

Minutes for Regular Board Meeting

Pope County CUSD #1

Board of Education

J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library July 16, 2026 7:00pm

Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Aly and the following members were present: Slavin, Jeffords, Kizziar, and Schuchardt. Member Fatheree and Member Simmons were absent.

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

Member Jeffords departed at 7:11pm

Motion was made by Slavin and seconded by Schuchardt to approve the consent agenda including the following: 1) Approve Minutes of Board Meeting on 6/25/26; 2) Approve Closed Session Minutes; 3) Approve Bills for Payment; 4) Accept Financial Reports (pending clarification on checking account); 5) Approve Making All Closed Session Minutes Public Record; and 6) Approve the Destruction of Closed Session Tapes More Than 18 Months Old. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Under administrative reports Mr. Fritch started off with: 1) All main projects are on schedule. August 1, all main projects should be complete, with possible small details finished after; 2) Replacing concrete by the ag shop, the clay tile pipes corroded. This caused a change order, infill material will need to be placed under the steps to fix the erosion; and 3) Custodians are working hard, replacing ceiling tiles, repainting the ES gym and classroom doors. They are getting the buildings ready for this upcoming school year and doing a great job; 4) The culvert in the entrances of both buildings are collapsing. Mr. Gary spoke with IDOT and they will be replaced before school starts at no cost; 5) IRA preliminary test results have been reviewed. We had growth in ELA in 3-8th grades. Math, we will need to focus on bringing those scores up. We are at state average or above in some areas, but will talk as a group to work on bringing up the scores that need to be improved on.

With no further reports or questions a motion was made to enter closed session for the purpose of personnel performance, procedures, and employment. Motion was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Slavin. Roll call vote: all ayes. Board entered closed session at 7:26 pm.

Board Member Jeffords returned at 8:10 pm

Motion to return to regular session was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Jeffords. Roll call vote: all ayes. Returned to regular session at 8:41pm.

Under Personnel Employment for New Business, Kizziar made a motion to post internally for part-time special education aide. Seconded by Jeffords. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A motion to accept the resignation of Gracie Sullivan as the Jr. High Special Education Teacher Aide was made by Slavin and seconded by Schuchardt. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A motion to post internally for the Jr. High Special Education Teacher Aide was made by Jeffords and seconded by Slavin. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A motion to accept the resignation of Tyler Presser as the Jr. High Boys Basketball Assistant Coach was made by Jeffords, and seconded by Kizziar.

A motion to post for the Jr. High Boys Basketball Assistant Coach was made by Jeffords and seconded by Slavin. Roll call vote: all ayes.

A motion to approve the JH and HS Handbooks for the 2026-2027 SY as presented was made by Kizziar seconded by Jeffords. Roll call vote: all ayes.

The Sand Filter Bid and the 3rd-6th grade Science Curriculum were tabled due to exploring more options and the EBF numbers for funding have not been released yet.

Under Other School Business, a motion to approve the FFA Overnight Officer Retreat at The Bunkhouse in Harrisburg, IL on August 14-16th was made by Schuchardt and seconded by Slavin. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Member Slavin asked for an update on the TimeClock Plus, Mr. Fritch stated Mrs. Paula is working on it. She has attended training and training for staff should hopefully be the beginning of the school year.

Member Jeffords asked about the update of the High School library floor. Mr. Fritch replied that Baysinger and the manufacturer are finding out who is responsible for defect. She also asked if we are in a contract with Baysinger Architects, Fritch replied yes, and that it would be the same process as when we got the engineer if we want to switch. There is a new owner of Baysinger, which is providing more communication and feedback than previously.

With no further business a motion was made by Kizziar and seconded by Slavin to adjourn meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting to be held on Thursday, August 20, 2026 at 7:00pm in the J.H. Hobbs Memorial Library. Time adjourned 9:08pm.

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