

**MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 9, 2020 REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.**  
**CHOCTAW/NICOMA PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Ind. Dist. 4, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma

Place of Meeting  
Administration Office, 12880 NE 10th, Choctaw, OK 73020

Janice Modisette, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call established members present: Don Alsup, Vice President, Elizabeth Parker, Clerk, Pamela Matherly, Asst. Clerk and Daryl Crusoe, Member.

Mrs. Modisette called for consideration and approval of the agenda. Ms. Matherly moved and Mr. Crusoe seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved and Mr. Alsup seconded, to approve the October 12, 2020 board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Amber Spradlin, ACT President, reported that as 2020's gloomy trend continues, Covid numbers increase, workload is continuing to pile up, and teachers are more afraid than ever to ask for clarification or other questions. Many teachers have used this past three-day weekend to bring some joy and peace by putting up holiday decorations. Or they were just glad the election is over! Mrs. Spradlin added that the transition to five days a week is still very much a concern to many as most state colleges are moving to full virtual after the biggest holiday that Covid has seen. The virtual Wednesdays, as I have said before, are all that is keeping sanity for many teachers. This is also in turn because teachers have lost much of their morning preparation time as students come straight into their classrooms. Teachers are still having to prepare completely in the two different ways: in class and distance learning because quarantines are still at a high number. The district emails do not express the number of students that have been quarantined themselves from situations outside the school. Middle School teachers that are doing the EDGE program specifically do not have enough time in the day to keep up with their in-class students, and they are trying to juggle 30-60 more students and virtually at that. Mrs. Spradlin added that as teachers they keep on keeping on, because that is who they are. They walk around all smiles, teaching their students day in and day out. In closing, Mrs. Spradlin added that the week of November 16-20<sup>th</sup>, ACT will be celebrating American Education Week. ACT will be handing out personalized masks to our members.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Superintendent Reid made the following comments:

- Congratulations to Keri Powell, Media Specialist at NPMS for being named News 9 Teacher of the Day for her amazing Escape Room.
- It is hard to believe we are almost half way through with the second quarter of the school year. Including this week, there are only five school weeks until winter break. All Fall activities and sports are winding down.
- Our CHS football team beat Bartlesville Friday night to finish a great regular season with a 7-3 record and qualify to host a 6A II playoff game for the first time since 1983. We will have a bye this week and then likely host PCN.
- Congratulations to Coach Jay Reaves, Eric Jenkins, and the CHS Cross Country team on a great season. Both the boys' and girls' teams qualified for state.
- Congratulations to softball players Kaiden Borden for being named to 1<sup>st</sup> team All-State and Emma Jackson for being named honorable mention.
- Congratulations to CHS volleyball player Josie Thomas for being named All-State.
- Congratulations to CHS Cheer for qualifying for Game Date State- they compete this Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Unfortunately, OBA March Band Contests has been cancelled this year, and the Drama One Act has been pushed back to the spring semester.
- Great work by Adam Bass and Cindy Rogers for creating virtual programs to honor Veteran's Day. Our schools will be playing these videos on Tuesday or Thursday of this week.
- Each of our sites did great things to honor our support staff following Governor Stitt's proclamation which stipulated support personnel week was October 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>.
- I want to continue to praise our staff – support staff, teachers, principals, and administrative staff. Certainly 2020 has thrown some unique challenges our direction, (pandemic, ice storm in October etc.) but I am impressed with how everyone does their part to make the best of a difficult situation. I think that is attributed to keeping students' best interests as our core value.
- After approval at tonight's board meeting, we will file an election resolution with the Oklahoma County Election Board for Seat Number 1. Candidates may file for this position beginning at 8 a.m. on December 7<sup>th</sup> through 5 p.m. on December 9<sup>th</sup>. We are pleased that Janice Modisette has decided to file for this position.

Under board member comments, Board President Janice Modisette stated that those that know her know that she is laid back and easy going and she is big on people. In her almost 25 years as a board member, she has advocated for CNP Schools in our community, stating that she believes in people. She acknowledged that this has been an unusual year with distance learning and developing a virtual plan that we all knew would be fluid. Mrs. Modisette stated that she attended a meeting with the EDGE teachers at the beginning of the year and addressed them as a group and thanked them for stepping up. She expressed her appreciation to this group of teachers and told them we know this year will be a bumpy ride. President Modisette continued stating that she had received an anonymous letter from a teacher regarding an email they had received regarding potential expectations of teachers in the EDGE program. She read the letter to everyone in attendance. The letter stated that the email suggested weekly live sessions with students, online office hours, and help with studying for tests. These were just a few suggestions for the teachers to consider, and the Director offered help and resources to anyone that reached out. President Modisette stated her strong disapproval of this anonymous letter and stated that every suggestion in this document is something, in her opinion, teachers could and should do. She stated that she was very unhappy that she could not reply to the person that wrote the letter, but if she could, this is how she would reply. Simply, you have chosen to teach as your career. As far as extra hours, they are the difference in defining a mediocre teacher and a great teacher. The students you are investing in could grow up to be a brain surgeon or a cardiologist. She added that any time you send a letter to someone and it is unsigned, you cheapen the cause. Sign your name and give the recipient of the letter the opportunity to respond. Elizabeth Parker, Board Clerk, then stated that she received a copy of the same letter and was very disappointed as well. Ms. Parker stated that she always replies to anyone that reaches out to her, and in this situation, she is unable to respond.

