

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting  
Pope County CUSD #1  
Board of Education  
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library  
September 19, 2017  
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, Coen, Clay, and Hansen. Simmons and Hogg were absent.**

**Motion was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Wallace to approve the agenda. All members present voted yea.**

**Motion was made by Clay and seconded by Coen to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 8/17/2017; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; and 5) Accept Resignation from George Berger as janitor. All members present voted yea.**

**Under Administrative reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) School pictures have been scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>; 2) Aimsweb testing has been complete for grades 4-8. The remaining grades will be testing over the next few**

weeks; 3) Progress reports for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter went out this past Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>; 4) Boy's and girl's basketball try-outs will be on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>; 5) The Student Council elections are over and the members have been selected; 6) Pre-K classes will be going to the Pumpkin Patch at Wurth's Farms in Paducah on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>; 7) The fall pre-school screenings will take place on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>; and 8) Current enrollment is 390 as of September 19<sup>th</sup>. This is up 19 from last year and will go up more after the Pre-K screening.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Progress reports were mailed September 15<sup>th</sup>. Tutoring and RTI support is available to all students; 2) ACT results from graduating seniors were above State average on all areas but Math and they were right at the average mark. There were 9 students that took the ACT plus writing; 3) Cross Country teams has started meets and is doing very well. Jackson Eddington won at Eldorado and Keely Clay has medaled; 4) Baseball team has started their fall season; 5) Class meetings were held and officers elected; 6) Clubs have met and are in the process of paying dues and electing officers; 7) Drama auditions have been held for the madrigal; and 8) Enrollment is 140; 37 Freshman, 40 Sophomores, 33 Juniors, 30 Seniors.

Mr. Bleyer reported the following: 1) The Illinois Assembly did pass a compromised bill to fund education throughout the 2017-18 school year. Last week, the governor signed the bill and funds have been released to school

**districts. We have received general state aid payments, but they are at last year's levels. Therefore, we do not currently know what our funding levels will be for the remainder of the year; and 2) I have ordered a new traffic safety light to replace the light at the eastern end of the school district. That is the light that flashes to warn of the upcoming school zone. This light is critical because it is a blind spot for drivers. The light will be solar powered, wifi capable, and fit on the existing pole. The cost is \$2,000.**

**Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel employment was made by Wallace and seconded by Clay. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board entered executive session at 7:09 pm.**

**Motion to return to regular session was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board returned at 8:03 pm.**

**Motion to approve the 2017-18 District Budget was made by Clay and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to approve the FFA overnight field trip to Indianapolis in October was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to hire Gary Roper as bus driver was made by Clay and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to hire Charlee Poole as a Halftime Title I Aide for the 2017-18 school year was made by Clay and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to hire Tracy O'Neal as an individual aide for the 2017-18 school year was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to hire Nicole Key as the Junior High Student Council Sponsor for the 2017-18 school year was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to post for evening custodian for K-8 building was made by Wallace and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Motion to approve Holly Comer and Tyler Presser was made by Clay and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.**

**Under Old Business, Dr. Bleyer stated the architect is working on soliciting bids for the softball complex to finish the project. As of now, we have not received any bids. Job Corp will be here September 22<sup>nd</sup> to see what they can do to finish the project. The staff is willing to finish the project since they started it but had to quit when the center was closed. Once Dr. Bleyer receives more information, he will notify the Board.**

**Member Hogg entered the meeting at 8:20 pm.**

**President Hansen began the discussion regarding the drug testing for extracurricular students. Dr. Bleyer stated First Advantage, the company who would process the test at the lab, requires 60 tests a year. With all the fees, the annual cost of testing would be around \$2,500. President Hansen stated the public informational meeting was well attended and some good questions were asked with lots of discussion. The Board took from the meeting that the main concerns from the public were the testing age and what procedures would be in place for a positive test result. After much discussion, the Board asked Dr. Bleyer to gather more information and report back to the Board.**

**With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Clay and seconded by Schuchardt to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. All members present voted yea.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.**

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**Michael Hansen, President  
Board of Education**

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**Paula Baker, Secretary  
Board of Education**