

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 10, 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 10<sup>th</sup>, Choctaw, OK 73020

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

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.

Ms. Parker moved and Mr. Crusoe seconded, to approve the July 14 and July 31, 2020 board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Vice President, Don Alsup entered the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

Amber Spradlin, ACT President stated that the ACT is prepared for the new teacher shower that will be held tomorrow. She stated that there have been some wonderful items donated to help our new teachers set up their classrooms. Mrs. Spradlin added that negotiations were completed last Friday.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Superintendent Reid made the following comments:

- Special thanks to the school board members for their time with attending the numerous special board meetings this summer.
- We welcomed back all site principals and site secretaries last week. They are busy preparing for what may be a challenging but very rewarding year. New to the district teacher's orientation is tomorrow at CHS. All teachers will report on Wednesday to their home sites.
- Fall athletics has kicked off as has the band program. We are hopeful these events happen. The next few weeks could be very telling.
- Report on Covid-19 numbers – Oklahoma County numbers have gone down recently – ever so slightly. Five weeks ago was the lowest at 14.04, 17.34, 19/38, 19.74, 17.97. Choctaw has had daily cases of 26, 31, 30, 29, and 27 since August 5<sup>th</sup>. With smaller populations, the bigger one case plays into the equation.
- Michael James met with both ESPO and ACT and negotiations went well. Both groups will take the tentative agreement to their respective members for the vote. We hope to have the board approval and signature at the September board meeting. I would like to thank Sandy Tynes and Amber Spradlin for always working with the administration team. Negotiations don't mean the two sides always agree, but both sides respect each other and a compromise is usually reached.
- Superintendent Reid then introduced EDGE Director, Debbie Worley and Student Services Executive Director, Kelli Hosford. Mrs. Worley gave a brief report on the new software program, Edmentum, that will now be utilized by EDGE. She reported that it is a very short timeline to get information to teachers and parents. At this time, the EDGE has a total enrollment of 1150. Mrs. Worley said that Jennifer Wright is working very hard entering data over the next couple of weeks. Additionally, Jennifer received a \$1,000 community grant from Wal Mart for the EDGE program. Mrs. Worley stated that at this time they are focusing on teacher training and working with sites on rosters and PowerSchool information. Mrs. Worley closed by stating that students at the elementary/middle school levels will have 10 days after school starts to change between EDGE and brick and mortar instruction and high school students will have 5 days. Kelli Hosford, Executive Director of Student Services reported that ESY was a huge success and the teachers and students did a fantastic job. She added that the Search program, beginning September 7, will be moved to Fridays. Mrs. Hosford reported, at this time, we have over 1,000 special education students and she would like to give a huge thank you to site principals and special education teachers. She stated that 100 disposable gowns have been ordered for special education teachers to give them another layer of PPE. Mrs. Hosford closed by commending site administrators for leading their buildings and doing it so eloquently. She stated that this year will be challenging but rewarding and she has every confidence that it will be a great year.
- Superintendent Reid closed by stated that he would like to commend each of our district administrators. He stated this will be a very challenging year with information changing so quickly. Everyone is just wishing that they had some definite answers. As administrators we work to get all of our ducks in a row, but this year we don't know if we have ducks or geese or even if we are in the right pond, but I would like to commend our site principals and directors for accepting whatever challengers this year throws our way with a smile and can-do

attitude. I have no doubt we will get through this and be better for it largely because of the tireless work and inspiration provided by our site administrators.

