

**MINUTES OF MAY 12, 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

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

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

Mr. Alsup moved and Ms. Matherly seconded, to approve the April 7, April 13, April 27 May 4, and May 6, 2020 board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

There were no community partner or student recognitions.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Board President, Daryl Crusoe read a statement from the school board regarding the naming of a new Choctaw-Nicoma Park Schools Superintendent beginning July 1, 2020. President Crusoe stated that the board had selected David Reid as the next CNP Superintendent.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to name David Reid as the new Choctaw-Nicoma Park Schools Superintendent, effective July 1, 2020. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. McCharen made the following comments:

- Last week was our final week to deliver distance learning to our students. Principals all reported a job well done by their teachers. As I have mentioned before, with less than two weeks' notice, the staff at our nine schools put together lessons and delivery systems that sustained our students academically for the last five weeks of the school year. Our teachers were nothing less than remarkable with their dedication and creativity to teach and connect with their students.
- There is always good that comes out of crises and this is no different. This pandemic has caused all educators to stretch our minds and think out of the box on how we reach students in different ways that will serve us well in the future. We know we need an online distance delivery system in our school district for a certain student population in normal times. What we are doing now with distance learning just emphasizes this point even more. It has also verified the commitment and dedications educators have to teach and care for their students.
- With that said, we did not connect with every child in our district. Despite the efforts of school staff there were still some students that weren't reached because their email address and phone numbers had changed and parents or guardians did not contact the schools. We also provided paper-learning packets to students that do not have a computer or device and internet service. Therefore, every student certainly had the opportunity to continue their learning if they chose, or for the little ones, if their parents chose. Our counselors also did their part by supporting the mental health of our students and parents by providing material and activities. Many parents have a renewed and profound appreciation of the job teachers do. Our principals did a great job of fostering the well-being of our teachers by doing all kinds of things to keep their staff connected and mentally healthy during this challenging time. Everybody in our district took care of each other.
- Ad mentioned numerous times over the last few weeks, many families owe a debt of gratitude to Kevin, Lori Lange, and our Child Nutrition staff and other volunteers for preparing and distributing approximately 2,000 meals a days for seven straight weeks to feed our students. What they did everyday was remarkable.
- Teachers are still under contract this week and are doing their normal end of school tasks and assisting site administrators in the clean out procedures for parents to pick up their students personal items that were left at school when schools were abruptly closed after spring break.
- All Central Office staff and twelve month employees reported back to work this week. We are practicing social distancing and no employees that are in the high risk categories are being required to report to work if they do not feel safe.
- Virtual graduation will be rolled out this Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. on YouTube. It will not be live; it has been recorded over the last couple of weeks. In-person graduation is set for July 13<sup>th</sup> at FireLake Events Center.
- I am pleased to announce that all six of our elementary schools have been named Great Expectations Model Schools. The GE evaluators had made enough visits to our schools before the shutdown to make a Model School determination. Our staff and students have embraced the GE culture and GE tenants and now it is just our standard mode of operation.

- Even though the Teacher of the Year banquet scheduled for April 21 was cancelled, we will still honor those nine teachers. Teacher of the Year presentations will be on Monday of next week. Each Site Teacher of the Year will receive approximately \$1,700 in cash, merchandise, and gift cards. Our District Teacher of the Year, in addition to their \$1,700 for Site Teacher of the Year will receive an additional \$1,600 in merchandise, and gift cards. The Site Teachers of the Year are: Choctaw Elementary – Monica Short; Choctaw Middle School – Morgan Stinson; Choctaw High School – Monica Williams; Indian Meridian Elementary – Alicia Stotts; James Griffith Intermediate – Lacy Cummins; Nicoma Park Elementary – Jennifer Weatherly; Nicoma Park Intermediate – Tara Hill; Nicoma Park Middle School – Shelley Wear; and Westfall Elementary – Deborah Baack. Total amount raised for these nine teachers was approximately \$17,000. All this Teacher of the Year information and pictures will be on our Choctaw-Nicoma Park website by the end of the week along with our generous sponsors.
- Regarding next year's budget situation, we have no definitive answers yet. For a change, the legislature is trying to protect public education funding but the legislative leadership and the Governor are at odds on the proposed budget to nothing has been finalized. Yesterday, Oklahoma school districts did receive notification of the amount of Covid-19 stimulus money that we would be receiving. Unfortunately, the allocation was based on free and reduced lunch percentages and ours is low. However, we will be receiving almost \$400,000 in stimulus money that will certainly help next year's funding cuts. This is coming from the \$160 million School Emergency Relief Fund. There is another 40 Million in Federal Stimulus Package which is at the Governor's allocation discretion.
- We want to take approximately \$25,000 of the stimulus money and pay some stipends for our Child Nutrition workers for their performance beyond the call of duty. We will ask the board to approve that at our next board meeting.

