

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting  
Pope County CUSD #1  
Board of Education  
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library  
Tuesday, June 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, Clay, Hogg, and Hansen.

A motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Clay 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 5/20/17; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; and 5) Accept Resignations- Lysa Wise and Mary Johnson. All members present voted yea.

President Hansen recognized Tarah Lewis under visitors and will meet with her in closed session.

Under Administrative reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) Cleaning and repairs are being made in the classrooms; 2) 2017-2018 Registration dates: K-2 July 26<sup>th</sup>, 3-5 July 27<sup>th</sup>, and 6-8 July 28<sup>th</sup>; 3) Softball tryouts will take place on July 31<sup>st</sup> and

August 1<sup>st</sup> (5-7 p.m.); and 4) Kindergarten Open House will take place on August 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm. Mr. Blankenship also distributed a Jr. High schedule and discussed changes made to the math schedule. They have added Math 8.1 for the more advanced students. Key and Kirby will be working with the Jr. High students to be more in line for high school math.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Custodians have been cleaning, painting, and making repairs to the building; 2) Boys and Girls basketball teams have been practicing and attending camps; 3) Registration for the 17-18 school year will be held: Freshman/Sophomore August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Junior/Senior August 3<sup>rd</sup>, New Students August 4<sup>th</sup> (9:00am-1:00pm). Mr. Fritch distributed a High School Master Schedule and explained with the resignation of Mrs. Johnson, the schedule is subject to change.

Mr. Bleyer reported the following: 1) Dale Fowler, Senator, met with area Superintendents today. He wanted our input on how the schools in this area are doing. Session will open tomorrow and he stated the Governor is going to introduce a new plan for education; 2) On June 1st, I was interviewed by the 21st Show. The show is out of Champaign and centers only on issues dealing with Illinois. I was interviewed about the ramifications of the lack of a state budget has had on our District. Over the last year, this was the third time I have been interviewed by this program; 3) As of now, the new waterline has had no issues with our fiber optic line; and 4) As of the last meeting, the state has yet to provide any further funding.

**A motion was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Wallace to enter closed session for the purpose of personnel performance, procedures, and employment. All members present voted yea. Board entered closed session at 7:21 p.m.**

**A motion was made by Clay and seconded by Coen to return to regular session. All members present vote yea. Board returned at 8:37 p.m.**

**A motion to adopt the FY 2016-2017 amended school district budget was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to approve the Treasurer's Bond for the 2017-2018 SY was made by Clay and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to approve renewal of the 2017-2018 District Insurance Policy with PSIC/Illinois School District was made by Hogg and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to amend the following Job Description: Head Cook – added stipend, Bookkeeper – adjusted work hours, District Nurse – name changed for Health Aide and added stipend for homeless liaison, District Administrative Assistant – name changed from Unit Secretary, adjusted work hours, and added stipend for Board meetings, High School and K-8 Secretaries – added stipend for calling subs and added cell phone allowance was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Dr. Bleyer distributed the non-certified employee salary schedule. A motion to approve non-certified employee salary schedule with a .14 cents increase to the base and .11 cents increase to the step was made by Clay and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to set travel reimbursement at FY 17 GSA per diem plus 50% and adopt Resolution 17-06-20A Employee Travel Reimbursement was made by Wallace and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: Schuchardt, Wallace, Simmons, Coen, Hogg, Hansen; yea, Clay abstained.**

**A motion to approve Resolution 17-06-20B – Publication of Prevailing Wage Rate was made by Clay and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: Schuchardt, Wallace, Simmons, Coen, Clay, Hogg; yea, Hansen abstained.**

**Motion to dissolve the Pearl Walker Scholarship and divide the remaining funds for the high school choir and drama club was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to approve the Elementary/Jr. High School Student Handbook as presented by Mr. Blankenship was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to approve the High School Student Handbook as present by Mr. Fritch was made by Wallace and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Dr. Bleyer distributed the athletic bids for the SY 2017-2018. After some questions and discussion, a motion to approve athletic bids as presented was made by Clay and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to hire Joshua Mieldezis for Jr. High School Baseball Coach for the 2017-2018 SY was made by Simmons and seconded by Clay. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to hire Tarah Lewis for High School Cheerleading Coach for the 2017-2018 SY pending proper certification was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Dr. Bleyer proposed a .25 cents rate increase for breakfast and lunch program. He explained the program is not making any money and costing the District. After some discussion, a motion was made to approve a .25 cent increase for the school breakfast and lunch program by Clay and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: Wallace, Simmons, Coen, Clay, Hogg, Hansen; yea, Schuchardt abstained.**

Dr. Bleyer discussed the District Title I Plan with the Board. A motion was made to approve the District Title I Plan as presented by Dr. Bleyer by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas. Dr. Bleyer added that once it is submitted to the ISBE, Paula will send a copy to all members.

Dr. Bleyer distributed the Agricultural Education Annual Report 2016-17 prepared by Mr. Wade Swinford, Ag Teacher. No action needed.

Motion to post for the following positions: Pre-K Aide, High School Business/Guidance Teacher, and High School Student Council Sponsor was made by Coen and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Under Other Business, Coen asked about the band instruments. Dr. Bleyer stated they are still in storage. He has pictures and inventory on all instruments and will bring to the next meeting.

Hogg asked Dr. Bleyer to gather information on a drug testing policy for extracurricular students. Dr. Bleyer stated he had talked with other area superintendents about their drug policies and procedures. He will get more information on cost, counseling, contracts and policy to bring to the next Board meeting.

Schuchardt stated he felt the Board needed to look at a new design layout for the meetings. He felt is it unprofessional to sit with his back to the audience and teachers that attend meetings. Dr. Bleyer stated he has some layouts and will have Paula email them to the members.

Clay asked about a softball field update. Dr. Bleyer stated the Job Corp is scheduled to start the concrete work next week.

Clay asked if the Jr. High Basketball Coach position had been posted and if anyone had applied. Dr. Bleyer stated no one had applied at this time.

Schuchardt asked about the lunch reimbursements. Mr. Fritch stated this was the money left in student accounts at the end of the year. Some of the students were seniors and so we refund their money.

Coen asked about the Sherriff bringing the drug dog to the school, who knows he is coming and how much notice is given. Mr. Fritch stated he doesn't know until the morning of and just a few hours in advance. Sherriff brings the Massac County K-9 Unit to conduct the search.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial

**Library was made by Clay and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas. Meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.**

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**Michael Hansen, President  
Board of Education**

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**Paula Baker, Secretary  
Board of Education**