The next agenda item was a report from Debbie Worley, Director of the EDGE Program. Mrs. Worley gave a quick overview of the EDGE Program. She stated as everyone is aware, the program was launched in a very quick manner. In an effort to provide a framework for the Edge Program, program guideline documents were created. The development of this document opened conversations with the teachers. Mrs. Worley stated that she has shared these two documents with the principals last week, and they also spoke about it today at a staff meeting. Mrs. Worley stated that after all suggestions are considered and final revisions are made, she hopes to share the documents with EDGE parents next week. Mrs. Worley stated that the window for students and parents to choose either brick and mortar instruction or EDGE for the second semester will be opening the week of November 16<sup>th</sup> and closes on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Worley closed by telling the board members that she welcomes their input regarding these documents.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Alsop to approve calendar year 2021 Choctaw/Nicoma Park School Board meetings. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to adopt the 2021 Annual School Election Resolution to the Oklahoma County Election Board to hold a Board of Education Primary Election on February 9, 2021, only if three or more candidates file for the Board of Education position appearing on the ballot as an unexpired term. Further, a Board of Education General Election shall be held on April 6, 2021, under the following circumstances: if only two candidates file for a position scheduled to be on the ballot or for a position on the ballot for an unexpired term or if no candidate in the Board of Education Primary Election receives more than 50% of the votes cast. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer, reported that it's hard to believe that it is already November and we will be sliding in to the holidays very soon. Mr. Berry stated that the recent ice storm resulted in an insurance claim being filed. Mr. Berry stated that we had tree damage, branches, and damage to the soccer nets. He added that our insurance adjuster is working with himself and maintenance supervisor, Brian Cannon regarding the claim. Mr. Berry added in regard to our mid-term adjustment, he is not anticipating receiving this until mid-January. Mr. Berry closed by stating the Child Nutrition Department is continuing to provide breakfast and lunch to every student at no charge.

Ms. Parker moved and seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s 444 - 495 - \$30,766.38; Fund 21 – #'s 112-115 - \$9,007.00; Fund 22 - # 81 - \$62.70; Fund 33 - #'s 02-03 - \$7,515.00 and Fund 86 - #'s 35-37 - \$711,070.00. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Mr. Alsop, to approve facility use requests from Choctaw High School Tip in Club for Choctaw High School, Choctaw Middle School, and Nicoma Park Middle School Gymnasiums on November 20-22, 2020. The vote was unanimous.

Kelli Hosford, Executive Director of Student Services reported that she has been participating in several zoom meetings and this year's state testing is still a go. Mrs. Hosford added that she attended the yearly Search meeting last week. She also stated that the Search Program is studying the election process. She stated the students have "candydates" with chocolatey and fruity being represented. She stated that the students have created campaign posters and the candydate debates will begin soon. Mrs. Hosford added that a representative from OU – Soonerworks will be conducting a zoom meeting with counselors on November 17<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be conducted regarding a degree path that will be put in place for students with disabilities. Mrs. Hosford stated that colleges do not currently have to honor student IEP's. Mrs.

Hosford continued stating that she has received an additional \$1,000 in Braum's gift cards from Stan Malaske to be distributed to students.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, reported that all Curriculum Councils have met (Social Studies, Science, Math and ELA) and are now developing goals which will direct the district's path forward in all things curriculum related. Our number of at-risk students across the district has increased by 22 since she last report during the October board meeting. Dr. Gaona stated that she is unsure if this is more or less than normal as this is the first year that we have had access to this data. She stated that she will provide the numbers to each site's principals and have asked that they discuss strategies to address these students for the Curriculum and Instruction report that will be presented to the school board in January. She continued stating that we will also be analyzing any data available to us since we did not have state testing last spring. She added that we will explore distance learning in depth regarding what has been working and what we can improve. On a happier note, Dr. Gaona shared the OSDE's video about the states Programs of Excellence.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the consent agenda. The vote was unanimous.

At 6:40 p.m., Mr. Alsup moved and Ms. Parker seconded to enter executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:23 p.m., Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to return to open session. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the following certified recommendation: Nicole Savage, effective 10/26/20. The vote was unanimous.


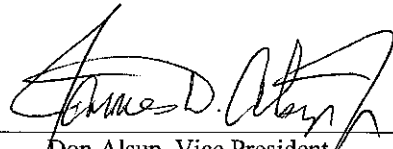
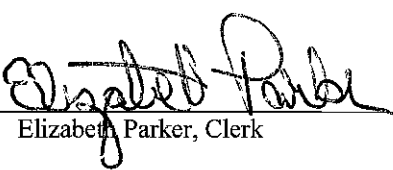
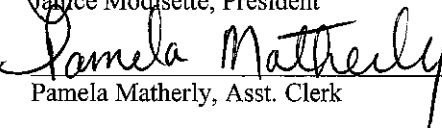

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the following certified resignation: Patricia Hatter, effective 11/3/20. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the following support recommendation: Ingrid Kriglen, effective 10/22/20; Madison Sturgill, effective 11/2/20; and Agie Marion, effective 11/19/20. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the following support resignations: Mariah Easley, effective 10/20/20; Angela Coplin, effective 11/2/20 and Marisol Duhamel, effective 11/3/20. The vote was unanimous.

There being no new business, at 7:24 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Mr. Crusoe to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

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