There were no comments from board members.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve the applications for OSSAA middle school coop program for the 2020-21 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker, to approve an out of state trip for Choctaw High School football to participate in the Shootout of the South 7 on 7 Tournament in Little Rock, AR on July 18-20, 2020 pending state coronavirus guidelines. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsop, to approve policy revision – FFACA – Medication: Administering to Students. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer, reported that we had recently received \$392,418.04 in Cares Act funds. He added that the amount was based on Title I allocations. Mr. Berry reported that we had recently purchased 2 activity buses that should be available for pick-up on Thursday.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s 834 -896 - \$209,392.49.; Fund 21 – #'s 195-19 - \$11,500.00; Fund 22 - #87 - \$104.45; and Fund 86 - #s 29-37 \$24,469.43. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette, to approve American Fidelity to serve as the district's Section 125 Plan Service provider for the 2020-21 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Alsop to approve a Sports Medicine Program Agreement with SSM Health for the 2020-21 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve the renewal of contract with Oklahoma Copier Solutions as provider of district lease and maintenance of copier for 2021-21 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette, to approve a renewal contract with Laserfische for document imaging and storage for FY 2020-21. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsop to approve the consent agenda. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona reported on the following.

- Social Studies textbooks for our K-5th grade students have been ordered. Committees selected Studies Weekly for all but our 3rd grade students who will be using Gibbs which is solely focused upon Oklahoma History. I plan to use FY21 textbook allocations to purchase secondary textbooks in July. All of our social studies adoptions include digital learning resources and electronic textbooks that can be accessed online.

- Tomorrow, Joy Hofmeister will continue her weekly updates via Zoom. She has mentioned every week the impact of the past quarter on education. Including that even if schools reopen, she believes that districts will continue to blend online learning with traditional education. According to the OSDE, the state superintendent plans to use federal aid to bring internet service and technology to students without it.
- The state Department of Education is discussing the possibility of leveraging federal aid to provide a diagnostic tool for free to districts to determine how far each student has fallen behind in math and reading by the time that school resumes for the fall semester. She mentioned that the tool would be administered through an online learning platform that could easily adapt if students had to learn from home again. The diagnostic tool will greatly assist teachers as they realign their curriculum and pacing guides to meet the needs of their students. State testing will resume in the spring of 2021 and it is expected to reflect a significant drop in student achievement.
- No matter what the ultimate outcome is though, Joy has stressed continually the importance of reviewing what worked and didn't work in our distance learning plan and for districts to make changes as needed.
- I sent a survey to all of the teachers in our district regarding our distance learning plan and will report on the information gleaned from those results in June.
- Meanwhile, we also purchased an additional 41 Chromebooks for the high school, 22 for NPMS and 20 for CMS through \$15,000 of ACE remediation money that our district received. These Chromebooks are in addition to the ACE money spent last year.

At 6:45 p.m., the board announced their wishes to remain in open session.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve the following certified recommendation: Carrie Font, effective 7/1/20; Charla Culver, effective 7/1/20; Lindsay Asher, effective 7/1/20; Kimberly Bonner, effective 7/1/20; Katrina Coulson, effective 7/1/20; and Sarah Carter, effective 7/1/20. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette, moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve the following certified resignations: Dana Charlow, effective 5/15/20; Shanna Smith, effective 5/15/20; Charlie O'Donnell, effective 6/30/02; and Corey Hawk, effective 5/15/20. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve the following support recommendations: Joann Miller, effective 7/1/20 and Lauren Belvin, effective 7/1/20. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve the following support resignations: Alecia Hinckley, effective 5/15/20.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve reemployment of the following Child Nutrition Site Supervisors for 2020-21 school year – Gail Belflower, Rita Black, Stacy Boyette, Dana Finley, Stacy Haden, Lori Inman, Sandra Singleton and Peggy Vinyard-Routh. The vote was unanimous.

There being no new business, at 6:58 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Modisette and seconded by Ms. Parker to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

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