

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
Thursday, July 21, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

Meeting was called to order by President Clay at 7:04 p.m. The following members were present: Hansen, Coen, Richerson, and Clay. Hogg, Simmons, and Collier were absent.

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

A motion was made by Richerson and seconded by Coen to approve the consent agenda including the following items; 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meeting on 6/16/2016; 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. All members present voted yea.

At this time, President Clay allowed for recess in order to take the Board members to the English classroom and Computer Lab. Mr. Bleyer explained the damage and repairs that are being made in those areas. All toured the Ag Shop while Mr. Bleyer explained the improvements made to that area via a grant.

President Clay called the meeting back to order at 7:30 pm. Member Collier joined the meeting during the recess.

Under Administrative reports, Mr. Bleyer reported the following: 1) The General Assembly and the Governor agreed to a full year school budget. Although there was no movement on funding reform, this is a relief to all school districts in Illinois; 2) The high school has two classrooms that have structural damage. Over the years, water has seeped into the classrooms and caused deterioration of the support beams. I contacted our architect, and he declared the rooms unusable and contacted Galloway Construction. I met with Galloway and initiated the repair process. Since this is an emergency, there was no time to initiate an RFP process; 3) The renovations to the Agriculture Workshop continue and everything is on schedule to be completed before school begins; and 4) ISBE and the NSLP are requiring us to raise the purchase price of our lunches. Right now the elementary students pay \$1.50, the high school students pay \$1.75, and adults pay \$2.00. The state average is \$2.78. We need to gradually raise the price by 10 cents on all purchased lunches.

Member Hansen asked about the PARCC testing for high school students. Mr. Bleyer explained that the State is going to move to SAT testing for high school and PSAT for 8th grade.

Member Coen asked about the repairs to the classroom and lab regarding it being an emergency situation and the funding. Mr. Bleyer explained it was an emergency due to the timeframe of getting repairs done before school starts. The outcome of the insurance claim will determine the cost to the District.

A motion was made by Coen and seconded by Collier to enter closed session for the purpose of personnel employment. All members present voted yea. Board entered closed session at 7:42 pm.

A motion was made by Richerson and seconded by Collier to return to regular session. All members present vote yea. Board returned at 8:39 pm.

At this time, Mr. Blankenship and Mr. Fritch distributed the student handbooks and discussed the changes with the Board. A motion to approve the Jr. High and High School handbook was made by Collier and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea.

Mr. Bleyer presented the Board Policy update and asked if there were any questions. Board members discussed the policy in length. The policy will be on display in the Unit Office for 30 days. Action will be taken at the next Board meeting.

A motion to approve Resolution to Dismiss and to Authorize Notice of Dismissal and Charges was made by Coen and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea.

A motion to hire Nicole Key for ELA Jr. High Math teacher was made by Collier and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Sherry Cannon for bus driver was made by Hansen and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Amanda Evenson as Title I Aide for the 2016-2017 SY was made by Richerson and seconded by Hansen. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Candice Lemon as Title I Aide for the 2016-2017 SY was made by Coen and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Robbie Reeder as Title I Aide for the 2016-2017 SY was made by Hansen and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Julie Roper as Special Ed Aide for the 2016-2017 SY was made by Collier and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea.

Motion to approve maternity leave request of Mrs. Jessica Wagner was made by Hansen and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea.

Consideration for Unit Secretary and Bookkeeper job descriptions was tabled.

Consideration for 11-month secretaries was tabled.

Under Other Business, Richerson gave an update on the softball field project. The tile is all in place and ready for sand and clay to be put down. The mule mix will be tilled in to finish off the top surface.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library was made by Coen and seconded by Hansen. All members present voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

**Allen Clay, President
Board of Education**

**Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education**