

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
Board of Education
J. H. Hobbs Memorial Library
March 21, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Aly and the following members were present: Jeffords, Kizziar, Hogg, Simmons, Wallace, and Aly. Schuchardt was absent.

Motion was made by Hogg and seconded by Wallace 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 2/15/2024; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports; and 5) Accept Resignation Letters, Leighann Quinlan as Jr. High cheer coach, and Abby Clanton, Jr. High Cross Country coach. Mr. Fritch pointed out the bill from Baysinger Architects for the fire alarm system plans. With no further comments, roll call vote: all ayes.

Mr. Jacob Lane, High School Scholar Bowl Sponsor, distributed an informational sheet of scholar bowl stats for the year. They have had an excellent year with a record of 17/11 for varsity and 5/9 for JV. Placed 2nd in GEC, 2nd at the Masonic Tournament, and 3rd in the Regionals. They are planning a trivia night for a fundraiser to purchase a new buzzer system and uniforms.

Under Administrative reports, Mrs. Allen reported on the following; 1) Student Involvement/Sports; a) Jr High volleyball; b) Regular season ended March 11; c) Regionals began March 12, State Finals will be held on Saturday, March 23; i) We defeated Cypress-Buncombe on March 12; ii) Lost to Jonesboro in the semi-final on March 14; d) Jr High Track tryouts have been completed. Their first meet is scheduled for Monday, March 25 @ West Frankfort; 2) Student Involvement/Sports; a) PTO will recognize March's Student of the Month on Wednesday, March 27; b) IAR testing has been completed; i) Special thank you

to Blake Schuchardt for our Glo dance party on 3/15 for grades 3-5; ii) Pizza party for grades 6-8 is being planned; c) Illinois Science Assessments for Grades 5 & 8 are done; d) Incentive Fundraisers; i) PK-8 sold trash bags (about \$950 profit); ii) Elementary/Jr. High/High School Popcorn fundraiser through April 9; 3) Upcoming Events; a) School improvement 2:00 dismissal on Monday, March 25 (K-5 math training on new curriculum); b) 3rd Qtr Attendance Incentive will be March 27; c) March 28; i) Mrs. Dunning's class will travel to River Radio on March 28 to unveil their record breaking "Quest for a Million Pennies" results; ii) Early dismissal, 2:00; d) Spring Break begins March 29; e) Pre-K screenings are scheduled for April 12; f) U of I Ag Center Trips; i) Grades 1-3 on April 18; ii) Grades 4-5 on April 19; g) Freshman orientation is scheduled for April 19; h) Student Council dance is scheduled for April 19; i) Kindergarten pre-registration April 22-26; j) Rotary Banquet April 26; k) PTO Fun Day is scheduled for May 3; l) Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10; m) 8th grade graduation: May 9; n) Last day of Pre-K: May 23; o) Last day of Kindergarten/Kindergarten graduation: May 24; and 3) Elementary/Jr High School Enrollment; a) 2022-2023: March 16, 317 students; b) 2023-2024: March 21, 313 students

Mr. Graves reported the following: 1) The 3rd Quarter ended March 8th with grade cards going out Monday the 11th; 2) On March 2, Mr. Green and 15 high school students traveled to Carbondale High School to participate in the IHSA Solo/Ensemble Contest. Students participated in 13 events and earned: 12 Superior ratings and 1 Excellent rating. The high school choir will participate in the IHSA Organizational Contest in April, performing 3 songs for the judges; 3) FFA Members and 2 advisors traveled to Springfield last week to attend Illinois Agriculture Legislative Day; 4) The Pope County FFA hosted the annual horticulture contest at the Dixon Springs Ag Center on Tuesday March 19. We had 11 schools and 65 competitors; 5) SAT will be held April 11th with PSAT 10 April 18th and the ISA will be the next week; 6) Baseball and Softball have opened up for the season; 7) The High School incentive trip for 1st Semester was Friday, March 15th; 8) The Student Council attended the Little Egypt District of Student Councils District Convention on March 5th. PCCHS Student Council brought home the "Hall of Ideas" award for our homecoming week. We also had 2 students receive Pillar Awards. Jakob Eckert received the Pillar Award of Dedication and Brileigh Wise received the Pillar Award of Encouragement; 9) The Lady Pirates ended their season falling short in Sectionals, but had a great season with Conference and Regional titles; 10) Masin Presser and Shelby Hogg were both named conference MVPs for the GEC. Maddie Walker, Bella Fasolo, and Eli Presser were also on the All Conference teams; 11) Masin Presser

signed a letter of intent today at 1 pm to play basketball at SIC; and 12)
Enrollment: 170

