

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
June 20, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

Member Jeffords entered the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 5/10/2024 and 5/16/2024; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; and 5) Accept Resignations from Lorna Kirby, teacher, Chris Walker, HS Baseball Coach, and Kristy Homes, JH Baseball Assistant Coach. With no further comments, roll call vote: all ayes.

Under Administrative reports, Mrs. Allen reported the following; 1) Student Involvement/Sports; a) Summer school was held June 3-13; b) Jr High volleyball and basketball open gyms are underway; 2) Summer Maintenance; a) Custodians are working on yearly maintenance/cleaning; b) QNS has been in/out of our building; 3) Back to School Planning; a) Continued curriculum mapping (math); b) Continued use of new math curriculum (enVision/Savvas); c) Registration is set for August 2 & 5 from 8:30-1:30; d) 2024-2025 Start Dates; i) Teacher's August 9; ii) Aides August 12; iii) Students August 13; 4) 2022-23 Elementary/Jr High School Enrollment: August 313, September 318, October 322, November 321, December 320, January 312, February 314, March 317, April 316, May 315, EOY Enrollment 311 students; and 5) 2023-2024 Elementary/Jr High Enrollment: August 302, September 305, October 306, November 303, December 300, January 304, February 311, March 313, April

314, May 311, EOY Enrollment 311 students. At this time Mrs. Allen distributed a handout to summarize and discuss the updates and changes to the 2024-25 Parent/Student Handbook.

Mr. Graves reported the following; 1) Changes to the college visitation policy; 2) Changes to the incentive trip policy; and 3) Updates and changes to the 2024-25 Student Handbook. Mr. Graves distributed a handout summarizing these updates and changes.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Update on projects at the high school building; 2) Miscellaneous renovations project meeting today, will start project July 1st; 3) Septic project will begin work next week or around July 1st; 4) We received \$65,000 from forestry money; 5) Department of Energy Grant has been submitted; 6) Mrs. Graves will be doing a pilot program with online curriculum. This will include 89 licenses on a 5-year agreement. The program will be \$10,000, part will be funded through the ESSER grant and the other part will be district paid.

Motion to enter closed session for the purpose of discussion of personnel performance, procedures, and employment was made by Jeffords and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board entered closed session at 7:38 pm.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Kizziar and seconded by Jeffords. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board returned at 9:00 pm.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Bond for the 2024-2025 SY was made by Wallace and seconded by Kizziar. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to dismiss Sherry Black as JH Scholar Bowl coach was made by Wallace and seconded by Jeffords. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to hire Sarah Hingson as Pre-K teacher was made by Simmons and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to hire Justine McDonald as Special Education 3-5 teacher was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Jeffords. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to post for HS Social Studies and HS Math teachers was made by Kizziar and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to post for an elementary Special Education aide and individual aide was made by Jeffords and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to post for HS head baseball coach, HS Scholar Bowl Coach, and JH Scholar Bowl coach was made by Kizziar and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to post for JH assistant baseball coach was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Mr. Fritch shared a proposal of the non-certified salary schedule with a \$1.00, \$0.89 Base and \$0.11 Step, raise. Motion to approve the 2024-2025 salary schedule for non-certified employees at \$1.00 per hour was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Mr. Fritch explained we are required to increase the price of adult meals to meet the recommended price by the State. He proposed to raise breakfast \$0.55 and lunch \$1.05. Motion to approve increase of \$0.55 for adult breakfast and \$1.05 for adult lunch was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to approve the Elementary and High School Student Handbooks for the 2024-2025 SY was made by Simmons and seconded by Jeffords. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Under Old Business, motion to approve the amended 2023-2024 FY budget as presented was made by Simmons and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all ayes.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Kizziar and seconded by Wallace to adjourn the meeting until the next meeting to be held on Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm.

**Bronwyn Aly, President
Board of Education**

**Margie Bowman, Acting Secretary
Board of Education**