

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting  
Pope County CUSD #1  
Board of Education  
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library  
July 18, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

**Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Aly and the following members were present: Jeffords, Kizziar, Simmons, and Aly. Schuchardt, Wallace, and Hogg were absent.**

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

**Motion was made by Kizziar and seconded by Jeffords to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meetings on 6/20/2024; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; 5) Accept Resignations – Jessi Hall, JH Softball Coach; Abby Clanton, JH and HS Assistant Softball Coach; and Kalyn-Rae Fritch, Assistant Volleyball Coach; 6) Approve making all closed session minutes public record; and 7) Approve destruction of closed session tapes more than 18 months old. Mr. Fritch discussed some bills. With no further comments, roll call vote: all ayes.**

**At this time President Aly recognized Holly Hall and Brandon Etheridge to discuss sports for homeschool students. They asked the Board if they would consider going through the process of including homeschool students for high school sports. Ms. Hall stated they were aware of the process and was prepared to complete the parents' responsibility. Mr. Fritch explained the process the District and the Board would have to complete before this would be possible. Mr. Etheridge asked some questions and the Board discussed further. Mr. Fritch stated he would do further investigation and report back to the Board.**

**Under Administrative reports, Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Construction projects currently underway; a) High School gym floor has been refinished and completed; b) Fire alarm system is continuing and on track to be completed by**

the beginning of school; c) New flooring in the elementary building is complete. They found asbestos in the high school building that will need to be abated. They also found water damage in the high school library that will need to be addressed. The unit office flooring will not be completed until after school starts; d) Freezers have been demolished and the concrete work will be completed next week. The new freezer will be shipped August 9<sup>th</sup>. Kala Bonnell is reworking the menu for beginning of school due to the uncertainty of completion of the new freezer; 2) Custodians are almost finished with the elementary, just painting. High school custodians are behind due to working around the fire alarm installers; 3) Sewage project has not been started and not sure when they will begin. Aly asked if the building committee could do a walk-through the buildings before school starts. Simmons added there is a drain pipe sticking out behind the elementary building that needs to be addressed. Jeffords commented about the ditches being over sprayed and eroding.

**Motion to enter closed session for the purpose of discussion of personnel performance, procedures, and employment was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board entered closed session at 7:22 pm.**

**Motion to return to regular session was made by Wallace and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board returned at 10:11 pm.**

**Motion to hire Sam DeCaro for HS Math Teacher was made by Jeffords and seconded by Kizziar. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to hire Alex Worrell and Rylee Hogg as individual aides was made by Simmons and seconded by Jeffords. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to hire Tiffany Jarvis and Hilary Smith as Special Ed aides was made by Kizziar and seconded by Jeffords. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to hire Chad Nalley as HS Baseball Coach was made by Jeffords and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to hire Tiffany Jarvis for JH Track Coach was made by Simmons and seconded by Kizziar. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to post for HS Assistant Baseball Coach was made by Kizziar and seconded by Jeffords. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to post for JH Softball Head Coach was made by Simmons and seconded by Jeffords. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to post for JH and HS Softball Assistant Coach was made by Simmons and seconded by Jeffords. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to post JH and HS Assistant Volleyball Coach was made by Kizziar and seconded by Jeffords. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to post for Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) was made by Jeffords and seconded by Kizziar. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**Motion to schedule Special Called Meeting for August 1, 2024 at 7 pm was made by Simmons and seconded by Jeffords. Roll call vote: all ayes.**

**With no further business to be discussed, a motion was made by Kizziar and seconded by Jeffords to adjourn the meeting until the next special-called meeting to be held on Thursday, August 1, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. All members present voted aye.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:17 pm.**

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**Bronwyn Aly, President  
Board of Education**

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**Paula Baker, Secretary  
Board of Education**