

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
October 18, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

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

President Hansen added two items to the agenda, Patrick Presser under Visitors and Job Posting/Personnel under New Business. Motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Coen to approve the amended agenda. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion was made by Clay and seconded by Wallace to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 9/20/2018; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; 5) Publication of Annual Statement of Affairs; and 6) Accept Resignations of Jessi Hall as Jr. High Softball coach, Mike Hall as Assistant Jr. High Softball coach, and Amanda Rawlings as Individual Aide. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Under Visitors, President Hansen introduced Mr. Patrick Presser. Mr. Presser asked the Board to allow him the use of the gym for basketball practices for the Massac County Youth League teams he is coaching; 1st – 2nd grade and 3th – 4th

grade teams. He would like to start in November on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 6 pm. The Massac County Youth League's insurance will cover the students. The Board agreed Mr. Presser could use the gym and thanked him for his time coaching.

Jessi Hall, softball coach, thanked the Board for their time and investment in the softball field and the team. The new dugouts and work on and around the field has put a new sense of pride in the Jr. High and High School players. All players are very grateful for all the Board, Mr. Blankenship, and Mr. Fritch have done to make the facilities a better place to play ball. Coach Hall handed all the Board members a signed softball by all the players as a token of their appreciation.

The Proposal Committee for the Hometown Heroes (HH) and Jacob Rison, Project Leader, presented this year's project to the Board with a PowerPoint presentation. The members of the committee are Abby Thompson, Natalie Bonnell, Abby Clanton, Lily Robinson, Marley Staats, Taylor Rawlings, Axel Morris, and Mrs. Graves. Each members had a part in the presentation and explained their purpose, plan, and goal to the Board. HH is focusing on the Village of Eddyville with installing a new playground with a pirate ship, new benches, and new basketball goals. They ended the presentation with a video of their project that will be posted on social media and their Go Fund Me page. President Hansen stated how proud the Board is of all the students and asked

them to come back at the end of the year to give another presentation on the results of the project.

Member Dan Coen presented a PowerPoint presentation on School Facility Occupation Tax, known as the 1% Sales Tax. Member Coen explained what the tax is, how the funds can be used, and how it would help our school district. He stated the 1% sales tax could generate around \$108,000.00 per year to fund building improvement projects our buildings so desperately need.

Under Administrative reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) 1st quarter grade card went out on Tuesday, October 16th; 2) The 8th grade parent group will be doing the concession stands for the boy's and girl's games; 3) The Girl's basketball team opened their season with the New Simpson Hill tournament. The Boy's team play their first game on October 29th; 4) The Jr. High Cross Country team did well at the state meet. The Girl's team came in with a 3rd place finish. Ahry Comer was our top girl with a 2nd place and Gracie Markus finished 6th. Members of the 3rd place State Team were Ahry Comer, Gracie Markus, Brileigh Wise, Lilith Ibata, Kenna Welter, Kayla Welter, and Jasmine Coram. Eason Comer had the best time of our boy's team with a 26th place finish; 5) Picture retakes and group/team pictures will be taken November 14th; and 6) Enrollment is 357, down 36 from this time last year.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams are both 2018 GEC Champions. Jackson Eddington won the boys' race and Keely Clay medaled for the girls' team; 2) Basketball Season is fast approaching for the high school teams; 3) Projector in the community room is nearing replacement. The janitors will be installing it tomorrow; 4) Natalie Bonnell, Jacob Lemon, and Kaleb Schutt were selected to participate in Senator Fowlers Youth Advisory Council. This will included a trip to Springfield in the spring; 5) Six PCHS students were selected to participate in the Quad State Honor Choir at Murray State; 6) Scholar Bowl season begins on October 30th; 7) With several students expressing interest in a speech team, Mrs. Hosfeldt has formed a team and they will be competing November 3rd in a tournament at Marion; and 8) Enrollment is 152; 45 Freshman, 35 Sophomores, 42 Juniors, 30 Seniors.

President Hansen added that Mr. Climer is not in attendance due to his daughter's Parent Teacher Conference, which he has never missed. There was no report from him.

Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel performance and employment was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board entered executive session at 8:03 pm.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Simmons and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board returned at 8:38 pm.

