

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COOPER COUNTY R-IV SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Regular Session, January 17, 2019**

**Members Present**

Amy Heilman – President  
Anna Kahle – Vice President  
Robin Bishop – Secretary  
Ron Anderson – Member - Partial  
Ashley Benny – Member  
Justin Hein – Member - Partial

**Members Absent**

Tasha Knapheide - Treasurer

Dr. Anderson – Superintendent  
Jessica Huth – Principal

---

- I. The Cooper County R-IV Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Amy Heilman at 6:37 PM.
- II. Motion made by Robin Bishop to approve the agendas for the January 17, 2019, Regular and Executive Sessions.  
Motion seconded by Ashley Benny.  
Yeas: 4 (Amy Heilman, Anna Kahle, Robin Bishop, and Ashley Benny)  
Nays: 0  
Motion Carried: Yes
- III. Motion made by Ashley Benny to approve the minutes for the Regular and Executive Sessions for December 18, 2018.  
Motion seconded by Anna Kahle.  
Yeas: 4 (Amy Heilman, Anna Kahle, Robin Bishop, and Ashley Benny)  
Nays: 0  
Motion Carried: Yes
- IV. **Public Comment:**  
There was no public comment.
- V. **Monthly Bills**  
Motion made by Robin Bishop to approve the bills presented for the current month.  
Motion seconded by Ashley Benny.  
Yeas: 4 (Amy Heilman, Anna Kahle, Robin Bishop, and Ashley Benny)  
Nays: 0  
Motion Carried: Yes
- VI. **Monthly Financial Report – December 2018**  
Superintendent Dr. Anderson reported:
- |                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Beginning Balance:  | \$2,029,015.55 |
| Total Receipts:     | \$185,834.31   |
| Total Expenditures: | \$2,043,708.19 |
| Total Cash on Hand: | \$1,741,125.52 |
| Total Investments:  | \$302,582.67   |
- VII. **Reports**
1. Casandra Goyer submitted information on middle school ELA and science. Her classroom focus for ELA has been on improving reading comprehension and vocabulary. They have used Spelling City and Quizlet to improve their understanding of vocabulary terms. The focus on science has also been on building vocabulary and each grade is focusing on different science concepts. She reported that students are using Google Classroom activities in her lessons, working on reading and writing more journal entries and book reports, and completing STEAM based lessons with hands-on components. The classes could use more materials for hands-on exploration like magnets and circuit boards. Mrs. Goyer also mentioned a need for a separate literature class for middle school students to allow the ELA class to focus more on writing while the literature class focused on increasing reading ability.
  2. Seth Kincaid submitted information on middle school math and social studies. His math classroom is focusing on using Study Island for additional practice and reinforcement of key concept in the chapters being taught and any areas where student scores are low. He has met with Mrs. Thompson to work on plans that make the transition between middle school and high school a smooth one. The biggest struggle with the middle school social studies classes is reading fluency, vocabulary and writing skills. Mr. Kincaid is also working to take apart the social studies standards. Mr. Kincaid mentioned a need for a good

6<sup>th</sup> grade social studies textbook. He also felt that the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades would benefit from having a separate literature and ELA class to increase their ELA MAP scores.

