

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
March 19, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Board President Hansen and the following members were present: Wallace, Coen, Clay, and Hansen.

Schuchardt, Simmons, and Hogg were absent.

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

Motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Clay to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 2/19/2019; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; 5) Renewal of IHSA membership; and 6) Student Immunization Data. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Under Administrative reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) IAR testing is underway. This testing is similar to PARCC but a shorter format; 2) The Illinois Science Assessment will be scheduled after IAR is finished; 3) Pre-K Screenings are scheduled for March 27th; 4) Jr. High Dance this Friday – March 22nd; 5) The Rural fire department asked for our assistance in getting the word out about a smoke detector program being offered; distributed a flyer to all

members; 6) Jr. High Choir will be doing a musical for the students on April 12th at 9:30 am for grades K-5 and the parents of Choir members; 7) Mrs. Dunning's class organized a St. Jude's Penny Drive to raise money for St. Jude's Childrens Hospital. With the help from other classes and individuals they have raised slightly over \$2000.00; and 8) Current enrollment is 374 as of March 14th.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Ethan Jarvis placed third in Illinois in Orchestra Class D for his Piano performance at the IHSA solo and ensemble contest. This is a great accomplishment for Ethan since he just started playing piano in August; 2) Several students received Division I (Superior) and Division II (Excellent) at the IHSA solo and ensemble contest. Students that participated were: Gwen Bowman, Anna Wasson, Hannah Pegg, Emily Nelson, Ethan Jarvis, Cameron Hill, Remington Curry, Travis Dukes, Halee Buttrum; 3) Spring Play "Footloose" at 7:00 on April 9th in the High School Gym; 4) FFA Tractor Show is April 13th; 5) Ron Lemon of the Pope County Ambulance Service has contacted me about a "Prom Night Presentation". They work in cooperation with the fire department, sheriff's department, and Air Evac Helicopter to simulate a crash that was a result of poor prom night decisions; 6) We received several free desks from Vienna High School. We will get them cleaned up and in the classrooms this summer; and 7) Enrollment: Freshmen – 46, Sophomores – 33, Juniors – 41 and Seniors – 29, total 148. Mr. Fritch added the Fire Department has also contacted him to come out to make a presentation for recruiting a Junior Fire Department team.

Mr. Climer reported the following: 1) The ROE conducted our annual compliance visit with no major findings. A final report will be forth coming; 2) We also had a School Meals Review with no major findings and a final report will be coming. We are on the verge of qualifying for the district –wide free lunch program. It is based off our April 1st enrollment. Kala is watching the numbers; and 3) The administration is working on a Consolidated District System that houses all grants and how we apply for all grants. We are working on the ground level getting all the information in the system.

Our Student Representative, Kaleb Schutt, reported on the following: 1) A few weeks ago, we hosted the GEC Scholar Bowl match. Pope did well; 2) Hometown Heroes are working on their park, laying plastic and getting gravel in place; 3) Our softball team won 3rd and the Fairfield tournament over the weekend; 4) The Art Show will be April 12th; 5) The art students are painting Pine Wood Derby cars for the Boy Scouts; 6) The students are much appreciative of our administration in how they handled the school threat situation. Students placed notes on the Shout Out Board to let them know; 7) The students are appreciative to our teachers and staff in how they handled the bad weather event; and 8) Prom plans are taking place and getting the tickets ready to sell. Prom will be May 4th at the same event center as last year. President Hansen thanked Kaleb for representing the students and presenting to the Board.

Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel performance, procedures, and employment was made by Clay and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board entered executive session at 7:45 pm.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Clay and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board returned at 8:26 pm.

Motion to hire Anne Light as individual aide for the remainder of the 2018-19 SY was made by Coen and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve Tommy Hobbs as high school baseball co-assistant coach was made by Clay and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve Chris Walker as high school baseball co-assistant coach was made by Wallace and seconded by Clay. Roll call vote; all yeas.

