

**Minutes for Regular Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
Thursday, March 16, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

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

A motion was made by Hogg and seconded by Richerson to approve the agenda.

All members present voted yea.

Member Coen entered at 7:02 pm.

A motion was made by Richerson and seconded by Hogg to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meeting on 2/16/17; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; 5) renew IHSA membership; and 6) Accept Resignation of Mrs. Ashley Payne. All members present voted yea.

Under Administrative Reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) PARCC Testing is underway; 2) The Illinois Science Assessment is scheduled on March 28th for the 8th grade and on March 31st for the 5th grade; 3) The 8th grade is also scheduled to take the PSAT in April; 4) The 3rd quarter will end on March 17th; 5) Pre-K screenings are re-scheduled for April 19th; 6) Spring

Pictures for K-8 are scheduled on April 7th; 7) Kindergarten Pre-registration April 20th; 8) Jr. High Choir will be doing a musical for the students on March 21st (9:00 for grades K-5 and the parents of Choir members); 9) Current Enrollment 380 as of March 9th.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) We are currently preparing to administer the SAT on April 5th. Makeup is on April the 25th. Would also like to thank Mrs. Laura Hosfeldt and Mr. Jared Evenson for preparing the Juniors for the test; 2) The end of third quarter is March 17th. Grade cards will be mailed on the 21st; 3) Baseball and Softball seasons are in full swing; 4) Scholar Bowl team hosted the Regional Tournament on March 6th. Goreville won the tournament. We defeated Crab Orchard in the quarterfinals and lost to Goreville on a tiebreaker question in the semifinals; 5) We had several students perform well at the IHSA Music Solo and Ensemble Contest. Division 1 (Superior): Anna Wasson (Solo); TJ Jurgens and Jordyn Swinford (Duet), Division 2 (Excellent): Emily Adduci (Solo); Cameron Hill (Solo), Division 3 (Good): Allyson Eddington (Solo); 6) Spring Play is Friday, April 7th; 7) FFA Tractor Show is on April 8th; 8) Enrollment: Freshman-44, Sophomores-37, Juniors-33, Seniors-39; TOTAL: 153. Mr. Fritch asked Ms. Debbie Chambers to share that Abby Thompson will be competing at the State ICTM competition for Geometry in June.

Mr. Bleyer reported on the following: 1) I am continuing to gather information concerning a possible articulation agreement between the Golconda Job Corp

and Pope County CUSD #1. I have had a few conversations with Greg Randall, Superintendent of Grand Mesa School District in Colorado. He has a long standing relationship with Collbran Job Corp and has a full functioning program. Additionally, Ryan and I spoke with Kristi Mease, Principal of Collbran Job Corp High School, and she provided more incite to the overall operations. We are encouraged by the developments. I have also reached out to ISBE for clarification on Job Corp students' residency status; 2) The roof on Dutton Gymnasium is completed. The punch list is completed; 3) The scrubber for the District was purchased and delivered. It has numerous upgrades from our previous model and is working well; 4) Currently, the 'Grand Bargain' has still not made it through the state senate.

A motion to enter closed session for the purpose of discussion of personnel performance, procedures, and employment was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea. Board entered executive session at 7:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Richerson and seconded by Coen to return to regular session. All members present voted yea. Board returned at 8:07 p.m.

Under New Business, a motion to accept Board Policy 2:110 regarding lengthening the positions of President, Vice-President, and Closed Session

Secretary to two years was made by Richerson and seconded by Simmons. All members present voted yea.

A motion to approve out-of-state field trip for the FFA to attend the Murray State Field Day in Murray, KY on April 19, 2017 was made by Richerson and seconded by Hogg. All members present voted yea.

A motion to approve overnight field trip for the FFA to attend the Illinois FFA State Convention in Springfield, IL on June 13-15, 2017 was made by Collier and seconded by Hogg. All members present voted yea.

A motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Coen to approve out-of-state field trip for the Spanish Club to go to Evansville, IN on April 3, 2017. All members present voted yea.

Motion to approve Wade Swinford as a bus driver pending proper certification was made by Richerson and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea.

A motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Richerson to accept the donation of \$5000 from the Pope County Youth League for baseball and softball facility improvements including a concession building to be placed on District property. All members present voted yea.

A motion to approve Resolution 17-03-16A authorizing the dismissal of the following full-time educational support personnel: Amanda Evenson, Candice Lemon, Robbie Reeder, Kathryn Jolly, Tiffany Jones, Shannon Markus, James Forthman, Amber Presser, Amanda Rawlings, Julie Roper and Sarah Simmons was made by Hogg and seconded by Hansen. All members present voted yea.

A motion to hire Mr. James Forthman for Physical Educaiton / Driver's Education teacher for the 2017-2018 SY was made by Hogg and seconded Simmons. All members present voted as follows: Hansen, Hogg, Coen, Simmons, Collier, and Clay; yea, Richerson abstained.

A motion to post for a Family and Consumer Science and a Social Science / Secondary Education teacher positions was made by Simmons and seconded by Hogg. All members present voted yea.

Under Old Business, Member Collier asked if we had heard anything regarding the gutters for the baseball dugout. Mr. Bleyer said we were still waiting on a call back.

Under Other School Business, Member Hansen wanted to thank Mr. John Hall and the PTO for sponsoring the Father/Daughter Dance. He added it was a good time and hopes they have it again.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn until the next regular scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library was made by Richerson and seconded by Coen. All members present voted yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

**Allen Clay, President
Board of Education**

**Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education**