

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
February 19, 2019
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, Hogg, and Hansen. Clay was absent.

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

Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion was made by Hogg and seconded by Coen to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 1/17/2019; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; and 4) Accept Financial Reports. Mr. Climer added that the budget is right on track with expenditures but the transportation payments are behind from the State so keeping an eye on that financial line. Roll call vote: all yeas.

President Hansen recognized Patricia Thompson, Project Graduation Representative, asking for the use of the high school gym and a school bus for the night of graduation. The class plans on going to Ross Cottom Lanes in Harrisburg and then returning to the school for the rest of the night. They will

also be using the high school gym for activities during the night. The Board agreed to approve their request.

Under Administrative reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) The Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) testing will take place between March 11th and April 26th. This test replaces the PARCC test. The IAR test should take less time to complete and get the results in a more timely manner; 2) The Illinois Science Assessment has to be given between March 1st and April 30th; 3) Pre K spring pictures are scheduled for March 6th (all other grades are scheduled March 27th); 4) Pre K Screenings will take place on March 21st; 5) Jennifer Broadway will be starting 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 13th and the report cards will go out on March 15th; 7) 5th and 6th grade boys will be hosting a shootout this Saturday. The 5th and 6th grade girls will be going to Mayfield for a shootout; and 8) Current enrollment 373 as of February 19th.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Hosting the IHSA Scholar Bowl Regional her on March 4th; 2) This week is National FFA week. Students are participating in various activities; 3) Mr. Reeder will be taking students to compete in the Business Skills Competition at SIC on February 28th; 4) We have partnered with the Southern Illinois Center for Independent Living to provide a one hour a week-

life skills transition class. This class is for freshmen and sophomores students that are enrolled in special education services. These services will be paid through a grant and two ladies are coming twice a week to provide these services; and 8) Enrollment: Freshmen – 46, Sophomores – 33, Juniors – 41, Seniors – 29, Total 149. Mr. Fritch added that the computer used to control the HVAC system has crashed. The HVAC system program currently being used is no longer supported and is outdated. The company we use for this program, ABC, has given a price of \$7,250 for a new program. They have agreed to let us order it now and pay for it after July 1. We are also looking into other energy efficient and cost effective options. More information will be at the next meeting.

Mr. Climer reported the following: 1) We have received \$15,000 more funds in the Title I grant. This has been put in supplies to replace some old laptops; 2) We will have a food service review on March 7th and 8th; 3) Diesel bus grant is a no-go, we are not in the priority area for the grant; and 4) Property tax grant were all awarded in the Chicago area.

President Hansen introduced Mia Anderson, the first Student Board Representative. Mia reported on the following: 1) Some previous happenings; Homecoming week was a success with the Seniors winning the week, the boys won 3rd and the Lady Pirates won 1st in the GEC tournaments; 2) We have a Speech Team this year and Ryan Greenwood won 6th in the Regionals; 3) Some trips we have been on this year include the upper classmen going to the Carson

Center to see the Crucible; 4) The printers that were donated to the carts are much appreciated; and 5) Some current events coming up: the Spring Musical, softball and baseball practices will start soon. President Hansen congratulated Mia on being chosen as a student representative and for making the winning shot in the GEC to win the 1st place trophy for the Lady Pirates.

Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel performance, procedures, and employment was made by Wallace and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board entered executive session at 7:18 pm.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board returned at 9:05 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/gasoline, bakery products, dairy products, tires, trash, and pest control) was made by Simmons and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to renew Mr. Blankenship's contract, Elementary Principal, as discussed in closed session was made by Simmons and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to renew Mr. Fritch's contract, Assistant Superintendent/High School Principal, as discussed in closed session was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.

President Hansen asked that Mr. Climer's contract be put on the agenda for next meeting.

Motion to post for individual aide position was made by Wallace and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to post for special education teacher was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to hire Jerrie Belcher for full-time bus driver was made by Simmons and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to hire Christina Couty as high school math teacher for the 2019-2020 SY was made by Coen and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to set 8th Grade Promotion for May 9, 2019 to begin at 7 pm and High School Graduation for May 10, 2019 to begin at 7 pm was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve out-of-state trip for the first grade to attend a play at the Carson Center in Paducah, KY on March 22, 2019 was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve out-of-state trip for the Science Club to visit the Magic House in St. Louis, MO in March 2019 was made by Wallace and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Mr. Climer reported that the financial and payroll software that is currently being used by the district will no longer be supported by Chalkable aka STI. We have looked at two different companies and have received quotes. We would like to look at one more and get a quote from them as well. There will be more information at the next meeting.

Motion to approve the amended school calendar to reflect the additional emergency days used in January and February was made by Simmons and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Under Old Business, a motion to accept settlement agreement with Mr. Brad Ewing as presented was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.

President Hansen reported on the progress of hiring an SRO. He appreciated everyone that came to the County Commissioners' meeting. There was a good turn out and showed lots of support. The County Commissioners were very supportive of the idea and agreed to meet in the form of a committee to hammer out the details. Commissioner Tim Wallace was assigned to the committee to meet with the Board. President Hansen stated they will be scheduling a Safety Committee meeting in the next few weeks.

Mr. Climer reported the school maintenance grant is not yet available. It has been approved but with the new Governor just taking office, it might be awhile before it becomes available. It will be a \$50,000/ 50% matching grant which could be used for the HVAC, windows and doors replacement project.

Mr. Fritch stated he has no update on the HVAC, windows and doors replacement project. He has not heard back from Baysinger since he called after the last Board meeting to tell them to move forward with the project. Mr. Fritch will contact them and have an update at the next meeting.

Mr. Fritch distributed the policy updates to all members and discussed the updates and new policies. Motion to approve updated and new policies as presented was made by Wallace and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Under Other Business, President Hansen commended Mr. Fritch for the fantastic job on the situation that occurred last week. The Board was pleased with how it was handled.

Member Coen asked the Board their thoughts on the 1% Sales Tax and if taking the next steps in the process was what the Board wanted. After some discussion, the Board consensus was to make some presentations and get a feel from the community and businesses. There will be new Board members seated in April and could wait to get their input as well.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. All members present voted yea.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm.

**Michael Hansen, President
Board of Education**

**Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education**