

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
Thursday, July 20, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

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

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

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons to approve the consent agenda including the following items; 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meeting on 6/20/17 and 7/13/2017; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; 5) Approve Making All Closed Session Minutes Public Record; and 6) Approve Destruction of Closed Session Tapes More Than 18 Months Old. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Under Administrative reports, Dr. Bleyer reported the following: 1) Both of the schools are under a massive cleaning, painting, and repairing efforts. There is more going on than I can list. I want to thank all of the custodians and the student workers for their efforts; 2) The water line has been buried, and there were no effects to our fiber optic cable; 3) Projector upgrades are continuing this summer. These installations should be complete before the upcoming school year. In the next school year, I will continue to replace outdated and failing equipment with modern and energy efficient equipment; and 4) The state did pass a budget and operational bill, but there still is not a spending bill for public education. Senate Bill 1 and Senate Bill 1124 are competing formulas for school funding. Senate Bill 1 has passed both chambers but has not been delivered to the governor's desk. The Senate has 60 days to deliver. This has led to speculation that there may be a compromise between the two bills. Either way, no money has been allocated to fund school districts. Dr. Bleyer added that there is 11.5 billion set aside for education, with 5.56 billion not attached to GSA, which means they could pay the

categorical payments; transportation, lunch program, Early Childhood, and Special Education. Dr. Bleyer stated there will be Districts in our area say they will not be able to open without State monies, but this is not a statement going to be made by our District at this time. Our District is in good shape and will have our doors open. Coen asked if other Districts do not open can their students come here. Dr. Bleyer stated they would have to prove residency or pay out of District tuition. Hansen asked how many days of working cash we have on hand. Dr. Bleyer stated approximately 150 days. Hansen also asked if the Governor has a line item veto option. Dr. Bleyer said he can veto the bill but has stated he wants to veto the Chicago schools' payments. Dr. Bleyer stated they will most likely put the bill on the Governor's desk the week before school starts to create a panic mode like they did with the budget.

A motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Schuchardt to enter closed session for the purpose of personnel employment. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board entered closed session at 7:13 p.m.

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Coen to return to regular session. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board returned at 8:57 p.m.

A motion to hire Shannon Markus as Pre-K Aide for the 2017-18 SY was made by Hogg and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: Schuchardt, Wallace, Coen, Hogg, Hansen; yea, Simmons; abstained.

Motion to hire Amanda Evenson as Title I Aide for the 2017-2018 SY was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to hire Candice Lemon as Title I Aide for the 2017-2018 SY was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to hire Robbie Reeder as Title I Aide for the 2017-2018 SY was made by Simmons and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to hire Julie Roper for Special Education Aide for the 2017-2018 SY was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve contract for Jeane Clayton was made by Wallace and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to post for Academic Advisor/Student Council Advisor was made by Hogg and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to post for Jr. High Science teacher was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to amend the 2017-18 School Calendar as presented was made by Simmons and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.

President Hansen called for a special meeting on August 1, 2017 at 7 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library.

Under Old Business, Dr. Bleyer presented the band instrument inventory list. Board members discussed some option on what to do with the instruments and concluded they would not throw anything away but ask teachers and staff if they could use any of it, donate to churches, maybe have an auction, contact Mrs. Brickhaus and Mr. Clay to see if they might want anything. Dr. Bleyer stated he will start with the teachers and staff to see what they may want for their classrooms and go from there.

President Hansen asked Dr. Bleyer to report on the extracurricular student drug testing. Dr. Bleyer distributed the Board Policy 7:240 to all members and explained the policy is already in place to administer the testing. He has information from other school districts that have testing in place and received a proposal from First Advantage which would administer the testing process. The company would randomly choose the students, the nurse or principals would get the urine sample from the student, we would then mail the sample to the lab, and we would get the results within a week. The startup fee is \$180.00, annual fee is \$150.00, and each sample is \$36.50. The district would offer counseling to students that test positive and refer them to Family Counseling Center. Schuchardt asked if Dr. Bleyer could get all the information together in a presentation for the next board meeting. Coen asked that this be put in the local paper for community and parent feedback. Hansen asked what happens when a student refuses to take the drug test. Mr. Fritch read the policy in the High School Student Handbook on alcohol and drugs for sports and clubs. Hansen added the policy would need to be made clear to all students. Hogg asked how many students this would affect and test a percentage of those students per month. Dr. Bleyer stated he would have a presentation with more information at the next meeting.

Under Other Business, Coen asked for an update on the softball field dugouts. Dr. Bleyer stated Job Corp will not be finishing the project due to the closure of the Job Corp Center. They will finish what they can and we will need to find someone to complete the project. The Board discussed some options on getting the project completed.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting until the special called meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Michael Hansen, President
Board of Education

Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education