

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting  
Pope County CUSD #1  
Board of Education  
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library  
January 17, 2019  
7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 Simmons and seconded by Wallace to approve the agenda.**

**Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 12/18/2018; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; 5) Approve destruction of Closed Session Meeting CDs more than 18 months old; 6) Accept resignations of Mrs. Melanie Presser, Ms. Deborah Chambers, and Ms. Susan Hodson; and 7) Approve renewal of First Mid Wealth Management CDs; Walter, Willena L. Johnson, and Louise A. Baker scholarships, and sun setting of Halter scholarship. After some discussion, roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Under Administrative reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) We are in the process of completing the Aimsweb testing for the winter benchmark; 2)**

Progress Reports for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter are scheduled to go out on February 8<sup>th</sup>; 3) Dental Safari is scheduled to be at the school on January 18<sup>th</sup> for dental exams; 4) The Jr. High Girls have completed their season finishing with 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the conference and the boys will be playing their Regional tournament on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and are playing Thompsonville tonight; 5) The girls and boys travel basketball teams are starting to set up practice and games; and 6) Current Enrollment is 373 as of January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Boys basketball team begins the GEC tournament next week as the #3 seed; 2) Girls basketball team begins the GEC tournament on the 28<sup>th</sup> at Hardin County; 3) Gymnasium sound system upgrade is to be completed this weekend. They will be repositioning the speakers, installing a rack to get equipment off the floor, and adding a conditioner to the system; 4) Gym septic drainage problem has been repaired. Sutton's came and ran a 250 foot snake and hit mud indicating the line had collapsed. The old clay drain pipe has been replaced; and 5) Gym floor issue is still ongoing but trying to find a solution. Heavy plastic is going to be put down under the gym to block the moisture. Another option is to install a wired-in thermostat to keep the temperature consistent; and 5) Enrollment: Freshmen – 46, Sophomores – 32, Juniors – 41, Seniors – 31, Total 150.

Mr. Climer reported the following: 1) March 7<sup>th</sup> the ROE Compliance Visit is scheduled. We are in the process of updating our Board Policy Manuals for this

visit; 2) Received a perfect 4.0 score on our Financial Profile; 3) Grover Webb contacted the office in regards to Sheep Barn Hill road; wanted us to be aware they are trying to get the road leveled out to alleviate the blinding sun issue; and 4) QNS came and met with Mr. Fritch and Mr. Climer to discuss renewal of our service agreement which ends June 30, 2019. Mr. Climer notified them in writing that the District was terminating our contract. QNS has proposed a 3-year flat rate service agreement with a 2% rate increase in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> years. The service will remain the same as it has been but the cost has decreased.

Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of Assistant Superintendent evaluation, personnel employment, performance, and procedures was made by Hogg and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board entered executive session at 7:22 pm.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Simmons and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board returned at 8:18 pm.

Motion to approve closed session minutes and recommendations of minutes to become public record was made by Hogg and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to post for bus driver was made by Simmons and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas.

**Motion to accept the separation agreement was tabled.**

**Motion to post for full-time Pre-K teaching position was made by Hogg and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to post for full-time high school math teaching position was made by Wallace and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to accept request of Jessica Wagner for maternity leave beginning March 17 through end of year was made by Coen and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all; all yeas.**

**Mr. Fritch distributed bids he received from Michael Baysinger, Sheila Baysinger, Steve Sims, and D.A.R.T. Designs for the window and door replacement project in the elementary building. Mr. Fritch discussed each bid and added a \$50,000 Matching Grant from the State may be released soon. After some discussion, a motion was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Hogg to go under contract with Baysinger Architects to develop drawing for two door and window units in the elementary. Roll call vote: all yeas. If the grant was to come through and we were awarded the funds, we could update the contract to include 3 more door and window units for a total of five units.**

**Motion to approve overnight trip to Collinsville, IL for the FFA members to attend the 212 Annual Conference on February 8-9, 2019 was made by Simmons and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to approve out-of-state trip to Louisville, KY for the FFA members to attend the National Farm Machinery Show in February 2019 was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to approve out-of-state trip to Paducah, KY for the Pre-K classes to attend a play at the Carson Center on March 1, 2019 was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Mr. Fritch explained that his class meeting days have changed to Thursdays this semester and conflicts with the February and March Board meeting dates. He asked the Board consideration in changing those meeting dates. Motion to change the date of the February regular Board meeting to Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to change the date of the March regular Board meeting to Tuesday, March 19 at 7 pm was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

Under Old Business, Mr. Fritch distributed section 1 and 2 policy updates that were recommended for approval. He stated the previous administration neglected doing the updates and we need to get the entire policy manual updated. The Board will be given the updates in sections until the entire manual is up to date. The policies need to be current for our ROE Compliance Visit. Motion to approve the updates of Sections 1 and 2 of the Board Policy was made by Hogg and seconded by Wallace.

President Hansen state Member Wallace, Member Schuchardt, and himself attended the Village of Eddyville's meeting to discuss the implementation of a school safety officer for the school district. President Hansen stated the members were very receptive to the idea and is willing to help fund the position. President Hansen stated he is on the agenda for the Golconda City Council meeting February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. He asked that if any member, teacher, staff could come to the meeting, it would help our cause by showing support and get everyone on board. The next step is to talk with the County Commissioners to get them on board. The officers would be a county employee so this initiative hinges on their decision. The Board would like to have the officer in place when school starts in August.

Mr. Climer asked the Board if they would like to enter in to a 3-year Technology Service Agreement with QNS as was proposed. Mr. Climer added things to consider with QNS is the current service quality they provide is good and they

know our system and inventory. We are looking to phase out the Lenovo laptops with Chrome Books and the server at the high school is about to reach its life span. After some discussion, motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Coen to accept 3-year Technology Service Agreement with QNS as proposed. Roll call vote: all yeas. The Board also asked Mr. Fritch to get a quote from QNS on a phone system.

Under Other School Business, Member Simmons asked about the senior athlete banners. Mr. Fritch stated he has gotten a quote from Cherry Street Printing in Harrisburg for \$50 individual banners, which is the cheapest price he found. A team banner would cost less. Mr. Fritch also stated they are looking at updating the conference banners and the conference school banners in the gym.

Member Simmons asked about concession items sold during ball games. Mr. Fritch stated they have an agreement with the janitors that some items will not be sold at ball games due to the difficulty to remove them from the plastic bleachers and the floor.

Members Simmons and Coen asked about the concession inventory for the ball games. One game they ran out of popcorn during halftime of the JV game. Mr. Fritch stated Mr. Swinford was out of town at a conference at that time.

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, February 19, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. All members present voted yea.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 pm.

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**Michael Hansen, President  
Board of Education**

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**Paula Baker, Secretary  
Board of Education**