

Minutes for Regular Board Meeting

Pope County CUSD #1

Board of Education

J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library August 20, 2026 7:00pm

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

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

Motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Schuchardt to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meeting on 07/16/2026, 07/31/2026, and 08/03/2026; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; 5) Accept Resignation of Bus Driver and Individual Aide. Roll call vote: all ayes

Under administrative reports Mrs. Allen started of reporting: 1) JH baseball and softball started games August 17th, with Cross Country tryouts being held August 20th; 2) Custodians and summer help did a good job getting the building ready; 3) Online registration went very well. July 20th-August 1st was online and in-person was July 27th from noon-5. Special thank you to Ms. Hannah and Ms. Jennifer; 4) August 6th, Hardin Co. Clinic provided free sports physicals. Hilary Smith, Lacy Broadway and Veronica Lehman provided free haircuts; 5) Open House on August 7th was a success. Blessing in a Backpack (thank you Ms. Hannah for organizing and coordinating everything). As well as a thank you to Ledford Baptist Church who provided free hot dogs and drinks; 6) Fall benchmark Aimsweb testing will be complete next week; 7) We were able to purchase \$500 worth of hygiene supplies for PCCHS & PCE/JH thanks to community donations; 8) Pirates Cove will be opening soon. We have received \$400 worth of prizes, STEM items and snacks for it; 9) Enrollment is at 276.

Mr. Graves reported: 1) They hosted online registration this year in July. All but 38 high school students were registered online, while the rest were in person in August. Special thank you to Ms. Tresa for getting that together and running; 2) Open House was held August 7th; 3) Spirit Card sales are in full swing at the cost of \$10/card; 4) Volleyball and Cross Country kick off this month with Baseball starting in September; 5) Ms. Sheyann has scholarship information out for Seniors already to begin working on them, as well as workforce and military recruiters scheduled to come in; 6) Currently offering 18 classes that are dual credit courses; 7) Continuing with curriculum development this year as well as linking our curriculum to the learning standards; 8) FFA hosted our senior officer retreat last weekend at the Bunkhouse at the View at 111 to plan for the upcoming year; 9) Enrollment is at 133.

Mr. Fritch reported: 1) FY27 EBF (state funds) has been released. The allotted amount will be \$14,637.01. Last year we received approximately \$22,000; 2) Project updates: Roof is nearing completion. They are finishing up with pressure washing and putting up the fascia. Bathroom renovation is short some floor tiles and wall tiles. When they come in they will be wrapping up that project. It is looking fantastic. A student commented that it was so nice it looked like an airport bathroom. Should be complete within two weeks; 3) We had a great start to the school year. Thank you to Ms. Hannah for taking care of the Blessings in a Backpack. Also to Ledford Baptist for their donation of food. Hardin County for doing our physicals. PTO for getting the playground work completed. Thanks to Hilary, Lacy and Veronica for doing free haircuts for our students. Special thanks to the teachers for helping get us off to a good start.

Member Fatheree asked if there were any issues to the air conditioner units? Mr. Fritch replied that during the roof project 2 were previously not working correctly. While five others had the copper lines kinked when moving. D7 Roofing and JR Electrical will be fixing at their expense.

Member Slavin asked about the payment for the mini splits, Mr. Fritch explained that the two units that weren't working correctly got replaced.

With no further reports or questions a motion was made to enter closed session for the purpose of personnel performance, procedures, and employment. Motion was made by Slavin and seconded by Fatheree. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board entered closed session at 7:25pm.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Slavin and seconded by Fatheree. Roll call vote: all ayes. Returned to regular session at 7:37pm.

Under Tentative FY26-27 School District Budget for New Business, Kizziar made a motion to approve and display the district budget. Seconded by Fatheree. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A motion was made by Kizziar and seconded by Fatheree to approve September 24th at 6:45pm for a Public Hearing for the adoption of the 2026-2027 budget. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Under Employment, a motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Slavin to hire Adam Broadway and Bo Bramlet to share the responsibilities of the Jr. high assistant basketball coach. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A motion to hire April Vela as Title I Aide was made by Fatheree and seconded by Slavin. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A motion to post for a full-time sub bus driver was made by Simmons and seconded by Kizziar. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A motion was made by Slavin and seconded by Fatheree to hire Alexah Rister as an Individual Aide. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A motion was made, under Multi-Function School Activity Bus, by Fatheree and seconded by Simmons to approve the purchase of a multi-function school activity bus. Roll call vote: all ayes. Under Old Business a motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Fatheree to approve the purchase of 3rd-6th Grade Science Curriculum. Roll call vote: all ayes.

With no further business a motion was made by Fatheree and seconded by Schuchardt to adjourn meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, September 24, 2026 at 6:45pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. Time adjourned 8:08pm.

Bronwyn Aly, Board President
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