POCAHONTAS COUNTY SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 6pm

In the Board Conference room at the Pocahontas Board Office, Buckeye, West Virginia

Mission Statement: *Pocahontas County Schools strives to provide an engaging and supportive learning environment where every student is valued, empowered, and equipped to reach their full potential.*

Link for online broadcast: https://bit.ly/PCS_BOE_Live

Present: _____

Absent: _____

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Open with the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Delegations (five-minute limit, unless permission is granted by the president). Those wishing to address a board meeting as a delegation must register a request to do so at least 15 minutes prior to the meeting and state what the issue is that the delegation wishes to address. There is a form provided for such registration and is located in the board conference room or location of the meeting prior to the board meeting. Delegations are limited to 5 minutes per individual, unless the board president extends the time limit.

4. Recognitions
   A. Burns Motor Freight

5. School Improvement Updates
   A. Introduction of Student Representative: Student Body Goal
   B. Attendance and Monthly Finance Report
   C. Data
      a. End-of-Year Data/October Collections
      b. West Virginia Balanced Scorecard Dashboard Data
      c. Annual Accountability: District Academic and Efficiency Standards Report for 2025

6. Consent Agenda Items
   A. Approval of the agenda.
   B. Approval of the Minutes from September 28, 2026, Work Session, October 6, 2026, Work Session, October 6 Regular Meeting.
   C. Payment of Bills – Subject to additions, deletions, or other changes prior to the board meeting.
      a. Payment of Vendor Listing = **$179,162.76**
      b. Payment of P-cards = **$104,162.30**
      c. October 6, 2026, Employee Payroll = **$301,571.19**
      d. Bank Reconciliation for September 2026

   D. Presentation of Monthly
   E. Budget Transfers and Supplements – Subject to Additions, deletions, or other changes prior to the Board meeting.

7. Personnel Matters: See the attached file.
   Discussion of Pocahontas County Schools personnel may involve an Executive Session as provided in W. Va. Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) [personnel exception] and/or §6-9A-4(b)(6), [privacy exception]. The Board majority must vote to have an Executive Session (no action will be taken during the Executive Session).

8. Old Business:
   A. Discussion and Action: Proposed Policy Revision: Hope Scholarship 2371 Third and Final Reading
   B. Discussion and Action: Proposed Policy Revision Home Instruction 9270 – Third and Final Reading
   C. Discussion and Action: Proposed Policy Revision Attendance 5200 – Third and Final Reading

a. To Include the application process – See Form

9. New Business:
   A. Approval of Fundraiser's
   B. Approval of Field Trip Requests
   C. Approval of the additional Volunteer List see attached.
   D. Discussion and Action: RFP for County 4x4 Pickup Trucks – Request to Purchase 2 trucks at the cost of $67,660.00 (1 truck to be purchased from Transportation and 1 truck to be purchased from Maintenance)
   E. Discussion Board Trainings with Dr. Howard O'Cull
   F. Discussion and Revision to November Board Meeting Dates – November 3 is Election Day
   G. Approval of MOU between Pocahontas County Schools and Green Bank Observatory
   H. Discussion and Approval for Jarrell Clifton to participate in PCHS basketball per Hope Scholarship Fee
   I. Permission for Out-of-State Travel for Staff
      a. Jonathan Taylor, Sarah Cover, Aaron Pugh, Courtney Curran's – Salem, VA 11.5.26 Purpose: CTE Career Readiness/ Equipment Dealer Visit - Paid from CTE
      b. Permission for Out-of-State Travel to the National FFA Convention for Andy Friel/ Stephanie Poppe – Paid from CTE
   J. Permission for Out-of-State Travel for Students – National FFA Conference: Caroline Bennett, Savana Sharp, Hailey Price, Amber Defibaugh, Carly Robinson, Emma Anderson, Trey Sattler - Pending funding source is validated and approval process submitted.