There were no comments from board members.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe, to approve a resolution to appoint the superintendent to act as Impact Aid Representative for the district. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve FY 2021 Contract for Secondary Career and Technology and Education and Notice of Allocation. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup, to authorize Kelli Hosford as district designee to sign all current year expenditure reports, disbursements and cash receipts filed with the Oklahoma Department of Education for purpose and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of IDEA Consolidated Application. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to authorize Dr. JeanAnn Gaona as district designee to sign all current year expenditure reports, disbursements and cash receipts filed with the Oklahoma Department of Education for purpose and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of Federal Awards Consolidated Application, Title I-A, II-A, IV, and VI. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup, to approve an agreement between Choctaw-Nicoma Park Schools and City of Choctaw for School Resource Office for the 2020-21 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve an agreement with Today's Therapy Solutions for Speech Therapy for the 2020-21 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve contract with Tri-City Youth & Family Center, Inc. (with a change in years) to the 2020-21 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the following new policies and policy revisions: DABB – Records Investigation; FB-E1 – Sexual Harassment Incident Report Form; FB-D2 – Written Notice to Known Parties Regarding Allegations of Sexual Harassment; FB-E3 – Written Report and EHDF – Online Instruction. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer, reported that our allocations were late and our Estimate of Needs has been delayed. He stated that the Finance Department is closing out last fiscal year and getting ready to submit data to the State Department. Mr. Berry reported that the water bottle filling stations have been ordered but they are currently on back order. As soon as they are received, the maintenance staff will get them installed.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s 210 -278 - \$278,086.21; Fund 21 – #'s 063-082 - \$162,930.30; Fund 22 - #'s 055 - 065 - \$10,051.08; Fund 33 #1 - \$6,845.00; Fund 35 - #1 - \$5,572.84; Fund 35 - #1 - \$1,267.15 and Fund 85 - #'s 16-24 - \$26,571.54. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker, to approve the second year of a five-year lease agreement between Choctaw-Nicoma Park Schools and Life Christian Academy for lease of the old Nicoma Park Elementary. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup, to approve quote in the amount from Edmentum, Inc. for licenses to support the distance learning platform. The grade levels were changed from the agenda to reflect grade K-5<sup>th</sup> rather than PreK – 5<sup>th</sup> grades. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona reported on Distance Learning that Principals, Special Education Teachers and Media Specialists are using a rubric to search through the lessons that our approximately 120 teachers designed over the summer to address distance learning. She reported that on Monday, August 17, all teachers will be trained further in Digital Professional Development for Distance Learning with a focus on Google Classroom. These skills will be valuable not only during distance learning, but in the classroom in general. She continued stating that Exact Path has been provided free to our district through CARES money from the State Department of Education. Special thank you to NPI Principal, Misti Tye for their participation with Study Island, the training has been offered to our district free of charge. Dr. Gaona continued stating that we will use of Renaissance testing in grades K-8 and Special Education through high school in English and Math by extrapolating test scores, running it through Exact Path and assigning Learning Pathways to address learning gaps from previous years. Exact Path will be providing tests for high school students to address their needs as well. Dr. Gaona then gave a detailed report on Programs of Excellence including a slide show presentation. She closed by stating

that next month, she will be requesting that the board approve the six schools included in her report and their focus areas. Dr. Gaona also presented each board member with a packet that explained each school's areas of focus.

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

At 6:45 p.m., the board announced their wishes to remain in open session during Executive Session. Mr. Crusoe moved, and Mr. Alsup seconded to remain in open session.

At 7:02 p.m., Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to return to open session. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the following certified recommendations: Peyton Jenkins, effective 6/1/20; Jacob Rapp, effective 7/1/20; William Thorpe, effective 7/14/20; and Dustin Reed; effective 7/30/20. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker, moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the following certified resignations: Austin Jennings, effective 7/14/20; Brandon Benson, effective 7/22/20; Amy Barbee, effective 7/28/20; Beatrice Smith (retiring), effective 8/4/20; Mary Fryar (retiring), effective 7/30/20; Linsey Warthen, effective 7/30/20; Michelle Bernhardt, effective 8/5/20 and Lacy Brewer, effective 8/4/20. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the following support recommendations: Nicole Meek, effective 7/1/20; Teresa Nunez, effective 7/1/20; Steven Gragg, effective 7/1/20; Audrey Woodard, effective 7/1/20; and Tammy Mahan, effective 7/1/20. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the following support resignations: Euda Gray, effective 6/30/20; Dallas Oliver, effective 6/30/20; Andrea Edmonds, effective 6/30/20; Stephanie Walters, effective 6/30/20; Casey Denton, effective 6/30/20; Veronica Collins, effective 10/1/20; Kathleen Frey, effective 6/30/20; Lisa Schwertner, effective 6/30/20 Yuki Hojnacki, effective 6/30/20 and Debra Sapp, effective 6/30/20. The vote was unanimous.

There being no new business, at 7:03 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Mr. Alsup to adjourn.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

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Janice Modisette, President

Don Alsup, Vice President

Elizabeth Parker, Clerk

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Pamela Matherly, Asst. Clerk

Daryl Crusoe, Member