

**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
May 21, 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: Walker, Aly, Schuchardt, Wallace, Hansen; and Simmons, Hogg via phone.

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

Motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Schuchardt to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 4/16/2020 and 4/30/2020; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; and 5) Accept Resignations from Mr. Seth Graves, Jr. High Scholar Bowl, and Ms. Jeanne Clayton, Jr. High Health teacher. President Hansen thanked Ms. Clayton for her time in continuing to teach our students after retirement and wished her well in her future endeavors. President Hansen asked if we had received another bill from Baysinger. Mr. Fritch stated we have not and he is still trying to get some answers on the previous bill. President Hansen stated the Board needed some clarification on the charges. Wallace asked if there were any out-of-the ordinary bills and if we

had any savings on bills. Mr. Fritch stated all bills are in the normal range, the food reimbursement will cover extra food costs, we have seen some savings in the education fund by not paying subs, and transportation with no fuel cost.

With no further comments, roll call vote: all ayes.

President Hansen recognized Mr. and Mrs. Rock Bradford and added they would have him join the Board in closed session.

Under Administrative reports, Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Door and Window Phase 1 (first 5 windows) is in process; 2) Wrapping up remote learning for this school year. I would like to thank all of the teachers for their hard work during the school closure; 3) Last meal delivery will take place on Tuesday May 26th. I cannot express how thankful that I am for our cooks and volunteers that have been instrumental in accomplishing this task; 4) I have heard nothing but positive feedback from our drive in graduation ceremonies and the parade.

Again, I would like to thank Golconda Main Street for the use of the stage, Pope County Sheriff's Department, Pope County Fire Department, Tim Green from Gospel Mission Tabernacle for supplying the FM radio station both nights, WEBQ 102.3 Radio Station for broadcasting the high school graduation, and all of our faculty members and volunteers that donated their time and energy into making these nights a success; 5) Janitors will be preparing to break down classrooms, deep clean, stripping floors, and painting; 6) Mr. Fritch distributed a handout of the Restore Illinois Phase Plan. Next school year: What will it look like? We are

not sure at this point. I expect that our region will be in Phase 4 of the Restore Illinois Plan. Schools are expected to be open, but currently ISBE has not released guidance on what that will be. Lots of speculation at this point; 7) Financial: Legislators are currently meeting. Rumored that State Education budget will be the same as last year. No increase or decrease. Hopefully will know more in the coming days; 8) Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Grant - \$147,027 Application went live this week. Money is to be spent on enhancement of digital learning; i.e. upgrading wifi and computers, and the fight against COVID-19 through sanitation purposes. Grant Life runs from March 2020 to September 2021. Grant is due by June 30th. Mr. Fritch added that our copier leases are to expire in August and has been in discussion with Tri-State Business Equipment on our options. They have offered us a good deal for 5 new machines on a 5-year contract for around \$500.00 less than what we are currently paying. They will forgo the last two months of our current contract if we go ahead and sign a new contract. President Hansen asked that this item be put on the June agenda for action.

Motion to enter closed session for the purpose of discussion of personnel performance, procedures, and employment was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board entered closed session at 7:13 pm.

Motion to return from closed session was made by Simmons and seconded by Schuchart. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board returned at 8:08 pm.

Under New Business, motion to approve renewal of IASB Membership was made by Aly and seconded by Walker. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Mr. Fritch stated the Elementary and High School Improvement Plans are an annual action needed for funding of our grants. Motion to approve Elementary and High School Improvement Plans was made by Wallace and seconded by Walker. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Under Old Business, Mr. Fritch stated Randy Jones Glass has completed three door and window units and are on schedule to have the rest completed on schedule. They are finishing one unit per day. Baysinger bid out Phase 2 of the project and had a bid opening Wednesday. Mr. Fritch distributed a bid tabulation sheet with the bid information. There were two bids, Randy Jones Glass & Mirror and Evrard Company Incorporated. Randy Jones Glass & Mirror came in at a base bid of \$79,560.00 with Alternate Bid #1 at \$9,945.00 and Alternate Bid #2 at \$9,945.00. Evrard Company Incorporated came in at a base bid of \$108,788.00 with Alternate Bid #1 at \$9,721.00 and Alternate Bid #2 at \$9,721.00. Mr. Fritch added we put \$50,000 in 19-20 budget and \$50,000 in 20-21 budget, along with the matching maintenance grant, to cover the cost of both projects. Motion to accept bid from Randy Jones Glass & Mirror for the base bid of \$79,560.00 with

Alternate Bid #1 at \$9,945.00 and Alternate Bid #2 at \$9,945.00 for a total of 10 units was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes. Mr. Fritch stated Phase II will begin in approximately 12 weeks. President Hansen asked what remained due in architect fees for the project. Mr. Fritch stated we have received rather generic bills from Baysinger and have asked for more clarification on the charges with no response from Baysinger. President Hansen stated the bills will be on hold until we receive more clarification. Member Hogg asked if the architect needs to still be involved in the project. President Hansen stated they have a project manager that will oversee and sign off on the completion of the project.

Walker stated that the graduation ceremonies were great and how excited he was with how well they went despite the challenges we had to face. Schuchardt added that we should keep the parade going for the future graduating classes. President Hansen stated the ceremonies were really great and thanked Mr. Fritch, Mr. Blankenship, the community, and all involved for their support and making it a great ceremony for the graduates and their families.

President Hansen asked about the transportation payment and how the state was paying. Mr. Fritch stated we are still owed one payment, just waiting on the State to pay.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

**Michael Hansen, President
Board of Education**

**Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education**