10. Superintendent Updates
   A. November 2 – Professional Development Speaker Larry Bell
   B. Attendance Report

C. Review of WVBE Expected Behavior in Safe and Supportive Schools (4373) and Relating to Elementary Behavior Intervention and Safety (SB199)
D. Special Meeting October 26 at 9am

11. Board Member Remarks

12. Adjournment Next Regular Board of Education Meeting will be on November 4, 2026, at the Pocahontas County Board Office Conference room at 6:00 PM

Personnel Agenda

September 20, 2026

Professional Recommendations:

Kayla Reed Communities in Schools Site Coordinator-Itinerant Posting: 73142

Kelly Buzzard as Teacher of Homebound for Pocahontas County Schools for the 2026-2027 School year Posting: 71370

~~Teacher of Multi-Subjects Green Bank Elementary/Middle School Posting: 66101~~

~~Teacher of Special Education/ Multi-Categorical/Autism at Green Bank Elementary/Middle School Posting: 65913~~

~~Teacher of Special Education/ Multi-Categorical/Autism at Green Bank Elementary/Middle School Posting: 68150~~

~~Long Term Substitute Teacher of Special Education/Multi-Categorical/Autism at Green Bank Elementary/Middle School Posting: 70556~~

~~Teacher of Gifted for Pocahontas County Schools Posting: 71374~~

~~Long Term Alternative Substitute Teacher at Marlinton Middle School Posting: 72956~~

~~School Security Officer (1 position) for Pocahontas County Schools Posting: 72957~~

~~Teacher (LBB)/21st Century Community Learning Centers at Marlinton Middle School Posting: 73115~~

~~Teacher of Art/CTE GBEMS Posting: 73138~~

~~Long Term Substitute of Art/CTE Green Bank Elementary Middle School Posting: 74184~~

~~Substitute Teacher's for Pocahontas County Posting: 719~~

Resignation: P. Duane Gibson as Director of Maintenance and Transportation for Pocahontas County Schools effective November 30, 2026

Discussion with Board regarding workplace injury of employee (Executive session personnel and personal in nature W. Va. Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) [personnel exception] and/or §6-9A-4(b)(6), [privacy exception])

Service Recommendations:

Reclassify Justin Taylor from Chief Mechanic to Chief Mechanic/Bus Operator (effective September 5, 2017) per W. Va. Code 18A-4-8(l)

Evan Rose as Bus Operator for the vacated bus route of Gary Cutlip.

~~Custodian IV at Pocahontas County High School Posting: 73143~~

~~Substitute Bus Mechanic for PCS Posting: 72017~~

~~Substitute Bus Operator for PCS Posting: 73144~~

~~School Bus Operator for PCS Posting: 74205~~

Substitute Cook for Pocahontas County Schools, at state minimum service salary for the 2026-2027 school year.

Cindy Pritt

Resignation:

Extra-Curricular Recommendations:

21st Century Grant (Learning Beyond the Bell) positions contingent upon an adequate number of students for the program.

Duane Williams Media and Communications Specialist for 21st Century Grant (LBB) Posting: 71977

Edward Dougherty $1 Assistant Basketball Coach (Boy's) at Pocahontas County High School Posting: 74529

Cory McNabb Head Softball Coach for Pocahontas County High School. Posting: 75166

Shannon Arbogast Head Baseball Coach for Pocahontas County High School. Posting: 76167

~~Teacher for 21st Century Grant (LBB) for Green Bank Elementary/Middle School Posting: 71975~~

~~Teacher for 21st Century Grant (LBB) for Pocahontas County High School Posting: 71975~~

~~Substitute Teacher for 21st Century Grant (LBB) Posting: 71978~~

~~Head Basketball Coach (Girl's) Green Bank Elementary/Middle School Posting: 69251~~

~~$1 Assistant Basketball Coach (girl's) Green Bank Elementary/Middle School Posting: 69253~~

~~Middle School Athletic Director at (GBEMS) Posting:70551~~

~~$1 Basketball Coach (boy's) Marlinton Middle School. Posting: 71936~~

~~Teacher Mentor for PCS Posting: 71958~~

~~$1 Basketball Coach (girl's) Marlinton Middle School. Posting: 69255~~

~~_____Head Basketball Coach (boy's) Green Bank Elementary/Middle School Posting: 69249~~

~~_____$1 Assistant Middle School Football Coach Posting: 70538~~

~~_____Athletic Director for Green Bank Elementary/Middle/School for the 2026-2027 Athletic Season Posting: 70551~~

Resignation: Phillip Propst as the $1 Assistant coach (boy's) Basketball at Greenbank Elementary/Middle School.

Other Recommendations: (subject to additions and deletions prior to the board meeting)