

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
February 15, 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, Simmons, Coen, Clay, Hogg, and Hansen.

Motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Clay to approve the agenda.

Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion was made by Clay and seconded by Hogg to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 1/24/2018; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; and 4) Accept Financial Reports. Roll call vote: all yeas.

President Hansen recognized Mr. Patrick Presser to address the Board regarding the Pope County Pirates Basketball Clinic. Mr. Presser stated himself and Mr. Tyler Presser would like to put on a free clinic for grades 1st – 4th to teach the fundamentals of proper dribbling, ball handling, passing, and shooting. He distributed the handout and registration form to all members. President Hansen offered the Board's help and the help of the Youth League and thanked both Mr. Patrick Presser and Mr. Tyler Presser for volunteering to put on the clinic.

Under Administrative reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) The PARCC test will take place March 5th through the 27th; 2) We received our 2016 Illinois Science Assessment results. Our 5th grade had a score of 298 and the 8th grade had the score of 297. A score is considered Proficient at 296 or above; 3) Pre K spring pictures are scheduled for March 7th (all other grades are scheduled March 28th); 4) Pre K Screenings will take place on March 8th; 5) Jennifer Broadway is working on Vision screenings for Kindergarten, 2nd, and 8th grades. She will also be doing Hearing screenings for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades; 6) The 3rd quarter grading period will end on March 17th and the report cards will go out on March 21st; and 7) Current enrollment 401 as of February 9th.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Students have been practicing/preparing for the upcoming SAT – will be administered in April; 2) Cast List for spring play has been announced. The play will be held in April; 3) We are hosting a twelve team Masonic Scholar Bowl Tournament this Saturday 2/17/18. Thank you to Mrs. Laura Hosfeldt for hosting the tournament; 4) We are hosting the IHSA Scholar Bowl Regional on 3/5/18; 5) Boys basketball team begins regional play Monday 2/20/18 at Gallatin County; 6) Girls basketball team finished the season last week. Keely Clay advance to the Sectionals for the 3-point Shoot; 7) Spring is not far off. Baseball and Softball begin practice on February 26; and 8) Enrollment: Freshmen – 36, Sophomores – 43, Juniors – 31, Seniors – 31, Total

141. Mr. Fritch also read a letter he received today from Paula Foss thanking our basketball team for their show of kindness for one of their students at a Joppa game. Mr. Fritch stated he read the letter to the team and stated how proud he is of the team for this act of kindness. Member Schuchardt asked about the softball field. Mr. Fritch stated one dugout is almost completed and the other one is ready to start putting on the roof. Member Hogg added they were waiting on better weather to add more dirt to the field.

Dr. Bleyer reported the following: 1) The softball complex renovations are moving along. The dugouts block work is near completion; 2) The vett baffles have been ordered for Dutton Gymnasium. When they arrive, we will begin installation; 3) The School Improvement Team has completed the rubric for the IL-Empower school improvement process. The main findings by the team were a need for better aligned and meaningful professional development for all faculty and staff; and 4) The usage of our emergency days means that the last day of student attendance will be May 24, and the teacher institute day will now be May 25.

Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of superintendent evaluation and personnel performance was made by Wallace and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board entered executive session at 7:27 pm.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Clay and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board returned at 8:33 pm.

President Hansen asked all members to complete the Statement of Economic Interest forms and return to Paula.

Motion to authorize superintendent to solicit bids for services (diesel fuel, bakery products, dairy products, tires, and pest control) was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to renew Mr. Blankenship's contract, Elementary Principal, for the 2018-2019 SY as discussed in closed session was made by Simmons and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to renew Mr. Fritch's contract, High School Principal, for the 2018-2019 SY as discussed in closed session was made by Coen and seconded by Clay. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to set 8th Grade Promotion for May 10, 2018 to begin at 7 pm and High School Graduation for May 11, 2018 to begin at 7 pm was made by Hogg and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Dr. Bleyer discussed with the Board details regarding the Three Circles Grant. After some discussion, the Board agreed to not move forward with the grant.

Under Old Business, Member Hogg apologized to the Board and removed himself from the Goals Committee due to work conflicts. President Hansen appointed himself to the committee to fill the vacancy.

Member Schuchardt asked about the panels for the high school gym. Dr. Bleyer stated they have been ordered and takes around a month to arrive. The equipment from the rental company is all ready to go, just waiting on a date to deliver. The panels will be white and maroon and will be installed in the center of the gym going from goal to goal and then spreading outward. Hogg asked if the old speakers not being used could be removed and the existing speakers be repositioned while we have the lift. Dr. Bleyer assured the speakers would be repositioned.

Under Other Business, Member Coen stated in Governor Rauner's speech he indicated he would increase school funding. Coen asked how the District was planning on using that money. Hansen stated the goals committee could assess the goals and prioritize. Coen added improvements to the buildings are needed, and we could use those funds as leverage to get a long term plan in place. Hansen said that would be capital improvements the goals committee could discuss.

There was a general discussion on school safety in light of another recent school shooting.

Member Simmons asked that the goals committee consider the purchase of team/individual banner pictures and updates to the signage in the high school gym.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Schuchardt to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. All members present voted yea.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.

**Michael Hansen, President
Board of Education**

**Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education**