

**MINUTES OF MARCH 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 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.

Ms. Parker moved and Ms. Matherly seconded, to approve the February 10, 2020 board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. McCharen stated that we had a few students present this evening to be recognized for recent accomplishments. Certificates of achievement were presented to the following Junior High State Wrestling Champions, Rickey Thomas and Hunter Hollingsworth and State Wrestling Champions from Choctaw High School, Gabe Johnson and Marquonn Journey. Dr. McCharen introduced Nicoma Park Intermediate Principal, Misti Tye. Mrs. Tye said she was very excited to report that we have our very first State Champion Spelling Bee Winner from the CNP School District. She introduced NPI 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Dagmawi Firdawok. Dagmawi will be representing Oklahoma at the National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. this summer. Next Dr. McCharen stated that Westfall Elementary had nominated one community partner and invited Principal, Shannon Shay to introduce her nominees. Mrs. Shay stated that Dawn and Damon Coffman are wonderful parents and when they see a need they step in and offer to assist. She stated that Dawn has been leading a yoga class for teachers and recently her husband Damon saw that the basketball goals on the playground needed new nets. He took it upon himself to purchase and install the nets. Mrs. Shay said they are so thank to have parents in their school such as the Coffman's and presented them with a certificate of appreciation.

Finally, the last group to be introduced is the Choctaw Alumni Association. This group has continuously supported efforts in our school district and were present this evening to make a couple of donations. Dr. McCharen introduced CNP Alumni Judy Warren and Bob Whitaker. Mr. Whitaker spoke briefly and said it was their honor to present the CHS Principal's Activity Fund Account and the CHS Athletics Account each with a \$250.00 check. Dr. McCharen and the board members thanked the alumni for their generosity.

Amber Spradlin, ACT President, stated she had the opportunity to watch the spelling bee that Dag Firdawok won and it was quite impressive. She added that the teachers are very excited that spring break is next week. She continued stating that they are currently watching several bills at the capital to see what is happening with them.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Dr. McCharen made the following comments:

- We have completed the third quarter of the school year and today was the first day of the last quarter of the school year. Site instruction is at peak level as students are preparing for state tests after spring break. There is no school tomorrow for students because it is a Parent/Teacher Conference Day. We have four inclement weather days that we have not used so far. Therefore, school sites will have four Fridays off starting in a few weeks unless something changes.
- Our CNP teacher job fair was February 25<sup>th</sup>. Dr. McCharen asked David Reid to give a report. Mr. Reid stated that the job fair was a huge success. He felt like there were 50-60 in attendance and we have already hired 8-10 from the job fair. He said we had 7 special education openings and now we are only down to 2 so that is encouraging.
- Our girl's basketball team won their 6A Regional Tournament and advanced to the 6A Girls State Championship Tournament in Tulsa this week. We play Tulsa Union at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday at the Mabee Center at ORU. The boy's team lost in regionals to Edmond Santa Fe, thus ending their season. With that said, they finished the season with the first winning record in 25 years and will have all but two players returning next year. On another note, Michael James, David Reid and I attended the County Premium Livestock sale at Jones on Tuesday evening and watched several CHS FFA students show and sell their animals. All of our Ag students are hard workers and dedicated to caring and raising their show animals. We had a fun night interacting with our students, their parents, and eating some yummy BBQ!
- Enclosed in your board packets was a document from CHS Principal Michael James about the successes of CHS so far this school year, which included many fine arts and JRROTC successes.

- In addition, CHS seniors Bryant Chitsey and Aiyana Washington were both named Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence Academic All State. All State goes to the top 100 seniors in the state of which there are thousands and we had two from our district. They will be at our April board meeting.
- Legislative session is moving along without too many bills that have a negative impact on our world but several that will assist us with some challenges. The main message we are hearing unfortunately is, no new dollars for public education this year, which is disappointing. We were making headway with more funding to lower class sizes and add much needed instructional resources and now that momentum will be stalled for this year.
- Also enclosed in your board packets was a copy of the statement that we sent to all parents on Friday regarding the Coronavirus. It was a very generic and simple message that is being used by many school districts in Oklahoma at this time. Obviously, the Coronavirus scenario could change from day to day and ramp up quickly if more cases are confirmed in Oklahoma, which will probably happen. We just do not know how crazy this situation is going to get. Our district will take its direction from the Oklahoma County Health Department. We will keep parents informed as necessary and you will get whatever updates we send to parents.
- Finally, as mentioned, Spring Break is next week.

