

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
October 20, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

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

Motion was made by Coen and seconded by Collier to approve the agenda. All members present voted yea.

Motion to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 9/22/2016; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; 5) Accept Resignation of Mrs. Nicole Pochay; and 6) Approve the Publication of Annual Statement of Affairs. All members present voted yea.

At this time the Board recognized Julie Hobbs and informed the Board would meet with her in closed session.

Under Administrative reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) 1st quarter grade cards went out on Tuesday, October 18th; 2) The 8th grade parent group will be doing the concession stands for the boy's and girl's games; 3) The

Girls' basketball team opened their season with the New Simpson Hill tournament and will play their first home game on October 20th; 4) The Boy's basketball will play their first game on October 17th; 5) Picture retakes and group/team pictures will be taken November 16th; 6) Letters were sent out and appointments are being made for the Parent-Teacher conferences on the evenings of October 25th and 27th; and 7) Current enrollment is 375, up 4 from last year at this time.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) We had four students selected to the Quad State Honor Choir at Murray State. These students are Alisa White (alto, junior), Shelby Rawlings (soprano, junior), Trenton Huston (tenor, junior), and Molly Mayhall (alto, senior); 2) Donkey Basketball was a huge success! Student Council raised close to \$3,000.00 on ticket sales and concessions; 3) Mrs. Johnson hosted the annual financial aid night on October 4th. She talked to students and parents about college options and deadlines. She also helped students and parents fill out FAFSA applications; 4) Fall Baseball has wrapped up its season with a record of 4-3; 5) Cross Country Regional's are coming up next weekend; 6) Boys and Girls Basketball teams have been having open-gym, conditioning, and weightlifting; and 7) Enrollment: Freshman – 45, Sophomores – 39, Juniors – 36, and Seniors – 38; total is 158, down 2 from last year at this time.

Mr. Bleyer reported the following: 1) Last month I attended the annual Illinois Association of School Administrators conference in Springfield. At the

conference, I attended sessions on transforming school culture, safety, restorative justice practices, virtual snow days, parental involvement, and transitioning to the SAT. I also met with the State Superintendent and various politicians to voice my concerns about issues germane to Pope County; 2) The Unit Office was audited by ISBE over a three day period. 2014-15 General State Aid, special education – personnel, transportation, and 2015-16 early childhood, Title 1 & 2 programs were audited. The audit revealed that all programs were all compliant and no violations were found. I want to thank Paula and Margie for their dedication to their positions; 3) The two buildings had their Health Life Safety inspection from the Regional Office of Education. Both buildings were compliant. I want to thank both Ed and Ryan for their leadership in maintaining the buildings; 4) On August 21, 2017 there will be a total solar eclipse coming right through our county and Golconda. Some concerns have been shared by EMS regarding travel and safety issues during this time. They are expecting 100,000 or more people to be in our area. Plans for the eclipse are already being put in place at SIU and surrounding counties. Johnson County schools will be closed that day and I am asking that the Board consider closing our District as well on that day. Running the buses could be a problem with all the extra traffic coming and going. Other schools have asked if they can bring their science clubs to set up on our ball fields to view the eclipse; and 5) I encourage everyone to go see the Madstone play this Sunday at the Golden Circle. It tells the history of the madstone including Golconda and surrounding areas and people's names

that you will recognize. Two of our students, Gwen Bowman and Maggee Bleyer, are performing in this play.

At this time Mr. Bleyer introduced Mr. Michael Baysinger, school architect, to discuss the high school gym roof bids. Mr. Baysinger distributed a bid summary to all members. They opened bids on Tuesday, October 18th and bids are good for 30 days. There were three bids; D.E. Martin Roofing at \$106,636, Vaughn's Roofing at \$106,000, and Geissler Roofing at \$185,220. Work would begin the middle of November and be completed by 12/31/2016. Mr. Baysinger explained there are three roofs currently and the bid includes removal down to the decking, two layers of insulation, boards, roofing, and replacement of three roof vents. The new roof will be a white PTO with a 20 year warranty. The bids do not include contingency, A/E fees or CA/SO. The Board had some questions for Mr. Baysinger and discussed the process of the project.

Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel employment and student issue was made by Simmons and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea. Board entered executive session at 7:28 pm.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Hogg and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea. Board returned at 11:27 pm.

Board Member Hansen addressed the roof bid process and stated that the Board did not make any motion to get in to a contract with Baysinger for the bid process to begin. He stated the process was not handled correctly. Member Richerson stated in past practice, any expenditure over \$5,000 was brought before the Board in the form of a motion. Mr. Bleyer apologized and stated he thought he had the approval to move forward and this would not happen again.

Mr. Bleyer distributed and discussed the Debt Service Schedule as a funding option to cover the cost of the gym roof. He explained since we are currently debt free and have a gold star rating, he got the lowest interest rates possible. He stated we do have cash on hand and it was put in the budget under Operation and Maintenance. This is an option to keep what we have on hand and in reserve as to not deplete those funds. Member Coen stated since we are not currently in debt, why spend \$18,635.50 in interest to go in debt.

After much discussion regarding the roof bids and funding of the project, Hansen made a motion to approve Vaughn's Roofing for \$106,000 to be paid out of the line item in which it was budgeted in the 2016-17 budget seconded by Hogg. All members present voted yea.

Motion to amend the 2016-17 Non-Certified Salary Schedule to correct extra-trip pay for bus drivers and leave Unit Secretary and Bookkeeper as is was made by Hansen and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

Member Hansen requested that the Unit Secretary and Bookkeeper job descriptions be added to the agenda for the next scheduled Board meeting.

Motion to approve overnight, out-of-state trip for Mrs. Hosfeldt and four students to attend the Quad State Choir Honors Festival at Murray State University on November 6 & 7 was made by Collier and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Dale Flatt pending a physical for night custodian at the elementary school was made by Richerson and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Mike Smith pending a physical for night custodian at the high school was made by Coen and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Audra Adduci as Jr. High cheer sponsor was made by Hogg and seconded by Hansen. All members present voted yea.

Motion to approve Mark Adduci, Brooke Jackson, and Jessica Arnold as volunteer coaches for Jr. High cheerleading for the 2016-17 SY was made by Coen and seconded by Hogg. All members present voted yea.

Under Old Business, Member Clay asked about the bus driver situation and if there was any information gathered since the last meeting. Mr. Bleyer stated he contacted our insurance and in regards to parents driving students to games/activities, they do not recommend parents driving due to the male/female situations that could arise. Member Hogg asked about the coaches being able to get licensed to drive a bus to games. He stated he has spoke to a few coaches and one said they would not drive and two others said they would as long as they do not have to sub for a route and the district pick up the cost. Mr. Bleyer said that would be perfectly fine and the school would reimburse the coach the costs of getting certified.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Coen and seconded by Hogg to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. All members present voted yea.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 am.

Allen Clay, President
Board of Education

Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education