

**Minutes for Regular Meeting  
Pope County CUSD #1  
Board of Education  
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library  
Tuesday, April 23, 2019  
7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by President Hansen and the following members were present: Schuchardt, Wallace, Simmons, Coen, Clay, Hogg, and Hansen

A motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Coen to approve the agenda.

Roll call vote: all ayes.

President Hansen recognized the registered visitors, Mrs. Bronwyn Aly and Mr. Chris Walker and congratulated them on being elected to the Board of Education.

President Hansen read the election results provided by County Clerk, Ms. Connie Gibbs. A motion was made by Hogg and seconded by Clay to adopt and ratify election results of April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election. Roll call vote: all ayes.

President Hansen recognized outgoing members, Mr. Allen Clay and Mr. Dan Coen. President Hansen thanked the members for their time and service to the District. Mr. Clay and Mr. Coen both said a few words of appreciation to the Board and both enjoyed their time spent with the Board members and serving the District.

President Hansen appointed himself as President *pro tem* and administered the oath and seated newly elected Board members Aly and Walker. The elected members recited the Oath of Office together.

Adjourn *sine die* at 7:13 pm.

The meeting was called to order at 7:13 pm by President *pro tem* Hansen and the following members were present: Walker, Aly, Schuchardt, Wallace, Simmons, Hogg, and Hansen.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Simmons and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all ayes.

President *pro tem* Hansen asked for nominations for the office of president.

Wallace nominated Michael Hansen and seconded by Schuchardt. All members voted as followed; Walker, Aly, Schuchart, Wallace, Simmons, Hogg; yea, and Hansen abstained. Hansen being the only candidate nominated for the office of president and by receiving a majority of the votes, Michael Hansen is elected president of the board of education.

President Hansen asked for nominations for the office of vice president. Wallace nominated Jeremy Hogg and seconded by Aly. All members voted as followed; Walker, Aly, Schuchart, Wallace, Simmons, Hansen; yea, and Hogg abstained. Hogg being the only candidate nominated for the office of vice president and by receiving a majority of the votes, Jeremy Hogg is elected vice president of the board of education.

President Hansen asked for nominations for the office of closed session secretary. Schuchardt nominated Kathy Simmons and seconded by Hogg. All members voted as followed; Walker, Aly, Schuchart, Wallace, Hogg, Hansen; yea, and Simmons abstained. Simmons being the only candidate nominated for the office of closed session secretary and by receiving a majority of the votes, Kathy Simmons is elected closed session secretary of the board of education.

**President Hansen asked for nominations for the office of WOVSED Board Representative. Hogg nominated John Wallace and seconded by Schuchardt. . All members voted as followed; Walker, Aly, Schuchart, Simmons, Hogg, Hansen; yea, and Wallace abstained. Wallace being the only candidate nominated for the office of WOVSED Board Representative and by receiving a majority of the votes, John Wallace is elected WOVSED Board Representative of the board of education.**

**A motion to appoint Margie Bowman as Treasurer was made by Simmons and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**A motion to appoint Paula Baker as Secretary was made by Wallace and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**A motion to adopt/reaffirm the Board of Education Meeting Schedule was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**A motion to affirm Board Member Code of Conduct/Ethics was made by Simmons and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**A motion to adopt existing Board of Education Policies was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**A motion to adjourn was made by Wallace and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.**

**The regular meeting was called to order at 7:24 pm by President Hansen and the following members were present: Walker, Aly, Schuchardt, Wallace, Simmons, Hogg, and Hansen.**

**A motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Hogg to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**A motion was made by Hogg and seconded by Wallace to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 3/19/19 & 4/10/19; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; and 4) Accept Financial Reports. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Recognition of Visitors was the Hometown Heroes with a project update. Presenters included: Mrs. Graves, Natalie Bonnell, Lily Robinson, and Marley Staats. The committee had a PowerPoint presentation explaining the outcome of Pirate Park in Eddyville. They were able to raise well over their goal of \$20,000**

to complete Pirate Park. The Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting will be April 25<sup>th</sup> at the park and invited everyone to come out and enjoy the day. Lunch will be catered by Diver Down. President Hansen stated the Board and the community alike was very proud of their accomplishments with this project and thanked them for presenting to the Board.

Under Administrative Reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) Letters concerning possible retentions have been mailed; 2) Aimsweb Spring screenings will start on April 26<sup>th</sup>; 3) Our Primary and Intermediate classes will once again take advantage of the Stewartship program held at the Dixon Springs Ag Center on April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>; 4) Kindergarten pre-registration is April 26<sup>th</sup>; 5) PTO is planning a Spring Fun day for May 3<sup>rd</sup>; 6) The Spring Concert will be on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm; 7) The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Graduation will be on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm; 8) Kindergarten Program will be on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 am; 9) Current enrollment is 373 as of April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Pope County High School choir placed Division I Superior at the IHSA State Music Contest. We were the smallest school there and placed as high as possible! Choir members were: Gwen Bowman, Anna Wasson, Hannah Pegg, Emily Nelson, Ethan Jarvis, Cameron Hill, Travis Dukes, Halee Buttrum, Taylor Rawlings, Jazmin Williams, and Ella Aly; 2) Pope County EMS will be presenting a “Prom Night Presentation” next Tuesday. They work in cooperation with the fire department, sheriff’s department, and Air Evan

Helicopter to simulate a crash that was a result of poor prom night decisions; 3) IHSA Bass Fishing sectional will be held next Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lake of Egypt. We have two students participating: Collin Elder and Dylan King; 4) Mrs. Potts has begun scheduling students for next school year; 5) Students completed the PSAT and SAT just before spring break; 6) We will be completing the Illinois Science Assessment this week; and 7) Enrollment: Freshmen – 46, Sophomores – 33, Juniors – 41, and Seniors – 29; total 148.

