengthy discussion on Virtual School enrollment deemed necessary in order to hold students accountable for their attendance and acceptable proficiency on completed assignments. Should the certain criteria be unacceptable, Virtual Learning may not be the best option for said student and returning to the traditional school environment may prove vital to meet their educational needs. Re-Entry Plan revisions include:

On the motion of Dr. Hollandsworth and seconded by Mr. Burns, the Board unanimously approved to include Mr. Hall's letter, outlining the guidelines of failing to maintain eligibility of Virtual Learning for student enrollment of the second semester Virtual Learning of the 2020-2021 school year as part of the Re-Entry Plan.

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.

Hillsboro Elementary School:

REQUESTED
TRANSFER:

CALEB J. BARKLEY, as Custodian IV at Marlinton Elementary School to Custodian IV at Hillsboro Elementary School, at state minimum salary, effective January 04, 2021 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, term of employment is 128 days, (in addition to the days already worked) shift being 6:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Monday – Friday). Note: Term of employment shall be 261 days each year thereafter.

Pocahontas County Schools:

EMPLOYMENT:

CALEB J. BARKLEY, as Evening Custodian III, extracurricular, at Hillsboro Elementary School, at \$14.00 per hour, one day per week (Friday), 3.5 hours per day (5:00 PM – 8:30 PM), effective January 08, 2021. Note—This is an as needed, extracurricular position and contingent upon continued COVID-19 restrictions. Should all virtual or remote learning be enforced, this position will be delayed until students are present inside the school environment with face-to-face instruction. Paid Holidays are not part of this contract. Wages are contingent upon actually working the Evening Custodian III, extracurricular shift.

RESIGNATION:

AARON L. PUGH, as Track Coach (girls') and Track Coach (boys') at Pocahontas County High School, retroactive to December 2, 2020, supplement being \$562.50 (girls') and \$562.50 (boys').

MATTERS OF THE BOARD...

Mr. Gibson, Mr. Burns, and Mr. McLaughlin shared their condolences to the immediate families and the school families of the recent tragedy. They were comforted to know counselors and staff are in constant contact with the student body.

Mr. McLaughlin commended the PCHS Option Pathway Instructor and Virtual School Facilitator, Ms. Kathy Mason, on a job well done, as he knows the overwhelming responsibilities with virtual instruction. Mr. McLaughlin also questioned Mrs. Sherry Radcliff about the upcoming survey on the Green Bank land. Mrs. Radcliff informed the Board that Mr. Larry Barr is finishing a few jobs and will perform the Green Bank survey shortly.

Dr. Hollandsworth praised Mr. Beam for including an additional time to the holiday break. The positive response has been overwhelming. She enjoyed her recent visit to the schools. Christmas trays were well received by all. Dr. Hollandsworth concluded the Matters of the Board with a moment of silence for the young student.

NEXT BOARD MEETING...

Next Board of Education Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 05, 2021, beginning at 6:00 PM at the Board of Education Conference Room, Buckeye, WV.

ADJOURN ...

On the motion of Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. McLaughlin, the Board unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.


Secretary


President