Motion to approve Resolution 19-03-19A authorizing the dismissal of the following full-time educational support personnel: Amanda Evenson, Charlee Poole, Candice Lemon, Julie Roper, Tracy O'Neal, Amber Presser, Janet Stellakis, Kevin Graham, Tonya Walker, and Kathryn Jolly was made by Coen and seconded by Clay. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve Resolution 19-03-19B authorizing the dismissal of the following part-time educational support personnel: Tiffany Jones and Deveron Tackett was made by Wallace and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve revised contract of Bailey Climer, Interim Superintendent, as discussed in closed session was made by Wallace and seconded by Clay. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve firm bid from Southern FS for fuel for the 2019-2020 SY was made by Wallace and seconded by Clay. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve bid from Lewis Bakeries for bakery products for the 2019-2020 SY was made by Wallace and seconded by Clay. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve bid from Prairie Farms for dairy products for the 2019-2020 SY was made by Clay and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve bid from Best One Tire for tires for the 2019-2020 SY was made by Wallace and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve bid from Enviro-Tech Termite & Pest Control for pest control for the 2019-2020 SY was made by Coen and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve bid from Bulldog for trash removal for the 2019-2020 SY was made by Clay and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Mr. Climer reported on the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Report that was received in the mail. The letter stated the high school septic system had six non-compliant findings. The last finding was that our system was from the 1950's and has reached the end of its life with the suggestion of replacement.

Mr. Climer has talked with the EPA regarding these findings. We have a 30-day written response period and a letter has already been provided to the EPA with a plan of action. This could be a costly project that could be bonded out through Health Life Safety. Mr. Climer explained the school architect would need to amend the Health Life Safety Plan with a resolution to be able to bond out the project and not deplete the building fund. After some discussion, the Board agreed to contact Baysinger and have them request qualifications for engineers.

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Clay to approve the superintendent to contact Baysinger for a RFQ to have at the next board meeting. Roll call vote: Wallace; yea, Coen; abstained, Clay; yea, Hansen; yea.

Motion carried.

Motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Clay to approve out-of-state trip to Murray, KY for the FFA to attend Murray Field Day on April 10, 2019 as requested by Mr. Swinford. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve out-of-state trip to Paducah, KY for the Pre-K classes to attend a play at the Market House Theater on April 11, 2019 was made by Wallace and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve out-of-state trip to St. Louis, MO for students to visit the Missouri Botanical Gardens (or the Science Center if it rains) on May 2, 2019 as requested by Mrs. Jaime Markovic was made by Clay and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve out-of-state trip to Evansville, IN for the Spanish Club to attend two dance performances on March 26, 2019 as requested by Mrs. Cathy Broadway was made by Clay and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Under Other Business, Mr. Climer reported on the Financial Management Software that is currently being used by the district office will not be supported by PowerSchool in the coming year. He has received three quotes from different companies and Margie and Paula have looked at all three systems. The recommendation of the district office is to go with SDS. A motion to accept the quote from SDS for the 2019-2020 SY for new financial management software was made by Wallace and seconded by Clay. Roll call vote: all yeas.

President Hansen reported that Mr. Climer, Mr. Fritch, Tim Wallace, and he all meet to discuss the safety resource officer. Commissioner Wallace asked if the district could look in to the hiring of our own officer and not be an employee of the county. The officer would be employed by the school district. The County Commissioners would prefer not to be involved if possible. The Board discussed several options and scenarios and has spoken with other school districts with SROs already in place. The consensus was to ask for another meeting with Commissioner Wallace to discuss further.

Mr. Fritch stated he has not heard from Baysinger regarding the doors and windows since he was here to complete the asbestos inspection. At that time, he looked at the doors and windows and decided which ones needed to be replaced first. Mr. Fritch was asked to contact Michael Baysinger to get bids out so the Board could take action by May.

President Hansen stated he would schedule meetings for the Goals and Safety Committees.

Mr. Fritch distributed the policy updates. These updates are from section 5 in the policy manual and recommended to remove Policy 5.360 regarding the unused emergency days. A motion to approve board policy updates as presented and removal of Policy 5.360 was made by Coen and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.

President Hansen asked if they had a calendar for next year and Mr. Fritch stated he has meet with the teachers once and has another meeting scheduled.

Member Coen shared with the Board that another county in the area has passed the 1% sales tax referendum. Member Coen stated he would meet with different groups in the area for feedback to evaluate the success rate of a referendum in Pope County.

Member Coen stated he has served on this school board for eight years and has never meet with nicer people than the ones he has served with on the board. He thanked everyone for being so welcoming to him and he appreciated serving on the board.

President Hansen added Hometown Heroes will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony for Pirate Park on April 25th. He, along with Mr. Fritch, will be speaking and invited everyone to attend. Hometown Heroes will be at the next meeting to give an update.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Clay and seconded by Wallace to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library.

All members present voted yea.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.

**Michael Hansen, President
Board of Education**

**Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education**