

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
September 24, 2015
7:00 p.m.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Board President Clay and the following members were present: Hansen, Hogg, Coen, Richerson, Collier, and Clay. Simmons was absent.

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

Motion was made by Collier and seconded by Hogg to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 8/20/2015; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; and 5) Approve the Application for Recognition of Schools. After some discussion regarding the bills, all members present voted as followed: Hansen, Hogg, Coen, Collier, and Clay; yea, Richerson; abstained.

Under Administrative reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) School pictures have been scheduled for October 2nd; 2) First round of the Discovery Assessment for grades 4-8 has been started and the Aimsweb testing is scheduled for grades K-3 to take place between September 22-25; 3) On September 14th we had a webinar for the teachers working with the IXL program;

4) PTO had their fundraising kickoff on September 15th; 5) Progress reports for the 1st quarter will go out on September 18th; 6) Baseball and Softball regionals will be held between September 22-24. The baseball team lost and the softball team won tonight and will play October 3rd in the State Championship; 7) Boy's Basketball try-outs will be on September 30 and October 1; 8) Student Council will be having a hat day on Friday, September 25th with all money raised being donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital; 9) Pre-K wants to take a field trip to Pumpkin Patch at Wurth's Farms in Paducah on Friday, October 9th; and 10) Current enrollment is 378.

Mr. Bleyer reported on the following in Mr. Fritch's absence: 1) Progress reports are being mailed September 18th. Tutoring and RTI support is available to all students; 2) Cross Country teams have started meets; 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) Scholar Bowl tryouts have been conducted; 8) Initial phases of beginning a book club/SSR incentive program; 8) Drama auditions have been held for the madrigal. 21 cast members total; 9) Mrs. Johnson is hosting a college/scholarship night October 8th; 10) SIC Events- October 15th -S.I.C. will be here to administer the ASSET test; 11) October 28th -Enrollment for Spring SIC online classes; 12) PARRC results should be released soon; 13) Donkey Basketball on October 1st. We still need some riders... all board members

are welcome to ride; and 12) Enrollment is 160; 37 Freshman, 40 Sophomores, 46 Juniors, 37 Seniors.

Mr. Bleyer reported the following: 1) I have implemented a new structure in the development of the athletic bid process. I am requiring that the coaches submit an inventory of all equipment purchased by the district to the athletic director immediately following the end of that sport's season. That inventory must report on the condition of the equipment. If the coach needs new equipment, he or she must explain the rationale for district to make such a purchase. I will have these bids developed and presented to the Board. I will stop the past practice of one big bid in the summer. I also believe this will be easier to budget as it will not be one lump sum to absorb and may benefit budgetary projections; 2) Mr. Swinford and his students have taken on the project of replacing the doors to the batting cages. He is in the process of acquiring the doors and frame; 3) The special education aide has demonstrated to be extremely beneficial to the students.

There has been an increase in instruction time with positive outcomes while diminishing poor student behavior. This has also helped our speech therapist deliver services in push-ins which reduces transitions; 4) The District purchased a used ATV from Tim Threlkeld for \$700. It is sturdy and in excellent condition.

The ATV will improve our ability to spray weeds and maintain our athletic facilities; 5) The District was awarded the Dollar General Literacy Grant in the sum of \$2500. I, along with Kara Carlton, wrote the grant last spring. The

money will be used in Kara's room to purchase various iStation technology and licenses which is designed to improve student reading and comprehension; 6) On September 3rd, I met with State Superintendent Tony Smith at Rend Lake. He was informative and receptive while trying to answer questions. He does support PARCC and Common Core and wants to move on from the No Child Left Behind era; and 7) I, along with everyone else, am still awaiting budget news from Springfield. Hold Harmless funds came through. E-rate was approved which will provide upgraded wifi throughout the buildings. This was a \$40,000.00 grant which was approved at 80% and the District will pick up the difference.

Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel employment was made by Hogg and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea. Board entered executive session at 7:16 pm.

Simmons entered closed session at 7:26 pm.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Collier and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea. Board returned at 9:56 pm.