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Fire alarm system is coming to a close and had a pre-bid meeting this morning. Bids will be going out April 4th; 2) Wastewater project has been approved by the IEPA. Bid process will be starting soon; 3) Received a letter in the mail yesterday stating we are in an IEPA violation for the high school waste. We have 30 days to respond. Will be contacting Sanders Environmental to see what we need to do with this and why there hasn't been slug reports turned in for several months; and 4) Illinois will be going back to the ACT testing in the near future.

Motion to enter closed session for the purpose of discussion of personnel performance, procedures, and employment was made by Hogg and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board entered closed session at 7:25 pm.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Kizziar and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board returned at 8:55 pm.

Motion to approve bid from Prairie Farms for dairy products for the 2024-2025 SY was made by Wallace and seconded by Kizziar. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to approve bid from Enviro-Tech Termite and Pest Control for pest control for the 2024-2025 SY was made by Wallace and seconded by Jeffords. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to approve 1- year bid from Bulldog for trash removal for the 2024-2025 SY was made by Hogg and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to approve bid from Goodyear Tire (Raben) for tires for the 2024-2025 SY was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to approve bid from Southern FS for fuel for the 2024-2025 SY was made by Hogg and seconded by Kizziar. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Mr. Fritch presented the amended 2023-24 school year calendar to reflect the emergency days used thus far. He explained due to all the importance being placed on the eclipse, we will not be in attendance on April 8th. We will need to amend the calendar again at the end of the school year. Motion to approve 2023-2024 SY calendar as presented was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Mr. Fritch discussed the Consolidated District Plan, a yearly requirement for grant purposes. Motion to approve 2024-25 SY Consolidated District Plan as presented was made by Wallace and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to accept the resignation of Lisa Davison, Special Education teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-24 SY was made by Jeffords and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to hire Rhonda Gotway as Speech Language Pathologist for the 2024-25 SY was made by Simmons and seconded by Hogg. Roll call vote: Jeffords, Kizziar, Hogg, Simmons, and Aly; ayes. Wallace; present. Motion carried.

Motion to post for Jr. High Cross Country coach was made by Kizziar and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to post for Jr. High Cheerleading coach was made by Wallace and seconded by Kizziar. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to approve Dr. Brittany Noel and Julie Parr as volunteer softball assistant coaches, pending proper certification and background check, as requested by Coach Jessi Hall was made by Simmons and seconded by Kizziar. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to approve out-of-state trip for FBLA and Student Council to go to the St. Louis Zoo on April 24, 2024 as requested by Robbie Reeder and Natalie Bonnell was made by Simmons and seconded by Wallace. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to approve out-of-state trip for 8th grade to go to Holiday World in Santa Claus, IN on May 24, 2024 and the use of a school bus with Tiffany Jarvis as the driver as requested by the 8th grade parent sponsors, Katrina Hall and Stephanie Steele was made by Simmons and seconded by Jeffords. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to approve trip to Paducah, KY for Project Graduation on May 10, 2024 as requested by Shelby Hogg and April Hogg was made by Wallace and seconded by Kizziar. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion to approve trip to Six Flags in St. Louis, MO on May 26, 2024 for the Class of 2024 as requested by Shelby Hogg and April Hogg was made by Wallace and seconded by Kizziar. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Under Old Business, Member Simmons asked regarding the air quality testing in the elementary building. Mr. Fritch explained he had been in contact with a company out of Edwardsville and was waiting on a call back. He also spoke with Baysinger Architects and they recommended the same company and would make a call on our behalf. The Board will be notified once an appointment is scheduled.

Under Other School Business, Member Hogg asked regarding the slide show during graduation. Mr. Fritch and Mr. Graves explained the slide show will be shown before graduation in the gym, in the lobby, and in the community room while the graduates are getting ready for the ceremony.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

**Bronwyn Aly, President
Board of Education**

**Paula Baker, Secretary
Board of Education**