

**Minutes for Regular Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
Thursday, January 19, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Clay and the following members were present: Hansen, Hogg, Coen, Simmons, Richerson, and Clay. Collier was absent.

A motion was made by Coen and seconded by Hogg to approve the agenda. All members present voted yea.

A motion was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meeting on 12/15/16; 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; and 6) Accept resignation. After some questions regarding the bills, all members present voted yea.

Board member Collier entered the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

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 3rd quarter will go out on February 13th; 3) Jr. High

Basketball: - Girls will be playing in their Regional starting January 11th at Vienna. The Girls' season is over. Boys will be playing in their conference tournament on January 12th. The Regional will be January 24th and will play Cypress; 4) Dental Safari is scheduled for January 19th for dental exams; 5) 5th and 6th grade Girls Basketball will start at the end of the month with a game in Mayfield; 6) The boys basketball will include grades 4, 5, and 6. They will start playing in February; 7) We have 3 teachers, Reed, Carlton, and Keys, attending the Every Student Succeeds Acts Conference in Chicago on February 13th and 14th; and 8) Current enrollment 373 as of January 10th. Board member Hansen asked about the HVAC unit. Mr. Blankenship reported it has been installed but waiting on a control for the unit to be connected.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Progress reports go out on February 13th, 2017; 2) Have not received word from College Board about our missing PSAT scores yet; 3) Boys basketball Conference Tournament at SIC January 23rd – 28th; 4) Girls basketball Conference Tournament at Gallatin County on January 30th and February 2nd; 5) Scholar Bowl Team finished 3-3 in the GEC Tournament; and 6) Enrollment: Freshman- 45 Sophomores- 38 Juniors- 34 Seniors- 39 TOTAL: 156. Mr. Fritch also added that they have been using a program called IXL for Math improvement skills. They have also added two new classes which are dual-credit through SIC. Mrs. Johnson is teaching a Consumer Education class for seniors and students will get a college credit along with a high school credit. Mrs. Chambers is teaching a Math recovery class which will enable

students to test higher on the placement exam and enter into college level math classes when going to college.

Mr. Bleyer reported on the following: 1) Developments from Springfield and Washington are happening quickly. In Springfield, there is a lot happening.

Signs point to a so called 'Grand Bargain' to get a budget in place. It appears that there will be a property tax freeze, an alteration of retirement benefits, an income tax increase, a tax on sugary drinks, an increase to the minimum wage, and a bailout of Chicago Public Schools. There still is the issue of eliminating prevailing wage that is a priority of the Governor. In Washington, tomorrow will bring in a new administration, and I have no idea what to expect. I do know that the nominee for Secretary of Education had a terrible confirmation hearing and her chances of being confirmed may have dwindled. Many changes are coming and with a new administration taking office tomorrow, who knows what will happen; 2) The state did finally catch up with the funding from the last school year. This was a relief to our transportation and special education funds; 3) On January, 9th I went to Bloomington to pick up 25 HP laptops. They are great computers and will be put to use immediately. The estimated cost of the laptops is \$15,000; 4) We had another leak behind the high school in the same spot that was repaired two years ago. The key issue is that the pipeline will need to be replaced at some time. Due to the patchwork from years ago, the line need has too many points that can fail under stress; 5) The gym roof is near completion. The job has gone smoothly. There are a few loose end to be addressed but

most of the work is complete. I want to thank Baysinger Architects and Martin Roofing for their work on the project; and 6) Ryan and I picked up another squat rack for the weight room. The extra rack will allow for more athletes getting more repetitions and less wait time. Additionally, I redesigned the weight room to enhance with the flow of the room and eliminate obstacles. Also, I had the room cleaned and have plans to enhance the room this summer.

A motion to enter closed session for the purpose of personnel employment, performance, and procedures was made by Collier and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea. Board entered executive session at 7:37 p.m.

A motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Collier to return to regular session. All members present voted yea. Board returned at 8:44 p.m.

Under New Business, a motion was made by Hogg and seconded by Coen to make all closed session minutes public record. All members present voted yea: Hansen, Hogg, Coen, Simmons, Richerson, Collier, and Clay.

A motion was made to hire Tiffany Jones as individual aide by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

A motion to approve the PRESS policy updates minus 7.270 was made by Coen and seconded by Hogg. All members present voted yea.

A motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Hogg to approve a field trip to St. Louis for the high school Science Club as requested by Mr. Joe Sushinski and to provide transportation. All members present voted yea.

A motion to approve an overnight trip to Mr. Vernon February 3rd and 4th for four FFA members to attend the 212 Conference as requested by Mr. Wade Swinford was made by Simmons and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea.

A motion to approve an out-of-state trip to Louisville, Kentucky February 17th for the FFA to attend the National Farm Machinery Show as requested by Mr. Wade Swinford was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

A motion to post for part-time office assistant was made by Collier and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea.

Under Old Business, Board member Coen asked if the contractors for the roof were done, if we received a copy of the guarantee, manufacturer's warranty, and if a warranty was provided by the contractors? Mr. Bleyer stated all these documents are on file and the contractors offered a two year warranty on their work.

Member Coen also asked if we had a Facilities Management Plan in place to put future projects in the budget. He stated we have several areas that are going to need repairs/replaced in the near future. Mr. Bleyer responded that we have a three year inspection for this reason and will put future projects in a priority plan.

Under Other School Business, Board member Simmons stated she attended a meeting in which the speaker told them the students that attended Job Corp and received their GED or high school equivalency, were countable by the local school district for funding. Mr. Bleyer stated he would research this and report back to the Board.

Board member Richerson recommended the Board consider making Board officer terms two-year terms to coincide with the seating of new Board members. The Board agreed and this item will be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Bleyer will develop the new policy.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn until the next regular scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 7 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library was made by Hansen and seconded by Hogg. All members present voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

**Allen Clay, President
Board of Education**

**Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education**