

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting  
Pope County CUSD #1  
Board of Education  
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library  
Thursday, January 19, 2023  
7:00 p.m.**

Meeting was called to order by Acting President Aly at 7:19 p.m; meeting was delayed awaiting a quorum. The following members were present: Walker, Wallace, Simmons, and Aly. Kizziar, Schuchardt, and Hogg were absent.

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

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons to approve the consent agenda including the following items; 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meeting on 12/16/2022; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Report; 5) Approve destruction of Closed Session Meeting CDs more than 18 months old; and 6) Approve resignation of Sheri Hungate as Jr High Cross Country coach. Mr. Fritch commented on bills from Baysinger Architects and Carnegie Learning. With no further comments, roll call vote: all ayes.

Under Administrative reports, Mrs. Allen reported the following: 1) Lady Pirates won 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Little GEC tourney and are also Regional Champions advancing to State. They will play at Rend Lake College on 1/21 at 5 pm vs Trinity St. John; winner plays on 1/26 at 7:15 pm; 2) Pirates are playing the consolation game tonight at Carrier Mills vs Thompsonville at 5 pm; 3) Jr. High volleyball try-outs are underway; final cuts are scheduled for 1/23; 4) Last day of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter was 12/16; 5) Christmas break projects included installation of water fountain in gym, pipe/drain issues, and updated teacher's lounge; 6) Officer Jerod Campbell and some of his Southern Illinois Task Force team members educated us on intruder safety and basic first aid. Later said out of 40+ districts they have presented this information to, our district was by far the most attentive, respectful, asked great questions, actively engaged and was fun to work with;

7) 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report cards were sent home with K-5 students and mailed 6-8 grade; 8) Aimsweb Winter Benchmark testing is finished; 9) K-8 pep rally on 1/20 for Jr. High girls basketball; 10) Josten's will be here on 1/23 to measure 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for their caps/gowns; and 11) Enrollment for January is 312 students.

Mr. Graves reported the following; 1) Final Exam make ups were completed our first week back and report cards were mailed out; 2) Homecoming was held January 13<sup>th</sup> and the dance was the 14<sup>th</sup>; 3) FBLA is partnering with Mrs. Dunning at the Grade School for St. Jude's Pitch Penny; 4) Vape detectors are installed, special thanks to Kevin Jennings and Jeff Lee of QNS; 5) Scholar Bowl is in the GEC Tournament; 6) We are hosting Girls GEC Basketball the week of January 30<sup>th</sup>; 7) Senior Night is as follows: Girls Basketball: Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, Boys Basketball: Feb 7<sup>th</sup>; and 8) Enrollment: 163.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) We had a good return to school in-service on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. We had members of the Saline County Sheriff's department here to discuss active threat situations and also how to provide medical care to seriously injured individuals; 2) We ended up having to pay the 13<sup>th</sup> payment to the Egyptian Trust. They threatened to file suit if we did not pay by January 6<sup>th</sup>. Barney recommended that we pay them after he analyzed the situation. We also had to pay a 5% late penalty; 3) City of Golconda formally agreed to take our wastewater at their last city council meeting; 4) Catalytic Converter Theft update; 5) We have found a new audit firm to complete our FY22 Audit. And they have agreed to do our future audits. They will be here the week of February 20<sup>th</sup> to complete it for us; and 6) I would like to thank the Pope County EMS and several of our employees for how the cheerleading accidents were handled the night of homecoming.

A motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Walker to enter closed session for the purpose of personnel performance, procedures, and employment. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board entered closed session at 7:34 p.m.

**A motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Walker to return to regular session. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board returned at 8:25 pm.**

**Motion to approve closed session minutes and recommendation of minutes to become public record was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Mr. Fritch explained we have been waiting on a contract from Pepsi since October and just received it Friday. He met with a rep from Coca-Cola on Tuesday and they had a better offer on pricing. Mr. Fritch made the recommendation to go with Coca-Cola as our vendor, no contract needed at this time. Motion to rescind the motion made by Walker and seconded by Schuchardt on October 20, 2022 to accept beverage contract with Pepsi within these parameters, 10-years and \$10,000 was made by Walker and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Mr. Fritch distributed and explained the updates made to the Absenteeism and Truancy Policy. Motion to accept the updates to the Absenteeism and Truancy Policy as presented was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to approve out-of-state field trip for the FFA to attend the Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, KY in February 2023 was made by Wallace and seconded by Walker. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to hire Melissa Wilson as Agriculture teacher for SY 2023-2024 pending proper certification was made by Simmons and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to hire Paula Kraper as Title I Aide was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to hire Chelsea Patton as Individual Aide was made by Walker and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to post for Jr. High Cross Country coach was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to post for Jr. High Newspaper sponsor was made by Simmons and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Member Wallace complimented the choir on doing an awesome job singing the National Anthem at homecoming. Member Simmons added kudos. Mr. Fritch stated it was awesome that the students had prayer before the game. Mr. Graves added it was an honor and we have the best kids around.**

**With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting until the next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.**

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**Bronwyn Aly, Acting President  
Board of Education**

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**Paula Baker, Secretary  
Board of Education**