Motion to adopt the FY 2015-2016 School District Budget was made by Richerson and seconded by Coen. After some discussion, all members present voted yea: Hansen, Hogg, Coen, Simmons, Richerson, Collier, and Clay.

Mr. Bleyer explained that it has been past practice to have the Board approve extracurricular contracts yearly; however, this is redundant and moot. All contract and pay language is embedded in the PN Agreement. Once the Board hires an individual to be a coach or sponsor of an extracurricular activity, that individual comes under the language of the PN Agreement. After some discussion, the Board agreed to discontinue the extracurricular contracts.

Motion to approve out-of-state field trip to Wurth Farms and Noble Park in Paducah, KY on October 9th for Pre-K as requested by Mrs. Farrah Hobbs and Mrs. Melanie Presser was made by Collier and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea.

Motion to approve out-of-state field trip to the Carson Center in Paducah, KY on October 21st for the English I classes to attend the play Romeo and Juliet as requested by Mrs. Jennifer Wilson and Mrs. Laura Hosfeldt was made by Richerson and seconded by Collier. All members present voted yea.

Motion to approve out-of-state field trip to Louisville, KY on October 30th for FFA members to attend the National FFA Convention as requested by Mr. Wade Swinford was made by Hansen and seconded by Richerson. All members present voted yea.

Motion to approve overnight trip to Springfield, IL for FCCLA members to attend the Ignite! Conference on October 4th and 5th as requested by Mrs. Ashley Payne with the recommendation that she have another chaperone go along was made by Hogg and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea.

Motion to reassign Mrs. Lisa Reed to 2/8th Office Assistant, 3/8th Elementary/Jr. High Music Teacher, and 3/8th RTI Coach for the remainder of the 2015-16 school year while keeping her seniority status with the option to return to full-time teacher was made by Collier and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire April Hogg as Jr. High school girls' basketball coach for SY 2015-2016 was made by Simmons and seconded by Hansen. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Nicole Pochay and Audra Adduci as Jr. High school cheerleading co-sponsors was made by Hansen and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

Motion to hire Ashley Belcher as full-time 2nd Grade Elementary Teacher was made by Hansen and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

Under Old Business, Member Collier addressed the Board regarding the softball field. He apologized for not having a committee meeting for the softball complex. He stated he, along with the help of Chris Walker, worked on the softball field to remove the grass problem in the infield but created another problem with bringing up all the rock. He proposed to have the dirt and rock removed and replaced with a mixture of dirt, brick, clay, and turfus. He has volunteers that will help with the project and asked if the Board had any objections. The Board agreed it needed to be fixed before the Spring softball season started. Member Collier also asked the Board for their support with getting volunteers to give one-on-one skills lessons in sports. We have a lot of talented athletes in the District that could benefit from getting some one-on-one instruction in their perspective sport. It could help make our teams more competitive and a more affordable option for parents. The Board agreed and stated a master calendar of the facility usage could be developed and to work with the AD on scheduling. The sport in season would have priority for facility use.

Mr. Bleyer added the heater that Member Collier donated for the batting cage did not work. Member Collier stated he has priced them and would purchase a new one.

Under Other School Business, Mr. Bleyer stated the old lunch bucket is out of commission and asked the Board their thoughts on what to do with it. After some

ideas were discussed, a motion to raffle off the old lunch bucket was made by Richerson and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

Member Simmons asked the Board if they would like to purchase an ad in the Yearbook. A motion to purchase a full-page ad in the Yearbook was made by Richerson and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea.

Member Hogg asked Mr. Bleyer about the Kroger fundraiser. Mr. Bleyer stated he looked in to it and is a good fundraiser but did not want to hold it as a District-wide fundraiser. He stated it would be good for a class or club to do as a fundraiser.

Member Hansen stated this year is the 20th anniversary for the 1996 Sweet 16 boys' high school basketball team. He asked the Board if it would be possible to plan some sort of ceremony at a ball game with the team members to honor this team for their accomplishment. The Board agreed and stated a plan should be put in motion.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Coen and seconded by Simmons to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. All members present voted yea.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 pm.

**Allen Clay, President
Board of Education**

**Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education**