

**Minutes for Regular Called Meeting
Pope County CUSD #1
J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library
Thursday, December 15, 2022
7:00 p.m.**

Meeting was called to order by President Hogg at 7:00 p.m. The following members were present: Kizziar, Aly, Simmons, and Hogg. Walker, Schuchardt, and Wallace were absent.

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

A motion was made by Aly and seconded by Kizziar to approve the consent agenda including the following items; 1) Approve minutes of Board Meeting on 11/15/22 & 11/30/22; 2) Approve closed session minutes; 3) Approve bills for payment; 4) Accept Financial Report. Member Hogg asked about the Southern FS bill. With no further comments, roll call vote: all ayes.

Under Administrative reports, Mrs. Allen reported the following: 1) Student Council will have a dance on December 16; 2) Galatia is hosting the girls Little GEC tourney on January 4, 5 & 7; 3) Carrier Mills is hosting the boys Little GEC tourney on January 12, 17-19; 4) Pope County will host the girls SIJHSAA regional tournament on 1/10-12 & 1/14; 5) Jr High Volleyball sign-ups are underway. First game will be held @ Hardin County on 1/31; 5) Christmas program was held on 12/9; 6) 6th grader is doing Teddy Bears 4 Cares; 7) 2nd quarter grading period ends on 12/16; 8) 188 students participated in the 2nd quarter attendance incentive party. A nacho party was given, along with semester attendance drawing; and 8) current enrollment is 320 as of December 15, 2022.

Mr. Graves reported the following: 1) Finals were 12/14 & 15; 2) 2nd 9 weeks ends December 16th. Report cards will go out January 3rd; 3) Choir is hosting their Christmas Concert tonight (December 15th) in the Community Room. Also will be on the Sounds of the Season starting Sunday, December 18th @ 7pm; 4) Vape detectors have arrived and being assembled for installation; 5) Ahry Comer was selected as the Southern Illinois

Cross Country Runner of the Year; 6) NHS hosted a successful Blood Drive with the Red Cross; 7) The janitors will be buffing the floors and doing painting during the break; 8) Christmas Extravaganza returns 12/16/2022 to the High School, 9) Speech Team finished 2nd in Small Schools at the Harrisburg Tournament; and 10) Enrollment is 168.

Mr. Fritch reported the following: 1) Temporary heat is installed at the Grade School Gym; 2) High School Gym sound system should be fully functioning by next week; 3) As we move forward, one of our next major projects might need to be looking at roof replacement on the buildings; 4) Secured the 3 off-lease buses through Central States. Delivery will be in the summer; 5) Record number of bills floating that involve education. Main one to be looking for is the Federal American Teachers Act; 6) City of Golconda has tentatively agreed to our proposal to take our wastewater. Their action taken is pending the review by the city attorney.

A motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Aly to enter closed session for the purpose of personal employment, performance, litigation and procedures. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board entered closed session at 7:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Aly and seconded by Kizziar to return to regular session. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board returned at 7:50 p.m.

A motion to approve the 2023 Board meeting dates was made by Aly and seconded by Kizziar. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Mr. Fritch went over the 2022 tax levy with the board, along with reporting fund balances for the district at this time. A motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Aly to approve the 2022 tax levy. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A motion to accept the resignation of Cathy Brown as Elementary Secretary was made by Simmons and seconded by Kizziar. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A motion to accept the resignation of Amber Derringer as Individual Aide was made by Kizziar and seconded by Simmons. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A motion was made by Aly and seconded by Kizziar to hire Charlee Poole as Elementary Secretary. Roll call vote: Kizziar, Aly, Hogg – aye; Simmons – abstain.

Motion to post for an Individual Aide(s) was made by Simmons and seconded by Aly. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Simmons made a motion and Aly seconded to post for a Title I Aide. Roll call vote: all ayes.

At this time, there was not Old Business or Other School Business to be discussed. Motion to adjourn meeting until the next regular scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library was made by Kizziar and seconded by Simmons. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Jeremy Hogg, President
Board of Education

Margie Bowman, Acting Secretary
Board of Education