

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
Available Publically via Pope County High School Facebook Live
April 16, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Board President Hansen and the following members were present in person: Aly, Wallace, Hansen; Schuchardt and Simmons via phone. Walker and Hogg were absent.

Motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Aly to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 3/19/2020; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; 5) Approve Consolidated District Plan; 6) Approve Remote Learning Plan; and 7) Authorize Superintendent-Elect Mr. Fritch to prepare FY 21 Budget. Mr. Fitch stated the Consolidated District Plan is adopted annually as part of GATA requirements for our grant funding. The Remote Learning Plan consists of three parts: Parent/Student Letter, Teacher FAQ Sheet, and Memorandum of Understanding with the teachers association. With no further comments, roll call vote: all ayes.

Under Administrative reports, Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) I would really like to commend the kitchen staff on their performance during the school closure. They have been doing a fantastic job of preparing 170 meals a day for our students. This week they transitioned to packaging microwavable lunches; 2) Also would like to thank all of the volunteers that are coming in to help with the meal delivery. Several people coming in to help and they are much appreciated!; 3) Custodians are doing a great job cleaning and taking care of much needed projects. One projected completed was fixing the roof on the batting cage; 4) We are supposed to receive \$146,000 in Federal Grant Funds as part of the CARES stimulus package. This will be part of the Title I grant; 5) I applied for the SRSA grant for approximately \$16,000; earmarked this money to be spent for technology upgrades such as wifi upgrades. We haven't been eligible in the past but we are this year; and 6) With the current COVID-19 school closure we might possibly need to set up a special meeting in early May if schools remain closed. This will be to determine contingency plans for graduations, awards day, etc... The Governor should have more information coming out tomorrow.

President Hansen also stated he would like to thank the teachers for getting remote learning materials ready for all the students. Hopes everyone is staying safe at home.

Member Schuchardt asked if the senior were able to apply for all the scholarships. Mr. Fritch stated Mrs. Potts was taking care of all the

scholarships. She has been handling all the applications that have been received. Mr. Fritch stated that if an awards day cannot be scheduled, they will add it to graduation.

Member Aly asked about the postage cost of sending out the remote learning packets. Mr. Fritch stated it will come out of the Ed fund, just like regular postage. With the cost savings in other funds, it will even out.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Aly to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, May 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. If a special meeting needs to be called in early May, everyone will be notified. All members present voted yea.

Meeting adjourned at 7:13 pm.

**Michael Hansen, President
Board of Education**

**Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education**