There were no comments from board members.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office to provide a School Resource Officer for the 2020-21 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer, reported he has been watching oil prices very closely as they are plummeting. He doesn't believe that it will have an effect on this year's budget and all other revenues are coming in as scheduled. He said it looks like we will be making our budget this year and we do have 2.5 million in our reserve.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsop to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 - #'s 732 -790 - \$47,367.64; Fund 21 - #'s 176-188 - \$15,675.00; Fund 22 - #'s 79-80 - \$4,810.20; Fund 33 - # 11- \$1,575.00; Fund 39 - #10-11 - \$980.00 and Fund 86 - #'s 24-28 -\$470,575.00. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette, to approve renewal of Software Service Agreement with Municipal Accounting Systems, Inc. for the 2020-21 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve a resolution determining the maturities of, and setting a date, time and place for the sale of the \$8,800,000 General Obligation Building Bonds of the School District. The date and time of April 7<sup>th</sup> at noon was selected. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Modisette to approve OKTLE, McREL and SEES contract for the 2020-21 school year. 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. We have finished our third nine weeks of school which seems impossible. Elementary sites are or have been holding Parent-Teacher Conferences and our secondary sites will be enrolling students for next school year tomorrow. Our social studies teachers throughout the district are voting upon their next textbook adoption and ballots are due on Friday before spring break. Our professional development committee has sent out a call for proposals to district teachers and we are anxiously awaiting to find out what sessions we will have for teachers next year. State testing will begin in the month of April. These tests will include all 3rd-8<sup>th</sup> grade students and will also include 11<sup>th</sup> grade students as they take the ACT and science and history tests required by the state. In addition, many of our sites are completing their self-analysis for the Programs of Excellence Distinction that will be visible on our site report cards issued by the state during the fall of the 2020-21 school year. These will be presented to you during the May board meeting for your approve.

At 6:38 p.m., Ms. Matherly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Alsop to meet in executive session. The vote was unanimous.

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

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsop, to approve the administrative resignation of: Donna Cooper (retire), effective 6/30/20.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Alsop to approve the following certified recommendation: Keith Snyder\*, effective 7/1/20; Lindsey Hartman\*, effective 7/1/20; Demi Dobbs\*, effective 7/1/20; Leslie Bork\*, effective 7/1/20; Jenna Berens\*, effective 7/1/20; Lindsey Nicole Hartman\*, effective 7/1/20; Zoe Kordic\*, effective 7/1/20; Crystal

Yacko\*, effective 7/1/20; Jennifer Freer\*, effective 7/1/20; Alarie Davis\*, effective 7/1/20; Jennifer McEntyre\*, effective 7/1/20; Katherine Hale\*, effective 7/1/20; and Michele Reinke\*, effective 7/1/20. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly, moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the following certified resignations: Mary Partee (retire), effective 5/15/20; Jan Scott (retire), effective 5/15/20; Daniel Lucas, effective 5/15/20; Royce Burch (retire), effective 5/15/20; LaQuita Cook (retire), effective 5/15/20; Tissy Vaughn, effective 5/15/20; Camille Stern, effective 5/15/20; Morgan Stinson, effective 5/15/20; effective 5/15/20; Helena Fincher, effective 5/15/20; Jennifer Muscio, effective 5/15/20; Heather Johnson (resign from LOA), effective 5/15/20; Molly Brown (LOA) effective 5/15/20; and Ethan Feuerborn, effective 5/15/20. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the following support recommendations: Elizabeth Vaden, effective 2/18/20; Alicia Fox, effective 2/26/20; and Olivia Chambers, effective 3/3/20. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the following support resignations: Amy Kearns, effective 2/14/20; Michael VanWinkle, effective 2/3/20; Paula Nicholson, effective 2/3/20; Marlene Haley, effective 5/15/20; Susan Guinn (retire), effective 6/3/20; Amy Dong, effective 5/26/20; Monica Tidwell, effective 5/26/20; and Mallory Marler, effective 5/15/20. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve reemployment of the following central office directors for the 2020-21 school year: Mike Hessman, Lori Lange, Donna Salinas, Chris Brazer, and Brian Cannon. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve the reemployment of the following site administrators for the 2020-21 school year: : Michael James, David Dooley, Jackie Harris, Debbie Worley, Scott David, Tony Fahdenrecht, Donna O'Neal, Angela Challis, Brent Ingraham, Jake Freer, Kelli Hosford, Jean Stearns, Christine Floyd, Michael Barrick, Shannon Shay, Angela Fortune, Cheryl Lidia, Pam Cook, Misti Tye, Kari Baker, Dorothy Shetley and Elizabeth Karnes. The vote was unanimous.

There being no new business, at 7:25 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Modisette and seconded by Ms. Matherly to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

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