

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
Thursday, July 16, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

Meeting was called to order by President Clay at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Hansen, Simmons, Coen, Richerson, Collier, and Clay. Hogg was absent.

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

A motion was made by Coen and seconded by Richerson to approve the consent agenda including the following items; 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meeting on 6/18/15; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; 5) Approve Making All Closed Session Minutes Public Record; 6) Approve Destruction of Closed Session Tapes More Than 18 Months Old; 7) Accept Resignation- Kassidy Shoemaker (Title I Aide and High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach). All members present voted yea.

Under Administrative reports, Mr. Bleyer reported the following: 1) The District did offer to purchase a work truck from the Pope County Housing Authority. I have been working with Ed Littlefield on the purchase. The Truck is a 2003 F-250 with a lift and tool boxes installed on the bed. It has 57,000 miles and runs well. Tim will make some improvements and get it ready as soon as possible. We were able to purchase the truck

for \$4,200. Mr. Bleyer thanked the PCHA and Ed Littlefield for this opportunity; 2) The buildings are coming along nicely. The work camp has provided workers to accelerate the cleaning process. They have done a nice job; 3) The technology upgrades have continued throughout the summer. We have replaced all of the outdated desktops. We have also increased our room by removing the desktops; 4) The assembly did send a separate school funding budget to the governor. He did sign the budget, and districts are now able to prepare their budgets. The funding level was set at 92% of proration with a hold harmless fund of \$85 million. The hold harmless provision is fed to districts affected the most by proration cut per pupil. The state now will not allow proration per pupil to rise above \$239. Last year, we were \$456 per pupil proration (a benefit of \$217). If this is not further prorated this fiscal year, this should increase our funding by \$110,000; and 5) The Illinois Senate today voted down the freeze on property taxes and passed the NCLB Bill which secures the Title I funds for another ten years.

A motion was made by Richerson and seconded by Coen to enter closed session for the purpose of personnel employment. All members present voted yea. Board entered closed session at 7:12 p.m.

A motion was made by Richerson and seconded by Simmons to return to regular session. All members present vote yea. Board returned at 7:40 p.m.

At this time, President Clay asked the principals to address the Board regarding the student handbooks. Mr. Blankenship and Mr. Fritch distributed copies of the handbooks to all Board members discussing the changes and answering questions.

A motion to approve the Jr. High School Student Handbooks was made by Simmons and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea.

Motion to approve the High School Student Handbooks was made by Simmons and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea.

Mr. Bleyer distributed copies of the PRESS updates to our Board Policy Manual and discussed the updates that need to be adopted by the Board. This satisfies the 1st Reading of the updates and a copy will be on display in the Unit Office for viewing until the next scheduled Board meeting. No action at this time.

President Clay asked Athletic Director, Jessi Hall, to address the Board regarding the Athletic Bid for SY 2015-2016. Mrs. Hall distributed copies to all Board members for review and answered all questions.

A motion to approve the Athletic Bids as presented by Jessi Hall, Athletic Director, was made by Simmons and seconded by Coen. All members present voted as follows: Hansen, Coen, Simmons, Collier, and Clay; yea, Richerson, nay. Motion passed.

Motion to approve renewal of PSIC insurance was made by Richerson and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

Motion to approve Transportation Agreement with Southern Seven HeadStart as written was made by Coen and seconded by Collier. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Amanda Evenson for Title I Aide for the 2015-16 SY was made by Simmons and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Candice Lemon for Title I Aide for the 2015-16 SY was made by Richerson and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Robbie Reeder for Title I Aide for the 2015-16 SY was made by Simmons and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Julie Roper for Special Ed Aide for the 2015-16 SY was made by Simmons and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Paula Baker for High School Yearbook Sponsor for the 2015-16 SY was made by Richerson and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

Motion to post for individual aide positions for the upcoming school year was made by Collier and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea.

Mr. Bleyer asked the Board consider an alternative for 12-month employee vacation days instead of having to use them or lose them. He explained to the Board that these employees should get a benefit of a working day instead of having to exhaust all their vacation days. Since 12-month employees do not retain a sub for their position, the District isn't out that cost. Mr. Bleyer stated he could develop a new contract for 11- and 12- month employees in regards to this proposal. The Board asked him to develop new contracts and they would consider the options.

Other School Business, the Board was asked by the head coaches to approve volunteer coaches for the fall sports. A motion to approve Mr. Mike Hall and Mr. Red Stafford for Jr. High Softball was made by Richerson and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea. A motion to approve Mr. Brett Campbell and Mr. Seth Graves for High School Baseball was made by Simmons and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea. A motion to approve Mr. Tommy Hobbs and Mr. Kyle Wise for Jr. High Baseball was made by Simmons and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, August 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library was made by Coen and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

**Allen Clay, President
Board of Education**

**Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education**