

MINUTES OF APRIL 13, 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

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.

Ms. Parker moved and Ms. Matherly seconded, to approve the March 9, 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.

Dr. McCharen made the following comments:

- Since our last regular board meeting a short four weeks ago a lot has changed. We were eagerly looking forward to spring break, looking forward to all the spring activities and state playoffs for our girls' basketball team and then the coronavirus hit the United States and Oklahoma. Everything changed within a matter of days and we are where we are today with all in person school closed for the remainder of the school year.
- Last week was our first week to deliver distance learning to our 5,700 CNP students and all principals reported a high level of success. In less than two week notice, our nine schools with the leadership, guidance and hard work of our principals have put together lessons and delivery systems that will sustain our students academically for the rest of this school year. Our teachers have been nothing less than remarkable with their creativity and passion to reach their students. I have sent you examples of how our schools are reaching students and some of their creative ideas. There is always good that comes out of crises and tragedies and this is no difference. 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 delivery system in our school district for certain students in normal times. What we are doing now with distance learning just emphasizes this point even more. It has also verified the commitment and dedication educators have to teach and care for their students. As principals send me examples of what their teachers and themselves are doing to stay engaged and teach students, it just warms your heart and leaves you in awe of their dedication. Just a reminder, the lessons consist of material that would have been covered the rest of the school year and help students advance to the next grade level as academically prepared as possible. No grades can be taken unless it helps a student that is on the bubble advance to the next grade level or a senior to graduate. For the most part seniors are finished unless they had credit to make up to graduate on time.
- With that said, we haven't connected with every child in our district. When we had our meeting with principals last Thursday, there were still some students they hadn't reached because their email address had changed and phone numbers have changed and those are our methods of reaching them. Our teachers are going to great lengths to reach every child. Based on what the principals reported, I believe we are reaching 90 percent or more of our students. We are also providing paper learning packets to students that don't have a computer or device and internet service. So every student has the opportunity to continue their learning if they choose, or for the little ones, their parents choose. Our counselors are also doing 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. And our principals are doing a great job of fostering the wellbeing 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 is looking out for each other.
- Taking everything in to consideration, it doesn't mean every child in engaging in the learning opportunities being delivered to them. Seniors are finished and not participating unless it helps them graduate. If parents aren't monitoring their children and holding them accountable but completing their learning opportunities then there is only so much a teacher can do just like in a regular school. Students and parents can make this distance learning opportunity as meaningful and successful as they choose.
- All our school buildings are closed, but every site has at least one person a day from 9-3, Monday-Friday to take calls and continue to operate the business office. We are doing our best to minimize staff in the District office.
- Kevin, Lori Lange, and our child nutrition staff continue to go above and beyond the call of duty to prepare and deliver approximately 2,000 meals a day for students and families in our school district. They really are true

frontline heroes that are risking their health to feed our students. We are trying to provide as much help as possible from other district support employees on a volunteer basis. Thank you Janice for helping.

- Graduation plan: virtual video sometime in May and in-person graduation tentatively set for July 13th. In conjunction with the graduation video, we will have an Honors video to take the place of the Honors program at CHS.

There were no comments from board members.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsop to approve the renewal of membership with Oklahoma State School Boards Association. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker, to approve the approved/denied open transfer lists for the 2020-21 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer, gave a brief report on the meals being served by Child Nutrition. Additionally, he spoke about the effect that the oil crisis will have on our district. He stated that he didn't feel like it would have an effect this year but it could affect our budget for next year.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s 791 -833 - \$171,202.67; Fund 21 – #'s 189-194 - \$17,106.14; Fund 35 - # 7- \$800.00; and Fund 39 - #12 - \$500.00. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette, to approve renewal of School Messenger for the school notification system for the 2020-21 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve a resolution and memorandum of understanding to allow all CNP ESPO and other district contracted support employees to be paid for the duration of their 2019-20 contract. The vote was unanimous.

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

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, Asst. Superintendent of Instruction gave the following report regarding Distance Learning. She reported that we are currently in our second week of Distance Learning. Our approach as a district has been to offer online lesson for students with online capability and paper packets for students who do not have online capability. Today, I sent a survey out to principals and out of our approximately 5,700 students, 350 students requested paper packets. Of those 350, 49 packets have not been picked up as of 4 pm. today. Five percent of our parents have not responded to principals and/or teachers regarding distance learning resources. Principals have attempted phone calls, emails and a few instances, knocks on doors. One of our greatest assets at this time, are our counselors. We have a great concern for the students and quite frankly teachers in our district as they are at home without the normal social and emotional supports found in schools. Our counselors have done an outstanding job at all of our sites to reach out not only to our students, but to our other personnel as well. The lack of in person contact is a struggle for all of our teachers. Dr. Gaona then showed an example of some of our distance learning lessons via the overhead projector.

At 6:45 p.m., Ms. Matherly made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to meet in executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:15 p.m., Mr. Alsop moved to return to open session, seconded by Ms. Matherly. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve the following certified recommendation: Joshua Phelps*, effective 7/1/20, Samantha Lane*, effective 7/1/20, Thomas Proctor*, effective 7/1/20; Brandon Benson*, effective 7/1/20; Rachel Hurtz*, effective 7/1/20; Bailey Lowe*, effective 7/1/20; Shelby Cowden*, effective 7/1/20; Haley Anderson*, effective 7/1/20; Courtney Shive*, effective 7/1/20; Lindsay Judd*, effective 7/1/20; Craig Broughton*, effective 7/1/20; Jalynn Carden*, effective 7/1/20; Samuel Melton*, effective 7/1/20 and Angel DeVaul*, effective 7/1/20. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly, moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve the following certified resignations: Suzie Chandler (retire), effective 5/14/20. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve the following support resignations: Loretta Valouch (retire), effective 5/15/20; Belinda Webb (retire), 5/15/20; Samantha Jasper, effective 3/9/20; and Robyn Nix, effective 4/6/20. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve reemployment of regular and temporary contract site teachers for 2020-21 school year as listed on Attachment B – Personnel Report. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Parker, to accept retirement/resignation of CNP Superintendent, Dr. Jim McCharen. The vote was unanimous.

There being no new business, at 7:20 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Mrs. Modisette to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

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