

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
August 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

Motion was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 7/18/2024 & 8/1/2024; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; 5) Accept resignation of Hannah Reynolds as Assistant Girls' basketball coach; and 6) Accept Letters of Intent to Retire from Johnna Hankins and Rhonda Jenkins. Mr. Fritch mentioned some bills that were out of the ordinary, items purchased with grant funds, and some renewals used by teachers. Hogg asked about the tuition bill from Hardin County. With no further comments, roll call vote: all ayes.

Under Administrative reports, Mrs. Allen reported the following: 1) Student Involvement/Sports; a) JH Baseball and softball start games next week (August 19); b) JH Cross Country sign up sheet will be posted this week and tryouts will be held on 8/22; 2) Assemblies/Activities/Projects; a) Custodians and summer help did a good job getting the building ready; b) Library, teacher's lounge and Mrs. Reed's floor looks good; c) Back to school registration went well; i) Special thank you to Ms. Charlee, Mrs. Jennifer and Mrs. Reed; ii) Shotgun Eddy's and Eddyville Community Church donated back to school supplies while the Baptist Church donated cookies for faculty/staff, d) Teachers and students are still transitioning into the new year; e) SEL grant; i) Has been extended for another year; ii) Primary/intermediate Year 3 (\$1,000 grant); iii) Jr High Year 2 (\$1,000); f) Amazon Donation Day is scheduled for September 19; i) High School and Elementary/Jr. High; ii) The purpose is to encourage generosity for tomorrow's

leaders so that when they experience the joy of giving, they'll never stop; (1) Students will be able to shop for an adult in their life; g) Future planning for this year; i) Literacy/Math Night; (1) Six teachers are interested in being a part of this; ii) Family Movie Night; h) Principal Account Donations (split evenly between Elementary and High School); i) Adam's Auto Works; \$500; ii) Methodist Church in Golconda: \$300; iii) Tanglefoot Ranch: \$200; iv) Eddyville Order of the Eastern Star: \$150; and 3) 2023 Elementary/Jr High school enrollment is 302 students and 2024 Elementary/Jr High school enrollment is 302.

Mr. Graves reported the following: 1) Registration was held and went well. A special thanks to Ms. Tresa and Ms. Sheyann for the help and setup at registration; 2) Spirit Card sales are in full swing at the cost of \$10 a card; 3) The baseball team and volleyball team have begun practicing. Volleyball and Baseball season kicks off at the end of this month while CC is set to start in September; 4) 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; 5) We are currently offering 10 classes that are dual credit courses; 6) We are continuing with curriculum development this year as well as linking our curriculum to the learning standards; 7) FFA Officers are having a 2 day retreat at Bramlet's; 8) Our first picture day is scheduled for September 11th; and 9) Enrollment: 144.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) New faculty and aides are in place and starting off well; 2) Thank you to all the people, churches, and businesses for the donations; 3) Library floor at the high school is almost complete, will be putting the library back together on Monday. It will be complete by next week; 4) Freezer will be delivered the 22nd and be installed by the 26/27th. Thank you to CRS for donating a freezer; 5) Baysinger didn't approve the paint Samron was going to use, so they had to find the right paint; and 6) Asaturian has dug the line behind the softball field and on around to the side. They are waiting on forms to be built before moving on. It is coming together quickly. They ran the new pipes in a day. The majority of grant funds for this project need to be spent by September.

Motion to enter closed session for the purpose of discussion of personnel performance, procedures, and employment was made by Jeffords and

seconded by Kizziar. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board entered closed session at 7:23 pm.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Hogg and seconded by Jeffords. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board returned at 8:19 pm.

Mr. Fritch distributed a budget summary of the FY 25 and discussed key areas of the budget. The Ed fund took a hit with all the new hires, O & M took a big hit will all the projects this summer. We will have to move some working cash in to other funds. Transportation fund is improving with the help of the CCPRT funds. We are still lowering IMRF to deplete that fund. Tort and Health Life Safety are in good shape. With some questions and discussion by the members, a motion to approve and display the tentative FY 2025 budget was made by Jeffords and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to approve September 19, 2024 at 6:45 pm for a Public Hearing for adoption of the FY 2024-2025 Budget was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Jeffords. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to hire Janice Wallace as Director of Speech Services pending contract approval was made by Simmons and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to hire Molly Dunaway as individual aide was made by Jeffords and seconded by Kizziar. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to post for individual aides was made by Kizziar and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to post for JH girls assistant basketball coach was made by Jeffords and seconded by Kizziar. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Under Old Business, Mr. Fritch distributed two handouts, one of the PRESS policy regarding homeschool students participating in extracurricular activities, and Eldorado's policy. He stated he also read Crab Orchard's policy. After some discussion, Mr. Fritch proposed the administration would develop a draft policy and present at the next meeting.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Jeffords to adjourn the meeting until the next meeting to be held on Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 7:00 pm with a Public Hearing beginning at 6:45 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

**Bronwyn Aly, President
Board of Education**

**Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education**