

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
November 13, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Board President Hansen and the following members were present: Coen, Clay, Hogg, and Hansen. Schuchardt, Wallace, and Simmons were absent.

Motion was made by Hogg and seconded by Clay to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Member Wallace entered the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Motion was made by Clay and seconded by Hogg to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 10/18/2018; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; and 4) Accept Financial Reports. Roll call vote: all yeas.

There were no visitors or correspondence at this time.

Under Administrative reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) Progress reports for the 2nd quarter will be sent out on November 15th; 2) Parent/Teacher conferences went well. We had 412 parent contacts involving

242 students; 3) Mrs. Reed and our students in grades 3-4-5 presented a Veteran's Day tribute on November 9th; 4) Picture retakes and clubs/sports pictures will be taken on November 14th; 5) Elementary Christmas programs will take place on December 20th. The K-2 program will start at 9:30 and the 3-5 program will start at 1:30; 6) The Winter Choir Program will take place in the High School gym on December 13th; 7) Spelling Bee will take place on November 15th at 1:00 pm; 8) We will recognize our 8th grade basketball players and parents on December 17th for the girls and December 3rd for the boys; 9) The new copier has been delivered and networked for the teachers; 10) The ESSA classification for our school move up from Underperforming to Commendable; and 11) Current enrollment as of November 9th is 367.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Boys Cross Country Team finished 2nd in our Regional and advanced to the sectional. The Girls Cross Country Team also qualified for the sectional; 2) Boys Basketball season begins next Monday November 19th. Girls open up their season on November 28th; 3) Projector in the community room is installed; 4) FFA hosted the annual Section LTS. We hosted over 160 students from across southern Illinois; 5) The newly formed Speech Team has been performing well. At their first contest Ava Ibata and Natalie Bonnell each made the finals. At their second competition Anna Wasson and Ethan Jarvis made the finals and Ryan Greenwood came home with a second place finish; and 6) Enrollment: Freshmen – 45, Sophomore – 34, Juniors – 41, and Seniors – 31, Total is 151.

Mr. Climer reported the following: 1) The School Report Card has been released and is on the State website. Both our schools are classified as Commendable. Since we were classified as Underperforming, it gave us the opportunity to apply for a \$15,000 grant which we received. The grant is to be spent in the Special Ed area with the expenditures being on new items to improve the program. The District is spending \$9,380 per student, lower than the State average, and we are still classified as Commendable; and 2) The buses are ready to be delivered, waiting on the bank to finish the paperwork for payment.

Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel performance and employment was made by Hogg and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board entered executive session at 7:12 pm.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Coen and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas. Board returned at 8:27 pm.

Mr. Climer distributed the tentative 2018 tax levy and explained to the Board it will be 4.99% as has been customary. \$82,000.00 in additional tax revenue will be generated. A motion to post the tentative 2018 tax levy was made by Hogg and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to accept resignation of Heath Bremer as K-8 Night Custodian was made by Hogg and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to hire Aaron Hall as K-8 Night Custodian was made by Wallace and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to hire Kevin Graham as bus monitor was made by Wallace and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to hire Deveron Tackett as part-time individual aide was made by Wallace and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to hire Janet Stellakis as full-time individual aide was made by Wallace and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to hire Kelly Hille as Jr. High Girls Assistant Basketball Coach was made by Coen and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Motion to purchase full-page ad in the yearbook was made by Hogg and seconded by Clay. Roll call vote: all yeas.

President Hansen discussed with the Board the Student Board Representative Appointment process. The Board would like to have an Honorary Board member that is a senior to represent the student body. The students would write a 1-page paper of application, a teacher committee would choose from the applicants in

March or April for the next year's representative. The member would also be recognized at graduation for their service on the Board. Mr. Fritch will get more information together and bring to the next Board meeting.

Mr. Climer shared with the Board; a Property Tax Relief Grant through ISBE that is available this year through a new law providing \$50 million across the state. We have a slim chance, ranging in the 700's out of 800, but will apply and see what happens.

Motion to sell two oldest school buses and tow truck was made by Clay and seconded by Coen. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Mr. Fritch distributed a copy of the Substitute Teacher Handbook to all members. Motion to approve the Substitute Teacher handbook/training was made by Hogg and seconded by Clay. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Mr. Fritch stated we have 15 old smart boards that are in storage and he has been contacted by New Simpson Hill School that they are interested in purchasing these board. The Board agreed to sell the boards to New Simpson Hill School.

Under Old Business, President Hansen gave an update on the School Safety Committee's goal of obtaining a School Safety Officer. He stated he will set up a meeting with the Mayor of Golconda and the City Council.

President Hansen gave an update that the Goals Committee met the week after the last Board meeting and the focal point was the windows and doors at the elementary. They are waiting on a quote from Baysinger and will then get the architect to begin the project, starting with two sets. Mr. Fritch mentioned there is talk of the State 50/50 matching grant being available this year, which could be used to fund part of the project.

Mr. Fritch distributed a quote from Johnson Control for a new bell system. The old system is not working properly, rings at the wrong times, gets stuck ringing, and some days have to manually ring it. The quote is for the brains of the system and the old bells will still be used. President Hansen stated this is a recommendation of the Goals Committee. A motion to accept the bid from Johnson Controls for the new bell system was made by Hogg and seconded by Clay. Roll call vote: all yeas.

Mr. Fritch gave an update on the dugout project and stated it is half way completed. Mr. Swinford and his students did the demo on the old dugout to save some money. The construction company will also add an electrical line to the dugout for \$150.

Mr. Climer explained the HLS/Fire Marshall Report that was completed last month. He read over the notes from the Fire Marshall and the ROE. Both buildings have some items that need to be addressed but nothing major or too costly. Some items have already been corrected.

President Hansen and the Board discussed in depth the 1% Sales Tax for building improvements. The sales tax would offset the property tax increase and distribute the tax to everyone, not just property owners. The Board tabled this item for further discussion.

Member Hogg asked about the leak in the gym roof and the flooding locker rooms. Mr. Fritch stated the leak was over the stage area and has been repaired. The locker rooms flood every time we get a hard rain, the drain pipes seem to be the problem. The pipes need to be replaced or cleaned out.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Clay to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. All members present voted yea.

Meeting adjourned at 9:57 pm.

**Michael Hansen, President
Board of Education**

**Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education**