Mr. Climer reported on the following: 1) The Pre-K Grant has reopened for the next school year and administration plans on giving our maximum effort in apply for this grant. The grant is due June 10<sup>th</sup>; and 2) We received the tax levy confirmation from the county clerk's office and it has been signed off on and submitted.

Student Representative, Jacob Lemon, reported on the following: 1) The drama students presented the musical Footloose on April 9<sup>th</sup> and did a great job with the performance; 2) On April 12<sup>th</sup> we had the Art Show in the high school gym. Students receiving awards for their art were: Isaac Robinson, Emma Collier, Natalie Bonnell, and Abby Thompson. Several area school were in attendance and competed; 3) Our cross country team running as the River Rats 2.0 in the River 2 River Relay this year finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place in their division. A trophy is forthcoming to be placed in the trophy case; and 4) Prom will be held May 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr.

**Blankenship added that Footloose was excellent and one of the better shows put on by the drama students. Mr. Fritch added the sound improvements were really noticed and greatly added to the quality of the show.**

**A motion to enter closed session for the purpose of personnel performance, procedures, and employment was made by Schuchard and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board entered executive session at 7:56 p.m.**

**A motion was made by Hogg and seconded by Schuchardt to return to regular session. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board returned at 9:24 p.m.**

**Under New Business, a motion was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons to hire Amanda Evenson as special education teacher. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**A motion to hire Susan Forthman as Pre-K teacher was made by Hogg and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**A motion to accept the resignation of Aaron Hall as janitor was made by Simmons and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**A motion to accept the resignation of Tarah Lewis as high school cheer coach was made by Simmons and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: Walker, Aly, Wallace, Simmons, Hogg, Hansen; all ayes, Schuchardt abstained.**



**A motion to post for K-8 night janitor was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**A motion to post for high school cheer coach was made by Walker and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**A motion to post for Jr. High softball coach was made by Simmons and seconded by Walker. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**A motion to approve authorization for Superintendent Climer and Assistant Superintendent Fritch to prepare 2019-20 Budget was made by Simmons and seconded by Aly. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Mr. Fritch stated he had met with the teacher's union committee on the proposed calendar. The proposed calendar is the recommendation of that committee. After some explanation and discussion of the calendar, a motion to approve proposed 2019-20 School Year Calendar was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Mr. Climer stated the Consolidated District Plan was a document to house all District information in one place for grant application processes. The grant application system has changed and a District Plan approved by the Board has**

to be in place when applying for grants. A motion to approve the Consolidated District Plan was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A motion to approve an out-of-state trip to Union City, TN to visit Discovery Park of America on May 16, 2019 as requested by Mr. Swinford for the students that helped with the Tractor Show was made by Hogg and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A motion to approve a trip to Springfield, IL for the FFA State Convention on June 10-13, 2019 as requested by Mr. Swinford for FFA members was made by Hogg and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all ayes.

President Hansen briefly discussed the Board committees to the new members and appointed Hogg, Schuchardt, and Walker to the Safety Committee. President Hansen appointed himself, Aly, and Simmons to the Goals Committee.

Old Business started with an update on the Safety Resource Officer. President Hansen asked that all members read over the agreement our lawyer has drawn up and asked that the Safety Committee meet and bring any recommendations to the Board for the May meeting. Each member received a copy of the agreement. The next step will be getting the State's Attorney approval.

President Hansen updated the Board on the Elementary doors and windows project. Mr. Fritch added they should have bids available in May. He has meet with the architect and engineer to pick out colors of the windows and doors so it will match the high school building. Each unit is expected to be around \$25,000 but could be less if more units are completed at one time. If the matching grant is released, we will be able to complete up to six units. Without the grant, we will complete two units. Each unit should take one day to complete. The engineer also recommended staying with the boiler system verses going to electric HVAC units since it is still in good working order.

Mr. Fritch stated section 6 policy updates will be ready at the next meeting for approval.

President Hansen asked Mr. Coen for an update on the 1% sales tax and if he had polled the local businesses. Mr. Coen stated he had and the census was not in favor of more taxes. He added that with some education and with showing some positive goals the tax could provide, some might have a change of heart.

Mr. Fritch distributed the engineer qualifications for the septic system project to all members. There were three that submitted; Clarida & Ziegler Engineering Company, Asaturian Eaton and Associates Incorporated, and Coen Engineering. President Hansen asked that members look over the qualifications of each

engineer company and asked that the Goals Committee meet to bring recommendations to the Board at the next meeting.

Under Other Business, President Hansen reminded members to meet in the superintendent's office on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm for the Jr. High Promotion and May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm for the High School Graduation. A picture will be taken in the high school library before the high school graduation.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn until the next regular scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 7 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Hogg. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

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Michael Hansen, President  
Board of Education

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Paula Baker, Secretary  
Board of Education