

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting  
Pope County CUSD #1  
Board of Education  
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library  
May 19, 2022  
7:00 p.m.**

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

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

**Motion was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 4/5/2022 and 4/21/2022; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; and 5) Resignation of Ms. Becky Chell, High School Special Education Teacher. Mr. Fritch pointed out two bills, Renaissance and IXL that are 2-year subscription renewals, paid out of Title I funds. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

Recognition of Visitors was Hometown Heroes giving a project update with a PowerPoint presentation by Vance Hertter, MaKenna Millis, Kylie Arnold, Shaylyn Kincade, and Wyatt Hall. Despite some challenges this year, they were able to raise around \$15,000 for their project of renovating the Golconda City Park. Aly thanked them and stated what an impact they are having on our community and how proud the Board is of the whole group and sponsors.

Under Administrative reports, Mr. Blankenship reported the following: 1) The last day for the Pre-K students will be Monday – May 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will have their End of Year Picnic on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at the city park; 2) The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students went on their parent-organized trip to Holiday World today; 3) We will be having a Jr. High dance on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>; 4) The Kindergarten program will be on Wednesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am; 5) All the testing for this school year is finally complete. Mrs. Reed will share the results of the Aimsweb testing with the teachers; 7) Current Enrollment 327 as of May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Graves reported the following: 1) Hometown Heroes had their unveiling ceremony at the Golconda City Park on May 5<sup>th</sup>; 2) Seniors have completed semester exams; 3) Graduation for the Class of 2022 was held on May 13<sup>th</sup>; 4) Mr. Climer and I have been working on the schedule for next year; 5) Illinois Science Assessment has been completed; 6) With approval, the spring incentive trip is

Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> to Atomic City in Paducah; 7) Spring musical Moana is May 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm; 8) Underclassmen semester exams will be May 25<sup>th</sup>-May 26<sup>th</sup>; 9) Student last day is May 26<sup>th</sup> and Staff is May 27<sup>th</sup>; 10) The baseball season has come to an end with a second round Regional defeat; 11) Softball is playing May 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 for a Regional Title at Century; 12) Ahry and Eason Comer have both qualified to run in Class A State Track; and 13) Enrollment is 176.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Our health insurance is going to have an increase of 25% since we are in Tier 7. We are currently working with another carrier to get a better rate; 2) Have met with Asaturian Eaton to begin work on the septic project. There are many steps and paperwork to get completed before work can begin. We are looking at a start date of next summer; 3) The HVAC and gym floor projects are moving along with little issues; 4) Thank you to the principals for a job well done with the graduations; and 5) Thank you to all the employees of the District on an awesome job this year.

Motion to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel performance, procedures, and employment was made by Simmons and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board entered at 7:19 pm.

**Motion to return to regular session was made by Wallace and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board returned at 9:02 pm.**

**Under New Business, motion to renew IASA annual membership was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to approve out-of-state trip for Mr. Graves to take incentive trip to Atomic City in Paducah, KY was made by Simmons and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to approve posting amended budget for 2021-2022 SY as presented was made by Wallace and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Wallace to hire Abby Clanton as Jr. High Assistant Volleyball Coach and High School Assistant Volleyball Coach. Roll call vote: Schuchardt, Wallace, and Aly; ayes, Simmons abstained. Motion carried.**

**Motion to post for two Special Education Aide, one for Elementary and one for High School, was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to post for full-time Individual Aides was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to reschedule June Board meeting for Tuesday, June 21 was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Under Old Business, Mr. Fritch has quote from Yewell Insurance that is considerably less than what we are currently paying. PSIC never provided a quote. The recommendation is to move forward with Yewell Insurance for worker's compensation and property and casualty insurance. Motion to accept the quote and move forward with Yewell Insurance was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Mr. Fritch stated we received our Annual Financial Report from the auditors at 6:04 pm tonight. He has not had adequate time to review it. He and Margie will review it to check numbers. There might need to be a special-called meeting to return the results and approve the audit before the June meeting. We are trying to find another auditor for next year.**

**Under Other School Business, Member Schuchardt discussed concerns with the school lunches. He had many questions about serving sizes, food preparation, packaging, suppliers, costs, the schedule for lunch, and what next year will look like. Mr. Fritch and Mrs. Bonnell provided answers to all questions. Mrs. Bonnell stated they are working on getting a salad bar for the high school. Aly also offered some information that could provide assistance to the District through the Ag Center.**

**Member Schuchardt asked about the new buses. Mr. Fritch stated the purchase of two buses are in the ESSER III grant. They have been ordered but are about a year out, may get them next summer. Mr. Fritch also stated the bus that was damaged, is currently at the shop getting fixed.**

**With no further business to be discussed, a motion to adjourn meeting until the next regular scheduled meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library was made by Wallace and seconded by Schuchardt. All members present voted aye.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.**

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

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**Paula Baker, Secretary  
Board of Education**