

Minutes for Regular Meeting  
Pope County CUSD #1  
Board of Education  
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library  
Thursday, April 20, 2017  
7:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Clay and the following members were present: Hansen, Hogg, Coen, Simmons, Richerson, and Clay. Collier was absent.

A motion was made by Richerson and seconded by Coen to approve the agenda. All members present voted yea.

President Clay recognized the registered visitors, Mr. John Wallace and Mr. Blake Schuchardt and congratulated them on being elected to the Board of Education.

President Clay read aloud the election results provided by County Clerk, Ms. Connie Gibbs. A motion was made by Coen and seconded by Richerson to adopt and ratify election results of April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election. All members present voted yea.

President Clay recognized outgoing members, Mr. Kevin Richerson and Mr. Keith Collier. President Clay thanked Mr. Richerson for his 14 years of service to the Board and all he had done for the District. Superintendent Bleyer read aloud a letter received from Mr. Collier since he was not in attendance.

A motion to appoint Allan Clay as President *pro tem* was made by Hansen and seconded by Hogg. Members present voted as followed; Hansen, Hogg, Coen, Simmons, Richerson; yea, Clay abstained.

At this time President *pro tem* Clay administered the oath and seated newly elected Board members Simmons, Wallace, and Schuchardt. The elected members recited the Oath of Office together.

Adjourn *sine die* at 7:05 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by President *pro tem* Clay and the following members were present: Hansen, Hogg, Coen, Simmons, Wallace, Schuchardt, and Clay.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Hansen and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

President *pro tem* Clay asked for nominations for the office of President. Hogg nominated Michael Hansen and seconded by Wallace. All members voted as followed; Schuchart, Wallace, Simmons, Coen, Clay, Hogg; yea, and Hansen abstained. By receiving a majority of the votes cast, Michael Hansen is elected president of the board of education.

President Hansen asked for nominations for the office of Vice President. Clay nominated Jeremy Hogg and seconded by Simmons. Coen nominated Kathy Simmons and seconded by Hogg. With no further nominations, President Hansen called for a vote. Jeremy Hogg received three votes and Kathy Simmons received one. By receiving a majority of the votes cast, Jeremy Hogg is elected Vice President of the board of education.

President Hansen asked for nominations for the office of closed session secretary. Clay nominated Kathy Simmons and seconded by Coen. Kathy Simmons being the only candidate nominated for the office of closed session secretary, the President declared her elected by acclamation.

President Hansen asked for nominations for the office of WOVSED Board Representative. Simmons nominated Dan Coen and seconded by Clay. Dan Coen being the only candidate nominated for the office of WOVSED Board Representative, the President declared him elected by acclamation.

A motion to appoint Margie Bowman as Treasurer was made by Simmons and seconded by Clay. All members present voted yea.

A motion to appoint Paula Baker as Secretary was made by Clay and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

A motion to adopt/reaffirm the Board of Education Meeting Schedule was made by Coen and seconded by Hogg. All members present voted yea.

A motion to affirm Board Member Code of Conduct/Ethics was made by Simmons and seconded by Schuchardt. All members present voted yea.

A motion to adopt existing Board of Education Policies was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Wallace. All members present voted yea.

A motion to adjourn was made by Simmons and seconded by Hogg. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 7:21 pm by President Hansen and the following members were present: Schuchardt, Wallace, Simmons, Coen, Clay, Hogg, and Hansen.

Superintendent Bleyer distributed an informational handout to all Board members regarding Board meeting etiquette, procedures, and training.

President Hansen amended the agenda to include the approval of the use of buses for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Project Graduation trips and an out-of-state field trip for the Art Club to go to St. Louis, MO. A motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Clay to approve the amended agenda. All members present voted yea.

A motion was made by Clay and seconded by Simmons to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 3/16/17; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; and 5) Accept resignation of Mr. Tim Mieldezis as K-8 PE teacher and Jr. High boys basketball coach, Mrs. Ashley Rison as cheer sponsor, and Mr. Seth Graves as Jr. High boys baseball coach. Member Coen asked if D.E. Martin Roofing had been paid in full with this payment. Mr. Bleyer stated there is one more payment approximately \$10,000. All members present voted yea.

Under Administrative Reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) Letters concerning possible retentions have been mailed; 2) Progress reports will be going out on April 19<sup>th</sup>; 3) Kindergarten Pre-registration took place today, April 20<sup>th</sup>. We have 27 students signed up as of today; 4) Aimsweb Spring