3. Tammy Ray presented information on the Title 1 program. The focus of Title 1 is to help with math and reading for students who need additional assistance. The classes are working on weekly computer time for students K-5 where the kids work on Edmentum Learning focusing on math. This test places students at their academic level and then works to improve their learning. She is currently progress monitoring 18 students grades K-6. She is also completing DRA tests on all elementary students. Mrs. Ray also goes into classroom twice weekly to help classes with problem solving. Students are being rewarded for getting a certain number of problems correct by being given Dragon Dollars and this seems to be a good motivator. Reading Night will be in the spring and there will be stations set up for different reading and language arts activities and information was shared about Math Night that took place earlier in the school year which had 27 students participating.
4. Christy Linhart the Cooper County Assessor presented information on reassessment. Reassessment was last performed prior to 2008 in Cooper County. To be in compliance we need to be between 90-110% of assessed market values but Cooper County is currently at 79%. In 2019 she will be starting with reassessing land values. In 2021 all buildings will be reassessed in the hopes that our assessed market value will increase to around 90%. Just the reassessed land values should give the school district another \$15,000 in tax revenue.
5. Tremco representative Joe Brazil presented information about our roof project with bids from 3 companies and information about the different roof projects and cost of each project.
6. Assistant Principal / Activities Director's Report: Mr. Emde submitted information on all of the following areas.
  - We have contacted the four school districts that border ours about possible co-op possibilities. The main concerns of Pilot Grove and Tipton was that our high school numbers might push them in to another classification. Coach Ray went to students to have them sign up for various sports programs they would be interested in during the 2019-20 school year. It does not seem that we will have enough students interested for baseball and possibly not enough for boys varsity basketball.
  - Varsity basketball is half over. The girls are 3-9 and the boys are 5-7. The 20-week season for the Freshman will end with their last game being Friday, January 25, at LaMonte. Senior night was observed January 15.
  - At the MSHSAA meeting in Smith-Cotton on the 15<sup>th</sup> topics discussed included: fighting, a link rule, contact hours, cooperative sponsorship, classification system, and equity between public and non-public members. Mr. Emde is willing to talk to anyone interested in hearing more about any of these topics.
  - It is becoming hard to find referees.
  - Archery only has 2-3 high school/middle school students but the board wants to see the program continue and discussed the possibility of a co-op with Zion middle school students to increase numbers.
  - Calendar:
    - Jan 22 @ Jamestown (Girls only)
    - Jan 23 Stover at home (Make-up game)
    - Jan 24 Columbia Independent at home (Boys only)
    - Jan 25 @ LaMonte
    - Jan 29 @ Pilot Grove
    - Jan 30 @ MSD (Boys only)
    - Feb 1 Jamestown at home (Homecoming) 12:10 dismissal
    - Feb 5 Crocker at home
    - Feb 8 @ Prairie Home
    - Feb 12 @ Brunswick
    - Feb 14 @ Calhoun (Girls only)
7. Principal's Report: Mrs. Huth reported on the following areas.
  - There were no behavior incidents or logs reported this month.
  - Information was shared on attendance and diagnostic reports were given.
  - An article was written in the Newsletter asking for community volunteers to be a part of the Community Awareness Advisory Committee as well as volunteers in the school and classrooms.
  - She has been communicating with staff about forms of communication, returning student work, posting student work, going over student work, missed assignments by students, buddy rooms, and group work.
8. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Anderson
  - The budget was reviewed for the 2019-20 school year. There is a budget workshop she plans to attend. We will be applying for the SRSA and REAP grants.
  - Information was presented on becoming a DCI School. This would be a 2-year cohort. We would have access to free professional development and help us focus on teachers gaining skills to create assessment capable learners and improve student outcomes. We could use it on our regular scheduled PD days and it will help prepare for MSIP 6.

- We went through some of the Federal Funds we are receiving and how we are using these funds.

**VIII. Old Business**

- Calendar Proposal for 2019-20 was reviewed and discussed.  
Motion made by Ashley Benny to approve the proposed 2019-20 school calendar with corrections including an early dismissal on April 24 for Prom, Awards Banquet on May 3 at 5:00, and graduation on May 8 at 7:00.  
Motion seconded by Robin Bishop.  
Yeas: 6 (Amy Heilman, Anna Kahle, Robin Bishop, Ron Anderson, Ashley Benny, and Justin Hein)  
Nays: 0  
Motion Carried: Yes

**IX. New Business**

- We sent in our board of education ballot to be certified but since we have only two candidates no election is needed. We will file the appropriate paperwork for MEC.
- Homecoming poster rule changes were shared. Administration decided to make some of these changes to the poster schedule to help students have more time and opportunity to complete their posters in conjunction with all of the other evening activities. There are other times that can be used if necessary if posters can't be completed in the time line given.

**X. Monthly Meeting**

The next monthly meeting will be February 21, 2019, at 6:30 PM.

**XI. Adjourn to Executive Session**

Board President, Amy Heilman, entertained a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting.  
Motion made by Robin Bishop to adjourn Special Regular Session meeting.  
Motion seconded by Justin Hein.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: 6 (Amy Heilman, Anna Kahle, Robin Bishop, Ron Anderson, Ashley Benny, and Justin Hein)  
Nays: 0  
Motion Carried: Yes

Meeting adjourned 9:08 PM.

---

Board President

---

Board Secretary