

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting  
Pope County CUSD #1  
Board of Education  
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library  
September 22, 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, Simmons, Richerson, Collier, and Clay. Coen was absent.

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

Motion was made by Richerson and seconded by Simmons to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 8/18/2016; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; and 5) Approve the Application for Recognition of Schools. All members present voted yea.

Under Administrative reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) School pictures have been scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>; 2) We have completed the first round of Aimsweb testing in grades K-3. Aimsweb is used as a progress monitoring tool. We will be doing Aimsweb-Plus in grades 4-8; 3) Progress reports for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter went out this past Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>; 4) We are hosting the softball regional, which started on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Games will be played on the 21<sup>st</sup> with the championship game being played on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our girls lost to Cypress; 5) The baseball regional also started on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, with the boys traveling to Thompsonville and took a loss; 6) Boy's and girl's basketball try-outs will be on September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>; 7) The Student Council elections are over and the members have been selected; 8) Pre-K classes will be going to the Pumpkin Patch at Wurth's Farms in Paducah on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>; 9) The fall pre-school screenings will take place on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>; and 10) Current enrollment is 371 as of September 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Progress reports were mailed September 19<sup>th</sup>. Tutoring and RTI support is available to all students; 2) Cross Country teams have started meets and are doing very well; 3) Baseball team has started their fall season; 4) Class meetings were held and officers elected; 5) Clubs have met and are in the process of paying dues and electing officers; 6) Junior Class is in the process of the annual magazine fundraiser; 7) Drama auditions have been held for the madrigal. 27 cast members total; 8) Donkey Basketball on September 30<sup>th</sup>. We still need some riders... all board members are welcome to ride; and 9) Enrollment is 156; 45 Freshman, 38 Sophomores, 35 Juniors, 38 Seniors. Board member Richerson asked Mr. Fritch to get with Connie Gibbs to set up a date to register the Seniors to vote. Mr. Fritch stated he has already been in contact with her.**

**Mr. Bleyer reported the following: 1) I met with our architect, and we inspected the roof on the gym. It has hundreds of lesions all over the membrane. This is simply due to time and weather. We will be developing the bid for the work. The timeline for the replacement will be the next summer. I have spoken with the superintendents at Cobden and Norris City which both had new roofs put on their buildings and said it went fairly quickly and can be done during the school year; 2) The softball and baseball fields were topped with multiple pallets of turface. This has greatly enhanced the playability of the fields for this season. The cost of the turface was split between the Youth League and the District; 3) The District's Annual Financial Report was issued by Donohoo, McCalley and Associates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. This year we were able to improve to the 4.00 Total Profile Score and maintain our 'Recognition' designation; and 4) The high school room that was tested for mold/spores was cleared by Farmers Environmental Services. We have re-cleaned the room just for precautionary purposes.**

Board member Hogg asked now that progress reports have been sent out; can you tell how well Engage New York program is working? Mr. Blankenship responded by stating it will probably take a year to see the results due to a gap in changing over to a new program. The teachers are supplementing other activities with Engage New York and some classes are doing really well with it and others are having a little trouble. Mr. Fritch added his teachers are having trouble going the pace of the program and teachers are trying to get through it. Hogg stated he has heard some complaints from parents that there are no resources to help their student with homework.

Board member Hansen stated he commends the teachers that are using the Remind Text and Dojo programs to keep in contact with parents regarding their child and homework assignments. Mr. Blankenship stated he has several teachers using one of these programs and has received positive feedback from parents. This type of communication also counts towards parent involvement.

Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel performance, employee discipline, and employment was made by Hogg and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea. Board entered executive session at 7:24 pm.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Collier and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea. Board returned at 8:40 pm.

Motion to adopt the FY 2016-2017 School District Budget was made by Hogg and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea.

Mr. Bleyer handed out GEC passes to all Board members.

Motion to approve out-of-state, overnight trip for FFA officers to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana on October 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> as

requested by Mr. Wade Swinford was made by Richerson and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

Motion to dismiss non-certified employee, Jason Wilson, effective immediately was made by Richerson and seconded by Hogg. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Dewayne Hill as full-time day shift janitor for K-8 building was made by Richerson and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

Motion to post for night custodian for K-8 building and night custodian for high school building was made by Hogg and seconded by Hansen. All members present voted yea.

Motion to approve Mr. Kelly King as volunteer coach for boys' high school, Jr. High, and travel ball basketball teams for the 2016-17 season was made by Hogg and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea.

Under Old Business, President Clay asked that the principals work with the teachers regarding calling substitute teachers to help ease the load on the secretaries.

Under Other School Business, Mr. Bleyer stated he had talked with Board member Collier regarding how to get players to athletic events in cases when there is no bus driver available. Mr. Bleyer stated he could ask around and get some samples of policies in which the parents would be responsible for getting the athletes to the games. It was suggested that the coaches get certified to drive a bus or check with Rides to see if they would provided transportation and the cost of that service. Mr. Bleyer will have more information at the next meeting.

**Mr. Bleyer asked the Board if they would consider selling or disposing of excess clutter and unused items the District owns. There is an old portable back stop at the baseball field, instruments, fencing, trophies, and uniforms that are no longer being used and is just taking up space. He suggested selling or giving it away to people that may have an interest in the items. Class reunions might be interested in the trophies and uniforms. Mr. Bleyer was asked to get an inventory of all the items and bring to the Board for review.**

**With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Collier to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. All members present voted yea.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm.**

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**Allen Clay, President  
Board of Education**

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**Paula Baker, Secretary  
Board of Education**