screenings will start on April 24<sup>th</sup>; 5) Our Primary and Intermediate classes once again took advantage of the Stewartship program held at the Dixon Springs Ag Center on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>; 6) 8th grade promotion letters were sent to the parents of our 8th grade students explaining the Promotion ceremony; 7) The Jr. High Spring dance will be on April 21<sup>st</sup>; 8) The Book Fair will be held April 27 – May 9; 9) PTO will be sponsoring the Hooked on Science program on April 28<sup>th</sup>; 10) PTO is planning a Spring Fling day on May 5<sup>th</sup>; 11) May 15<sup>th</sup> will be the kindergarten program at 9:30 am; and 12) Current Enrollment 382 as of April 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) April 19: Progress reports were mailed; 2) April 21: PCCHS Annual Art Show in Dutton Gym; 3) April 24: Rotary Banquet will be held at 6:00 in the high school gym; 4) April 27: FFA Banquet will be at 6:00 in the high school gym; 5) April 28: Seniors planning on attending SIC will go for orientation and registration; 6) April 29: Prom is scheduled in the Bonan Business Center in Harrisburg. Doors open at 5:30. Promenade at 6:00. Dance 7:00-10:00; 7) May 3: Awards Day at 9:00 am in Dutton Gym; 8) May 3: Baseball team has been invited to play at Rent One Park in Marion at 12:00 and 2:00. They will be playing Century and Gallatin County; 9) May 5: NHS Induction Ceremony in the community room at 6:00; 10) May 5: NHS Blood Drive in the Library 11:00 to 2:00; 11) May 12: Graduation in Dutton Gym; 12) Congrats to the Math Team on their performance at the S.I.U. math contest. The Sophomore team received an honorable mention and placed 5<sup>th</sup> in 1A. They were led by Abby Thompson's high score; 13) Enrollment: Freshman-44, Sophomores-36, Juniors-34, Seniors-38 TOTAL: 152.

Mr. Bleyer reported on the following: 1) As of right now, the state continues to withhold funding in transportation, special education, and early childhood. This is due to political fighting in Springfield. All school districts in the state are experiencing the same issues. I attended a town hall in Crab Orchard put on by the IASA and the Advance Illinois about fixing the state funding formula for

education. Reporters were present for the presentation. This will continue in the coming days; 2) The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) submitted their Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan to the United States Department of Education (USDE). This submission was necessary to receive federal money to help support statewide education. The plan is designed to designate K-8 and High Schools into four tier groups: Exemplary, Commendable, Underperforming, and Lowest Performing. ISBE will use summative ratings that focus on Core Academics Indicators (75%) and School Quality/Student Success Indicators (25%). I will have more information on ESSA in the upcoming months; 3) Ongoing improvements are being made to the ball field complexes. Since the last meeting, guttering has been installed on the baseball dugouts. I have had preliminary discussions with the Job Corp on performing work on the softball dugouts this summer; and 4) I had more discussions with Dr. Dennis Graham on the articulation proposal with the Job Corp. He will be meeting with Job Corp headquarters in Denver next month. We plan on meeting in May to continue to discuss the collaborative effort. I also received confirmation from ISBE that the District would be allowed to count any student at the Job Corp enrolled in a District program towards general state aid (GSA). Clay asked if Superintendent Bleyer could discuss more on the softball improvements. Bleyer added the Job Corp will be extending the dugouts and adding on a storage room for equipment and putting on a metal roof. They will be doing all the concrete and block work as well. Clay asked if we could look at adding a new concession stand with a press box since we have the material and free labor.

A motion to enter closed session for the purpose of personnel performance, procedures, and employment was made by Coen and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea. Board entered executive session at 7:53 p.m.

A motion was made by Clay and seconded by Simmons to return to regular session. All members present voted yea. Board returned at 8:38 p.m.

**Under New Business, a motion to approve authorization for Superintendent Bleyer to amend 2016-17 Budget was made by Clay and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**A motion to set date of June 20, 2017 at 6:45 pm for Public Hearing on the 2016-17 Amended Budget was made by Wallace and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**A motion to approve authorization for Superintendent Bleyer to prepare 2017-18 Budget was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**A motion to approve proposed 2017-18 School Year Calendar was made by Simmons and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yea; Hogg abstained.**

**Motion to approve the firm bid from Southern FS for fuel for the 2017-18 SY was made by Hogg and seconded by Clay. Roll call vote: Schuchardt, Wallace, Simmons, Clay, Hogg, Hansen; yea, Coen; nay.**

**A motion to approve bid from Lewis Bakery for bakery products for the 2017-18 SY was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**A motion to approve bid from Prairie Farms for dairy products for the 2017-18 SY was made by Hogg and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**A motion to approve bid from Raben Tire for tires for the 2017-18 SY was made by Clay and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**A motion to approve bid from Envior-Tech for pest control for the 2017-18 SY was made by Clay and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**A motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Hogg to post for a K-8 Physical Education teacher. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**A motion to post for a Jr. High boys basketball coach was made by Clay and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**A motion to post for high school cheerleader sponsor was made by Simmons and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**A motion to post for Jr. High boys baseball coach was made by Clay and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**A motion to approve use of bus for 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip was made by Simmons and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**A motion to approve the use of a bus for Project Graduation trip was made by Clay and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**A motion to approve an out-of-state trip to the Art Museum in St. Louis, MO requested by Mrs. Jaime Markovic was made by Simmons and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Under Other Business, Member Coen requested the Board consider purchasing a tarp for the baseball infield. Principal Fritch added it needs to be resurfaced like the softball. Mr. Bleyer added he would look at the cost and compare the options.**

**With no further business, a motion to adjourn until the next regular scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 7 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.**



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**Michael Hansen, President  
Board of Education**

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**Paula Baker, Secretary  
Board of Education**