

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting  
Pope County CUSD #1  
Board of Education  
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library  
March 15, 2018  
7:00 p.m.**

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

Motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Schuchardt to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Wallace to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 2/15/2018; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment, excluding a bill from Baysinger Architects; 4) Accept Financial Reports; and 5) Renewal of IHSA membership. Roll call vote: all yeas.

President Hansen recognized Jennifer White and Betty Hughes, Project Graduation sponsors, to discuss the plans of Project Graduation. The graduating class would like the use of the high school gym, community room, kitchen, and a ball field on the night of graduation from 10 pm – 7 am. They plan to give a donation for the use of the ball field lights. President Hansen and the

Board members were agreeable with the plans and informed them they need to complete the proper paperwork for approval.

President Hansen recognized the Hometown Heroes Proposal Committee for project updates. The committee members are Kolby Robertson, Gwen Bowman, Trenton Huston, Emily Adduci, Allie Hughes, Jayden Smith, Maggee Bleyer and sponsors Mrs. Krysta Graves and Mrs. Laura Hosfeldt. The committee presented a slide show informing that they have received overwhelming support from the community and is \$225 shy of reaching their goal. They have sold 13 trash cans and received numerous donations. They have designed HH t-shirts and are selling them as part of the project to raise funds. The support they have received increased the project to cover the county, not just Golconda. The order for the trash cans is almost ready to be placed and the project will be completed by the end of the school year. The students also discussed their wonderful experiences with the mentoring aspect of the project. President Hansen commended the students on this project for a job well done.

Tarah Lewis, high school cheer coach, was recognized by the Board to discuss her desire to take the cheerleaders to competitions next year since they had such a great year and winning the GEC Conference. They would compete in 2 -3 competitions, these would be over-night trips, and could bring up the 8<sup>th</sup> graders for competitions if they are in the NCA or UCA divisions. She also requested that they purchase new mats, which would be used in competitions. The Board

thanked Mrs. Lewis for taking the initiative and her successful year. The Board agreed the competitions would be good for the cheerleaders and will approve her request for travel. The mats will be added to the athletic bid.

Mrs. Laura Hosfeldt and Mr. Seth Graves addressed the Board regarding the addition of a Jr. High scholar bowl team. Mr. Graves would like to showcase the Jr. High students in academics and explained how this would benefit the students once they go to high school as well. Mrs. Hosfeldt added the longer the students are involved the better they become in scholar bowl. This additional position would be negotiated in the teacher's contract. The Board agreed it would be a great program for the Jr. High students to get involved.

Under Administrative reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) PARCC testing is underway; 2) The Illinois Science Assessment will be scheduled after PARCC is finished; 3) The 8<sup>th</sup> grade is also scheduled to take the PSAT on April 12<sup>th</sup>; 4) Spring pictures for K-8 are scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup>; 5) The Music/Drama teachers will have a talent show on the evening of April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the high school gym; 6) Kindergarten pre-registration is April 18<sup>th</sup>; 7) Jr. High Choir will be doing a musical for the students on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 (9:00 am for grades K-5 and the parents of Choir members); and 8) Current enrollment is 399 as of March 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Blankenship added how proud he is of the Hometown Hero students and what a great job they are doing with the project.

**Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) We are currently preparing to administer the SAT on April 10<sup>th</sup>; 2) The end of third quarter was March 9<sup>th</sup>. Grade cards were mailed on the 12<sup>th</sup>; 3) Baseball and softball seasons are in full swing; 4) Scholar Bowl team hosted the Regional Tournament on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Johnston City won the tournament. We defeated Carrier Mills in the quarterfinals and lost to Johnston City in the semi-finals; 5) We had several students perform well at the IHSA Music Solo and Ensemble Contest. Division 1 (Superior): Cameron Hill, Jordyn Swinford, Gwen Bowman, Maggee Bleyer. Division 2 (Excellent): A Capella Group, Emily Nelson and Shelby Rawlings; 6) Spring Play is Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. They will perform the High School Musical; 7) FFA Tractor Show is April 14<sup>th</sup>; and 8) Enrollment: Freshmen – 36, Sophomores – 41, Juniors – 31 and Seniors – 31, total 139. Mr. Fritch added the baseball coaches would like to thank the Board for the Diamond Pro for the field and the pitching machine.**

**Dr. Bleyer reported the following: 1) We will begin installing the vett baffles in the ceiling of Dutton Gymnasium. They were delivered today. The scissor lift will be delivered Friday, and we have rented it for a month. While we have the lift, light bulbs will be changed to LED bulbs; 2) The administration will be meeting on March 20th at 9 am with county leaders to further collaborate on possible emergency situations. I will have a report on that meeting at the next meeting; 3) The softball complex dugouts and concrete construction phase has completed. We are still finishing some details and will need to purchase new bleachers. Mr. Fritch distributed the quote from BSN including two benches for the dugouts,**

one 15' and one 21', two sets of bleachers, one 3 row and one 4 row with fencing. The quote total is \$5,045 plus feight; and 4) The IL-Empower grant has been submitted to the state. I am awaiting the approval to move forward. The grant is for \$75,000 and will be spent on 18 projectors to finish out the classroom in the elementary building, professional development for teachers during the summer with a stipend for those that attend, and new K-5 ELA curriculum, which will also use Title I funds for the completion of the purchase. All the money will be spent.

Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel performance, procedures, and employment was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board entered executive session at 8:05 pm.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Simmons and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board returned at 8:14 pm.

Motion to approve Resolution 18-03-15A authorizing the dismissal of the following full-time educational support personnel: Amanda Evenson, Kathryn Jolly, Candice Lemon, Tracy O'Neal, Charlie Poole, Amber Presser, Amanda Rawlings, Julie Roper, and Sarah Simmons was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.

**Motion to approve Resolution 18-03-15B authorizing the dismissal of the following part-time educational support personnel: Tiffany Jones and Robbie Reeder was made by Simmons and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to approve the purchase of benches and bleachers for the softball complex was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**President Hansen addressed a letter from Mr. Swinford that was in the packet but not on the agenda for approval for an out-of-state trip to Murray, KY for the FFA. This will be on the next agenda for approval.**

**Under Other Business, President Hansen thanked the PTO, and he was very pleased with the PTO's Daddy/Daughter Dance again this year. It was very nicely done and hopes they continue it in the future.**

**President Hansen asked how the carts were coming along and Mrs. Hosfeldt stated they have received three laptop carts and are all working great. She thanked everyone that donated toward the purchases.**

**Member Schuchardt had three items to bring to the Board, 1) He inquired about big poster size pictures of all senior athletes displayed in the gym, 2) LED lights**

on the backboards, and 3) IT service provider. These items were referred to the goals committee.

Member Hogg inquired about the student Walk out. Mr. Blankenship and Mr. Fritch both stated it went well and cause no disruptions.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Hogg to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. All members present voted yea.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

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**Michael Hansen, President  
Board of Education**

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**Paula Baker, Secretary  
Board of Education**