

**Minutes for Special Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
Thursday, July 30, 2020
7:00 p.m.**

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

A motion to amend the agenda to include closed session for the purpose of personnel employment was made by Walker and seconded by Aly. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Wallace and seconded by Walker. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A motion to enter closed session for the purpose of personnel employment was made by Wallace and seconded by Aly. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A motion to return to regular session was made by Aly and seconded by Walker. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Mr. Fritch distributed a new updated District Re-Opening Plan for the 2020-21 SY. Mr. Fritch explained parents/guardians may choose between in-person and remote learning. Students will be enrolled in remote learning by quarters (9 weeks). First day for students will be the 14th, 7:45 arrival and dismissal at 2:25 for elementary and 2:30 for high school. Students will have their temperature checked daily in the homeroom unless parents send a daily note that certifies the student is fever/symptom free. If a fever of 100.4 or higher and/or a positive case, must quarantine for 10 days from onset of symptom, 24 hours fever free before returning to school, and family members quarantine for 14 days; will be working with Southern Seven Health Department on case-by-case independently. Masks are mandatory for everyone in the buildings and on buses. For special needs, a doctors' note must be provided. There will be no bus notes, and parents will be asked if they can bring their students to school to alleviate transportation issues. Lunch will be no more than 50 students at a time, they will be spread out over several lunch periods. Encouraging teachers to take students outside for mask breaks throughout the day. Sports have been changed per IHSA, SIJHSAA, and Governor's guidelines. When registering students, parents will be asked to fill out a connection survey to see who has internet at home. Through the CARES Grant, many supplies have been purchased; cleaning supplies, masks, foggers. President Hansen stated we need to find a way to upgrade our technology, providing all students with Chromebooks, upgrade wifi, mobile hotspots; asked if we could find funds to help improve learning at home. President Hansen read an email from our

attorney, Barney, that explained the importance of approve the Re-Opening Plan. President Hansen also commented on our insurance coverage and liability, which we are still awaiting an answer. President Hansen stated he greatly appreciated all the efforts and work the committee has done developing the Re-Opening Plan. Mr. Blankenship distributed a Back to School Fact Sheet that will be attached to the student handbooks. After much discussion by Board members and Mr. Fritch answering questions, a motion to approve District Re-Opening Plan for 2020-21 SY was made by Wallace and seconded by Aly. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to accept the resignation of Candice Potts as Guidance Counselor and High School Cheer Coach was made by Aly and seconded by Walker. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to accept the resignation of Breanne Wilkinson as Title Aide was made by Wallace and seconded by Walker. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to internally post for part-time academic advisor was made by Walker and seconded by Aly. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to post for High School Cheer Coach was made by Wallace and seconded by Aly. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to post for Title Aide was made by Wallace and seconded by Aly. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to post for Student Council Advisor was made by Walker and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to post for two temporary supplemental aides was made by Walker and seconded by Aly. Roll call vote: all ayes.

President Hansen asked about the parent survey on in-person or remote learning. Mrs. Hosfeldt reported they had 69 high school students complete the survey with most students choosing in-person. The elementary numbers were higher for in-person versus remote learning.

President Hansen asked if any Board member could attend the teacher in-service day on August 11th at 8:30 am to show support for all of our teachers. They are going to have a challenging year and we need to let them know we appreciate their hard work.

Member Walker asked that the upgrading of technology be added to the next meeting agenda.

With no other business, a motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Aly to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, August 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. Roll call vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 pm.

**Michael Hansen, President
Board of Education**

**Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education**