

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
December 19, 2017
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, Clay, Hogg, and Hansen. Simmons was absent.

Motion was made by Clay and seconded by Coen to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Member Simmons entered the meeting at 7:03 pm.

Motion was made by Coen and seconded by Hogg to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 11/14/2017; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; and 5) Accept Resignation of Dale Flatt as janitor. After some discussion regarding bills, roll call vote: all yeas.

Under Administrative reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) Christmas Programs: Grades 3-5 performed their program this afternoon, Grades K-2 will perform on Wednesday, December 20th, both programs are scheduled to start at 1:30; 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 among other things; 3) We will be hosting the Little GEC Girl's tournament starting on January 2nd; 4) The Jr. High Choir will be one of the school choirs on the Sounds of the Season sponsored by WSIL-TV 3. Their performance will be aired on December 22 at 6:58 a.m.; and 5) Current enrollment 398 as of December 14th.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) PSAT results are coming in and are being distributed to students; 2) Boys basketball team is currently 6-5, 3-2 in the GEC; 3) Girls basketball team is currently 3-5 and 0-2 in the GEC; 4) Concert Choir and Madrigal Cast “Sound of the Season” performances will air on News Channel 3. Mrs. Hosfeldt and crew did a great job on the madrigal Friday night and Saturday; 5) Scholar Bowl Team is currently: J.V. 3-3 and Varsity 6-4; 6) Semester exams will be given on 12/19 and 12/20; 7) Homecoming will be on January 12th. Girls’ varsity at 5:00 followed by J.V. boys and varsity boys. Homecoming coronation will begin after the varsity boys’ game; and 8) Enrollment: Freshmen – 36, Sophomore – 42, Juniors – 32, and Seniors – 31, total 141. One students moved out this week so total is currently 140. Member Hogg added that the madrigal was very impressive.

Dr. Bleyer reported the following: 1) This month we had our safety light that is in front of the high school run over by a car. No one was hurt in the incident. IDOT provided and installed the replacement. All costs will be incurred by the driver of the car; 2) Two loads of Diamond Pro Infield Conditioner were placed on our ball diamonds. The agriculture classes, the baseball team, Keith Collier, and Chris Walker were instrumental in spreading and incorporating the conditioner into the existing fields. There will be a need for continual improvement, and I have talked with athletic director and coaches about continuous maintenance. Our goal is to never let them revert to a poorly conditioned status; 3) Last month I attended the Triple I Conference in Chicago. This conference is becoming more aligned with school board member professional development. I highly encourage any board member to attend this conference next year; 4) After analyzing longitudinal data on our grades 3-8 PARCC scores, I am happy to inform the Board that scores have dramatically risen. Since the initial benchmark testing in 2015, scores have risen accordingly:

Composite 2015	1-2 = 45%	2017	1-2 = 37%	(+8%)
	3-5 = 55%		3-5 = 63%	(+8%)
ELA	40%		30%	(+10%)
	60%		70%	(+10%)
Math	49%		44%	(+5%)
	51%		56%	(+5%)

This is a testament to the stakeholders commitment to the betterment of our students. This student academic performance growth is welcome sign that our staff and curriculum are directly having a positive influence. I want to thank the faculty and staff for their awesome efforts.

Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel employment, performance, and procedures was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board entered executive session at 7:16 pm.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Simmons and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board returned at 7:50 pm.

Motion to approve the 2017 Tax Levy as proposed at the last meeting was made by Hogg and seconded by Clay. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve the 2018 Board meeting dates was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to purchase a full-page ad in the yearbook was made by Clay and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve out-of-state trip to Union City, TN for the Science Club to visit Discovery Park of America on February 17, 2018 was made by Simmons and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve Brad Hill as bus driver pending proper certification was made by Wallace seconded by Clay. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve Jim O'Neal as bus driver pending proper certification was made by Hogg seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to post for a full-time K-8 building evening janitor was made by Hogg and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to change job description of Charlee Poole from part-time to full-time was made by Simmons and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Dr. Bleyer asked the Board members to send him goals that the Board would like to see in the future. He will compile the list and have it typed up for next month's meeting for the Board to review and discuss. President Hansen also asked if Mr. Blankenship, Mr. Fritch, and Dr. Bleyer would also contribute goals as well.

Under Old Business, President Hansen asked about the acoustic panels for the high school gym. Dr. Bleyer stated he sent in the measurements and diagram of the gym for a bid. The bid received was a little over \$11,000 for 22 panels. After some discussion the Board agreed to go with getting 11 panels in maroon and white, the rental for the equipment to install the panels, and Dr. Bleyer could get the project started. Member Hogg also asked if they can look at repositioning the speakers for better sound as well.

President Hansen asked about the dugouts for the softball complex and Dr. Bleyer shared two bids he had received. Another bid is expected to come in any time. The Board looked over the two bids and decided to wait on the third bid for comparison. Dr. Bleyer stated they could refurbish the existing concession stand as an option. All contractors said they would get the job completed in the requested time frame and could begin as early as January 2nd. Jessi Hall is looking in to how much concrete and blocks we can get donated. After some discussion, President Hansen called for a special meeting to accept a bid for the softball complex improvements on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at 6 pm.

Under Other School Business, Member Coen shared his concerns with the large

amount of students and staff being out sick. He asked if there were any discussions concerning closing school. Dr. Bleyer stated he contacted the ROE and received information that best practice was to not close a school unless half the student body was absent with illness. Additionally, Dr. Bleyer indicated that he was closely monitoring the situation. Mr. Fritch stated that adjustments were being made to ensure all students that were absent would be scheduled a make-up time to take their finals. Mr. Blankenship noted that the school nurse was reminding everyone that a person must be 24 hour fever free before returning to school/work. He went on to thank the district nurse, Jennifer Broadway, for the excellent job of handling the situation.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Hogg to adjourn the meeting until the next special-called meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. All members present voted yea.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Michael Hansen, President
Board of Education

Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education