

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting  
Pope County CUSD #1  
Board of Education  
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library  
December 18, 2018  
7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Board President Hansen and the following members were present: Schuchardt, Wallace, Coen, Hogg, and Hansen. Simmons and Clay were absent.**

**Motion was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Wallace to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion was made by Hogg and seconded by Wallace to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 11/13/2018; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; and 4) Accept Financial Reports. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Under Administrative reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) The Spelling Bee was held on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Christopher King was our winner this year; 2) The janitors will be replacing filters in all heat/air units, touching up the paint where needed, cleaning the carpets, and scrubbing the hall floors during Christmas break; 3) The Jr. High girl's basketball regional will be held January 8-15. Our girls will play Cypress on January 9<sup>th</sup>. The tournament will be played at Meridian; 4) The Jr. High girl's basketball team will also be playing in the Little**

GEC tournament January 2-4. The tournament will be hosted by Hardin County this year; 5) The Christmas programs will take place this Thursday in the Elementary gym. The K-2 program will take place at 9:30 and the 3-5 program will take place at 1:30; 6) The Jr. High Choir will be one of the school choirs on the Sounds of the Season sponsored by WSIL-TV 3. They are scheduled to be aired at 6:58 a.m. on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>; and 7) Current enrollment 366 as of December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Boys basketball team begins the Dongola Christmas tournament this weekend; 2) Girls basketball team begins the CCA Christmas Tournament next week; 3) We have scheduled optional professional development opportunities for teachers when they come back to school. Dealing with oppositional defiant students and Epson projector training; 4) Speech Team competed at Mt. Vernon on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Vance Hertter place 2<sup>nd</sup> in original oratory. And Ryan Greenwood placed 5<sup>th</sup> in impromptu and 3<sup>rd</sup> in radio speaking; 5) Madrigal was sold out for both performances; 6) We had the sounds system looked at by the person that installed it. One of the amps is out and needs to be replaced. He recommends repositioning three speakers to where they point down toward the audience and placing two up by the stage pointing out toward the court. He distributed a bid from TCB Music Supply for the basic repair and speaker repositioning; and 7) Enrollment: Freshmen – 46, Sophomore – 32, Juniors – 41, and Seniors – 32, total 151. Mr. Fritch also distributed the 1<sup>st</sup> and

**2<sup>nd</sup> editions of The Anchor that the newspaper class under Mrs. Hosfeldt has published.**

**Mr. Climer reported the following: 1) In the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of The Anchor, the paper did a piece on the new buses that was very good. The new buses are not getting as good of gas mileage as the diesel buses but hoping it will get better. The old buses have not been disposed as of yet and we are going to hold on to them until next year. The EPA offers to purchase old buses for \$15,000 that is 1998 and older. We will apply for this next year as the deadline as passed for this year; and 2) The financials are right on target for this time of year. The expenditures are right on target and the revenues are in good shape even though we have no control of when the State releases money.**

**Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel employment, performance, and procedures was made by Coen and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board entered executive session at 7:15 pm.**

**Motion to return to regular session was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board returned at 8:39 pm.**

**Motion to approve the 2019 Board meeting dates was made by Hogg and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Mr. Climer and Mr. Fritch made recommendations for Board Policy Updates. These have been overlooked for the last couple of years and needs to be addressed for updates. The Illinois School Board Association (ISBA), which the district has a membership, distributes the updates to member districts. The update recommendations will be distributed at the next meeting for Board review.**

**Motion to amend 2018-19 SY Calendar to reflect the snow day was made by Wallace and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Mr. Climer and Mr. Fritch explained the redefinition of instructional day as changed by the State. Mr. Fritch attended a meeting hosted by the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) that shed some light on this issue. The redefinition took out the required five hours per day of instruction stating the only requirement is 176 days of attendance. This gives the school districts the freedom of instructional hours but also opens many questions. The advice the district received was to wait until the new governor took office, things will change with the new administration. Grayville is the only district in our area looking at going to a new program of e-learning. Grayville has 1 to 1 computer per student and looking at options for counting attendance days not spent at school but on the computer. The other districts are going to observe Grayville and wait for the outcomes of this program.**

Mr. Climer and Mr. Blankenship reported on the kitchen equipment grant that has been applied for in the amount of \$18,000. This is a grant offered by Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and we received this grant in 2009 with a walk-in cooler being purchased. This year's grant has been written for an eight-burner stove, convection oven, steam table, and prep table. The district should be notified by April if granted. Mr. Climer added that \$4,000 in the kitchen budget will be put toward a convection oven if we do not receive the grant.

Under Old Business, motion to approve the 2018 Tax Levy as proposed at the last meeting was made by Coen and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Mr. Fritch stated he has meet and talked with Mrs. Graves, Mrs. Hosfeldt, and Mr. Hosfeldt regarding the student board representative. They are in the process of developing an application and rubric to choose the student. Mr. Fritch will have more information at the January meeting.

School Safety Committee update was given by President Hansen. He distributed an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between Marion Community Unit School District #2 and the City of Marion with respect to cost allocation and provision of a resource officer. President Hansen stated he felt this agreement was a very good one and one the District could utilize with some minor changes. President Hansen stated he will schedule a time to meet with the City of

**Golconda. Member Wallace stated he will meet with the Village of Eddyville and Member Coen stated he will meet with Sherriff Suits.**

**Under the Goals Committee update, Mr. Fritch recommended Bid #2: Basic Repair and Move Speakers for the sound system in the gym in the amount of \$1,049. Member Schuchardt also recommended the replacement of the mixer for an additional \$399 installed and a storage cabinet. The Board was in agreement and approved administration to accept Bid #2.**

**Mr. Fritch discussed that he has not heard from Michael Baysinger despite many attempts to contact him regarding the elementary building windows and doors. After some discussion, President Hansen asked Mr. Fritch to gather the previous bid information and have this item on the next agenda. At the next meeting, another architect will be choosen.**

**Member Coen stated the Paul Coen looked over our current contract with QNS and some things may need to be addressed. He asked if the administration would meet with Paul to discuss the items. A motion to authorize superintendent and assistant superintendent to prepare a RFP for tech support for 2019-2020 and beyond was made by Coen and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Under Other School Business, President Hansen wanted to congratulate former PCHS graduate, Dustin Turner, on his induction in to the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Dustin Turner was all-time lead scorer during his high school career. The 2019 IBCA Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction will be Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Redbird Arena in Normal, IL. Congratulations to Dustin Turner.**

**With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Wallace to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. All members present voted yea.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.**

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**Michael Hansen, President  
Board of Education**

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**Paula Baker, Secretary  
Board of Education**