

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
Thursday, June 16, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

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

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

At this time the Board held election of new school Board officers. Hogg made a motion to take nominations for the office of president and nominated Allen Clay seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea.

Richerson made a motion to close nominations for the office of president and elect Allen Clay as president for a term ending April 2017 seconded by Hansen. All members present voted as follows: Hansen, Hogg, Coen, Simmons, Richerson, yea; Clay, nay.

Coen made a motion to take nomination for office of vice president and nominated Keith Collier seconded by Hansen. All members present voted yea.

Coen made a motion to close nominations for office of vice president and elect Keith Collier as vice president for a term ending April 2017 seconded by Hansen. All members present voted yea.

Richerson made a motion to take nominations for closed session secretary and nominated Kathy Simmons seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea.

Hansen made a motion to close nominations for closed session secretary and elect Kathy Simmons for closed session secretary for a term ending April 2017 seconded by Hogg. All members present voted as follows; Hansen, Hogg, Coen, Richerson, Clay, yea; Simmons, nay.

Richerson made a motion to take nominations for WOVSED board representative and nominated Dan Coen seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

Hansen made a motion to close nominations for WOVSED board representative and elect Dan Coen for WOVSED board representative for a term ending April 2017 seconded by Hogg. All members present voted as follows; Hansen, Hogg, Simmons, Richerson, Clay, yea; Coen, abstained.

Richerson made a motion to appoint Paula Baker as secretary seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

Richerson made a motion to appoint Margie Bowman as treasurer seconded by Hogg. All members present voted yea.

A motion to amend the consent agenda to include the registration of Melissa Corbit as Title I Math teacher was made by Richerson and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea.

A motion was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons to approve the consent agenda including the following items; 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meeting on 5/17/16; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; and 5) Accept Resignation- Melissa Corbit, Title I Math teacher. All members present voted yea.

At this time, the GRP Group was invited to present to the Board their findings and recommendations for improvements to our facilities.

Under Administrative reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) Cleaning and repairs are being made in the classrooms; 2) 2016-2017 Registration dates: K-2 July 27th, 3-5 July 28th, and 6-8 July 29th; 3) Baseball and Softball tryouts will take place on August 1st and 2nd (5-7 p.m.); 4) Coach Hogg has been working on basketball skills with girls in open gyms; 5) Candice Potts is sending in an entry into the Fab School Lab Contest sponsored by the Northorp Grumman Foundation. All qualified entries will be

judged during Stage 1 of the process. During this process the entries will be narrowed to the top 25. Stage 2 will consist of a public voting and in Stage 3 the 5 winners will be chosen. Each of the 5 winners will receive up to \$100,000.00 for a lab make-over. The winners will be announced around December 1st; and 6) I have been looking at different options for trophy cases at the Elementary/Jr. High. I have discussed the issue with the AD and with Dewayne Hill. We have measured the possible areas for location for a starting point.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Custodians have been cleaning, painting, and making repairs to the building. The Job Corp and Boot Camp have had students/crews here to help; 2) Ag department is undergoing major renovation through a grant that we received. Work is almost complete; 3) Boys and Girls basketball teams have been practicing and attending camps; 4) Registration for the 16-17 school year will be held: Freshman/Sophomore August 3rd, Junior/Senior August 4th, New Students August 5th; 5) I have been in contact with Andy Palmer to put something together for Dustin Turners career scoring recognition; and 6) Coach Forthman and I are working together to develop a plan to put new banners, conference logos, and 1000 point club in the gym. We have been in contact with Green Bean Graphics and Jeremy is putting together a package to include all of the designs. We are currently looking for another quote and other options.

Mr. Bleyer reported the following: 1) The assembly and the Governor were unable to pass a budget at the last session. Although the end of May is usually the timetable for passing a state budget, there is the probability of a special session this summer. I will

continue to monitor the situation; 2) On Wednesday, June 8th, I was interviewed by Niala Boodhoo of The 21st Show that was broadcasted live on NPR. The interview surrounded Pope County CUSD #1 financial situation in relation to the school funding formula and the impact of proration on the district. I was proud to advocate for Pope County throughout the entire state; and 3) Improvements are continuing for the district this summer. The agriculture classroom and shop are in the process of being completely remodeled. The rooms are being stripped and painted and the hood exhaust system is almost complete.

A motion was made by Hogg and seconded by Coen to enter closed session for the purpose of personnel performance and employment. All members present voted yea. Board entered closed session at 7:58 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 8:56 p.m.

A motion to adopt the FY 2015-2016 amended school district budget was made by Richerson and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea: Hansen, Hogg, Simmons, Coen, Richerson, and Clay.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Bond for the 2016-2017 SY was made by Richerson and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea.

Motion to approve renewal of the 2016-2017 District Insurance Policy with PSIC/Illinois School District was made by Hogg and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea.

Mr. Bleyer distributed the non-certified employee salary schedule. A motion to approve non-certified employee salary schedule as presented was made by Richerson and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted as follows: Hansen, Hogg, Simmons, Richerson, Clay, yea; Coen abstained.

Motion to approve Resolution 16-04-21 transferring of funds from Health/Life/Safety Fund to Operations and Maintain Fund of \$62,555, were funds are needed to cover the purchase of HVAC systems for the district was made by Hogg and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea.

A motion to approve Resolution 16-06-16 – Publication of Prevailing Wage Rate was made by Richerson and seconded by Hogg. All members present voted as follows: Hansen, Hogg, Coen, Simmons, Richerson, yea; Clay, nay.

Mr. Bleyer distributed the athletic bids for the SY 2016-2017. Mr. Bleyer noted that these items would be purchased throughout the year as needed. Motion to approve athletic bids as presented was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

Motion to approve leave request of Ashley Payne for the remainder of the 2016-2017 SY was made by Hogg and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Kisty Arnold as 5th Grade/Elementary Teacher was made by Hansen and seconded by Hogg. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire James Forthman as high school cross country coach was made by Richerson and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Kisty Arnold as Jr. High school cross country coach was made by Simmons and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Candice Potts as Jr. High school student council sponsor was made by Clay and seconded by Hansen. All members present voted yea.

Motion to post for Jr. High Math/English Language Arts teacher was made by Simmons and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea.

Board member Richerson made a motion to disregard guidelines from Department of Justice seconded by Coen. Superintendent Bleyer advised the Board this may put the District at risk. After much discussion, all members present voted yea.

Board member Coen discussed with the Board a case in Washington State where the school districts are suing the State and Government for not being “primarily responsible with funding” the school district. He asked that Superintendent Bleyer discuss with other superintendents if they feel Illinois government is being responsible with funding Illinois School Districts.

Under Old Business, Mr. Bleyer discussed with the Board the urgency of repairing the softball and baseball fields. They are in unsafe playing conditions for our students/children. He proposed, by recommendations from the Massac County Superintendent and Athletic Director, that we excavate the current dirt infields and replace with mule mix, estimated cost to be \$3,100. Mr. Bleyer stated they had a 1 month window to complete the project. After much discussion, the Board devised a plan to keep cost down and complete the project with the help of volunteers, donation of dump truck, and donation of sand and dirt. Project start date was set for July 1, 2016.

Mr. Bleyer advised the Board the PCEA Bargaining Committee has requested, in writing, a meeting with the Board Committee. The Board Committee set a date of July 27 at 5 p.m. in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial

Library was made by Simmons and seconded by Hogg. All members present voted yea.

Meeting adjourned at 10:38 p.m.

**Allen Clay, President
Board of Education**

**Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education**