

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
November 19, 2019
7:00 p.m.**

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

Motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Hogg to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 10/17/2019; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; and 4) Accept Financial Reports. Roll call vote: all ayes.

President Hansen recognized Mrs. Laura Hosfeldt at this time for her being selected to receive the National Council of Teachers of English, “High School Teacher of Excellence Award”. President Hansen had a letter to present to Mrs. Hosfeldt and read aloud the following:

On behalf of the Administration, this Board, and our entire community, we would like to recognize you on being selected to receive the National Council of Teachers of English, “High School Teacher of Excellence Award”.

This is a great achievement for you personally; however, we are not surprised. On any given night, we see you here late, we have seen the investment you have made in our students whether it is through scholar bowl, choir, hometown heroes, and the list goes on and on.

Mrs. Hosfeldt, teachers like you are what make this school district great. You truly care, you sacrifice, and you give all to shape the lives of our youth.

Teachers like you can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill the love of learning. We truly appreciate all you do, and congratulate you on this great achievement.

Once again, on behalf of the Administration, this Board, and our entire community, please accept this letter of commendation as a small token of our appreciation and gratitude.

President Hansen presented the letter signed by all the Board members to Mrs. Hosfeldt and thanked her for her dedication to our students.

Under Administrative reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) Progress reports for the 2nd quarter were sent out on November 15th; 2) Mrs. Reed and our students in grades 3-4-5 and the Jr. High choir presented a Veteran's Day tribute on November 9th; 3) Picture re-takes and clubs/sports pictures will be taken on November 25th; 4) The Elementary Christmas programs will take place on December 19th. The K-2 program will start at 9:30 and the 3-5 program will start at 1:30; 5) The Winter Choir Program will take place in the High School gym on December 12th; 6) Spelling Bee will take place on November 21st at 1:00 pm; 7) We will recognize our 8th grade Lady Pirate basketball players and parents on December 11th; 8) The ESSA classification for our school remained at Commendable; 9) We will be having a Reptile show on December 6th; and 10) Current Enrollment 341 as of November 18th.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Girls Cross Country team advanced to the sectional; 2) Boys Basketball season begins next Monday, November 25th; 3) The Speech Team has been performing well. At their first contest Ryan Greenwood and Vance Hertter each were finalists. Elyse Ibata and McKenzie Maddox each placed 6th in their categories. Kylie Arnold and Lilly Robinson placed 5th as well; 4) Mrs. Hofeldt received a grant for the high school library and she has ordered \$2,000 worth of new books; 5) The gym sound system had been acting up. I had John Windings come in Friday and look at it. He found a loose connection and several adjustment knobs in the wrong position. We are also going to upgrade the CD player and install a power supply sequencer. He will be here Friday to install; 6) Since the cold weather has returned, the slippery film on the gym floor has also returned. We have changed the dust mop treatment and put a moisture barrier under the floor. The next option is to replace the thermostats in the gym and locker rooms to keep a steady temperature in these areas since the cold seems to trigger this issue. A quote for around \$1,600 will replace the thermostats, wiring, and possibly a lift might be needed. The Board agreed to take steps to resolve the issue; and 7) Enrollment is 163; 54 Freshman, 42 Sophomores, 26 Juniors, 41 Seniors. Member Hogg asked about soft spots in the gym floor. Mr. Fritch said there are some but the floor is more than 50 years old. He said if you want to replace the gym floor, you might look at replacing the bleachers as well. The bleachers are about 20 years old and have reached their life span.

Mr. Climer reported on the following: 1) Congratulation to Mr. Fritch for passing his superintendent test; and 2) The District Report Card is on the ISBE website if anyone wants to see our numbers. Our student data is at Commendable and we are nearly on average with the State numbers. Our expenditures per student are very reasonable compared with other Districts.

Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel performance, procedures, and employment was made by Hogg and seconded by Schuchardt.

Roll call vote: all ayes. Board entered executive session at 7:18 pm.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Simmons and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board returned at 7:39 pm.

Motion to approve out-of-state trip to Murray State University for the Cyber Cave Event on December 12th as requested by Mr. Robbie Reeder, was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to purchase a full-page ad in the yearbook was made by Simmons and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Under Old Business, a motion to adopt the 2019 Tax Levy was made by Hogg and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes.

President Hansen stated the SRO agreement with the County Commissioners has been agreed upon. Wallace made a motion that the Board approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Pope County Board of Commissioners for School Resource Officer services. Motion seconded by Simmons, roll call vote: all ayes.

Under Other School Business, Schuchardt inquired about the senior athlete pictures for the gym.

Wallace asked if the Board would be interested in making a donation to the Hometown Heroes. President Hansen asked that a possible sponsorship for Hometown Heroes on behalf of the Board be put on the next agenda.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons to adjourn the meeting until the next scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm.

**Michael Hansen, President
Board of Education**

**Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education**