President Hansen stated the audit was distributed at last month's meeting for all the members to look over. With no questions regarding the audit, a motion to approve the FY 2018 School District Audit was made by Simmons and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Mr. Fritch distributed the bids received from Midwest Transit Equipment and Central States Bus Sales for the leasing of two buses. Mr. Fritch explained the bids and the Board discussed their options. A motion to accept the bid from Central States Bus Sales for the lease of two new gasoline buses was made by Clay and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve school bus 5-year lease for 2 buses at \$155,570.00 through Banterra Bank at a rate of 4.375% was made by Simmons and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve Ronda Thorne as bus driver pending proper certification was made by Wallace and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve Tyler Presser as Assistant Jr. High Basketball coach was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to post for individual aide position was made by Hogg and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Mr. Blankenship explained to the Board that the old Risograph machine in the elementary teacher's lounge is old and not working properly, which is causing problems for the teachers making copies. We received a quote from Tri-State Business Equipment, our current copier provider, for a new copier. After some discussion, a motion to approve a 5-year lease with Tri-State Business Equipment for a new copier for the elementary was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Mr. Blankenship reported that Mr. Graves' HVAC unit no longer heats and cannot be repaired. ICI Mechanical has given us a quote on a new split unit like the one in Mrs. Ferrell's classroom for the same price. A motion made by Simmons and seconded by Schuchardt to accept the quote from ICI Mechanical for a new split unit for Mr. Graves' classroom. Roll call vote: Schuchardt; yea, Wallace; yea, Simmons; yea, Coen; abstained, Clay; yea, Hogg; yea, and Hansen; yea. Motion carried.

President Hansen stated the tax levy will be ready for the November meeting, will be posted for 30 days, and voted on at the December meeting. If the Board wishes to go over the 4.99%, a Truth and Taxation Hearing will need to be held.

The estimated EAV is \$50,815,603.00 bringing in new funds around \$82,000.00 based at the 4.99% increase in tax rate.

Mr. Fritch reported that the Health Life Safety Inspection took place this week and there were some things we needed to address. These items have already been corrected. We also had a visit from the State Fire Marshall, which did not go so well. He wrote us up on several items and will be getting the report soon. The ROE will send the report to us with their recommendations. Mr. Fritch stated he will have the report at the next meeting to see what needs to be addressed.

Motion to approve out-of-state, overnight field trip for six high school Honor Choir students to attend and perform at MSU in Murray, KY on November 4-5 was made by Coen and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to approve out-of-state field trip for the Drama Club and junior/senior English students to attend a performance of *The Crucible* at the Carson Center in Paducah, KY on February 13, 2019 pending proper amount of chaperones was made by Wallace and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Under Old Business, President Hansen reported the School Safety Committee is trying to set up a meeting with the Mayor of Golconda and will then be meeting with the City Council. They will also be meeting with the County Commissioners.

The Goals Committee will be meeting on the 23rd at 6 pm in the High School Library.

Mr. Fritch reported on the baseball dugout project. The bids were revisited and the Board had some discussion. We will receive an insurance reimbursement of \$5,667.50 and a donation of \$1,000.00 which will be subtracted from the total amount. A motion to accept the bid from DW Builders for the new dugout and roof on the visitors' dugout for the amount of \$23,904.00 (\$17,236.50) was made by Wallace and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Under Other Business, President Hansen stated he would like the Board to consider having a student representative on the Board. This rep would not have any voting rights or be in closed session, but would give a report during the Administrative Reports. Maybe have the teachers pick or students vote or even make it a part of Student Council. This student would be a senior and the Board would recognize them at graduation. The Board was in favor of starting this program and will start the process of picking a student.

Member Hogg asked Tim Threlkeld if the wrecker works. Tim reported that it hasn't been started since last spring and he wouldn't trust it on the road. The Board discussed taking sealed bids for the old buses and the wrecker. President Hansen asked this to be on the agenda for action at the next regular meeting.

President Hansen added just as a reminder, Board petitions are available to be picked up and the deadline for filing is December 17th if anyone would like to run for School Board. There are 4 seats up for election.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. All members present voted yea.

Meeting adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Michael Hansen, President
Board of Education

Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education