

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 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 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, and Elizabeth Parker, Asst. Clerk. Don Alsup, Clerk and Pamela Matherly, Member were absent.

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

Ms. Parker moved and Mrs. Modisette seconded, to approve the January 13, 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. Dr. McCharen introduced CMS Principal, Donna O'Neal and Choir Instructor, Morgan Stinson. Mrs. Stinson stated that we had six middle school students that were recently named All-State in choir. Mrs. Stinson stated that two CMS students were named to the OkMEA Children's All-State. Mrs. Stinson introduced Peyton Leitch and Ryan Quintanilla. Next, Mrs. Stinson stated that each year, we might have one or two middle school students that make the OCDA Junior High All-State Choir but this his year, we had a total of four students. Mrs. Stinson introduced Nicholas Cain, Dasean Hein, Paige Pierce and Avery Smith. Board President, Daryl Crusoe presented each of the six students with a certificate in recognition of their accomplishments.

Amber Spradlin, ACT President, reported that the legislative session has begun and she was very disappointed that the Governor did not include any new monies in the budget for education during his State of the State address. Mrs. Spradlin stated that they will be watching the legislative session very closely.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Dr. McCharen made the following comments:

- Special thanks to Mrs. Hosford and Mrs. Giles and their staff for hosting our board meeting this evening. Special thanks to JGI Media Center Director, Mrs. Mathis, for letting us invade the JGI Media Center this evening. Mrs. Hosford will talk about some of the great things happening at JGI later in the board meeting.
- As we thought would happen at some point, Mother Nature brought us back to winter reality. We used two inclement weather days last week (Wednesday and Thursday) and were back in school on Friday. We have six inclement weather days built in to the calendar, we have four left if needed. Next Monday (President's Day) will be a day out for students but our teachers will be involved in a Professional Development Day.
- We are still full blown into winter activities and sports. Check our school web site for sports and activity schedules. We continue to have success in our winter sports and activities. Our CHS girls' basketball team and wrestling team are both ranked 3rd in the state. In addition, our boys' team is having a great deal of success this year with a 10-9 record. You have to go back 25 or 30 years since our boys' basketball team has had a winning record. Our ROTC cadets continue to win awards at their drill team competition. In addition, the CHS drama department will be performing the play "Bright Star" on two consecutive weekends beginning on February 21st.
- Our CNP teacher job fair is coming up on Tuesday, February 25th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mr. Reid has been promoting this event through every means possible and he and Cindy, his administrative assistant, have produced a great recruitment video that we are getting out on social media.
- The 2020 legislative session began a week ago Monday. There were 321 new education bills filed this year and 327 carry over bills related to education that can be brought back up. Out of this group, probably only 40 to 50 will survive. The main issue we are hearing is unfortunately, 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 support and pay raises and it appears that momentum has stalled for this year.

Board member Janice Modisette commented on the recent Winter Guard competition held at Yukon High School. She stated that our Middle School Winter Guard placed 1st, JV Winter Guard placed 2nd and the Varsity finished in first place. She closed by stating that she was very impressed with all three guards' performances.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the 2020-21 School Year Calendar. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer, reported that we had recently received our annual audit form Putnam and Company and Jerry Putnam was present at this evening's board meeting to go over the audit. Mr. Putnam stated that there were only a few minor findings in the audit with simple issues such as invoice dates before purchase order dates. He gave a brief overview to the board on the financial audit.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s 650 -731 - \$144,056.90; Fund 21 – #'s 167-175 - \$10,586.07; Fund 33 - # 10 - \$7,688.00; Fund 35 - #05-06 - \$5,053.16 and Fund 86 - #'s 20-23 -\$39,559.23. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Parker, to approve the financial audit for school year 2018-19. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve Putnam and Company to perform the financial audit for FY 2019-20. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the sanctioning of the Choctaw Swim Booster, Club, which is a new booster club established this year. The vote was unanimous.

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

At 6:25 p.m., Pamela Matherly, board member, entered the meeting.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, Asst. Superintendent of Instruction gave the following report. This week our district through the leadership of school counselors is celebrating Kindness Week. This year, along with dress-up days that students enjoy, various acts of kindness, random and otherwise, are practiced throughout the district. Site professional development day will take place next Monday. While several of our sites will host site specific professional development, many of our sites will also be participating in an Oklahoma Department of Education hosted event training teachers throughout the state regarding how to manage Trauma-Enforced Instruction to assist students facing various detrimental situations that affect learning. The Participation in Developmental Education report is the most recent available. The reports run about two years behind and are generated through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The number of Freshmen Students entering as a college freshmen is on the high side in comparison to other schools in Oklahoma County behind only Edmond Memorial, Edmond North and Edmond Santa Fe. No college freshmen from Choctaw High School required science developmental courses. Our English numbers are slightly higher than average, our Math numbers are statistically average for the county which demonstrates an improvement for our students. Our reading numbers are below average and our unduplicated numbers are above average which is good. This year, I have compared our numbers to the schools most similar to Choctaw High School demographically across the state as mentioned in January's Curriculum and Instruction report. When compared to those schools, we should continue to focus upon English Language, Arts and Math. However, Reading and Unduplicated appear to be good. This, of course, is a new way to look at the data. With this baseline, we can note improvements using next year's data which will actually be 2018 data. The lag is frustrating to say the least.

Dr. Gaona introduced JGI Principal, Kelli Hosford to share information with the board regarding their school. Mrs. Hosford welcomed the board members and thanked her staff that were present, student greeters, and parents who got the students there. Mrs. Hosford shared the following highlights with board members. JGI improved on every aspect of their Site Report Card which raised their grade by a letter grade. This year they have focused on attendance and have implemented a reward system. Mrs. Hosford reported that she is very proud that they have completed their one to one technology goals. Their Honor Choir has performed at the Governor's Tree Lighting, MWC Tree Lighting, Choctaw Tree Lighting, and performed for the Harrah and MWC Senior Centers. Mrs. Hosford added that tomorrow evening JGI will be hosting the Regional Spelling Bee. JGI has recently had several security upgrades. New security cameras have been added and a doorbell has been added in the cafeteria and an automatic lockdown button to the Media Center. Several JGI staff members have received grants this year via the CNP Education Foundation, Choctaw Methodist Church, Donor's Choose, etc. These grants have provided reading supplies, Chromebooks, and money for a program that will put textbooks online. Mrs. Hosford also reported that they have put in a new car rider system for IME/JGI that was completely funded by parents. Fifth graders presented an impressive Colonial Day program. This is something that is put on each year where students research colonial people and careers. The students write reports on their findings and then present a living museum, complete with colonial dress, props and presentations by students. Ms. Wamhoff's class presented their Poetry Slam in December. These students make backdrops, dress as their poem and recite 2 to 3 poems with motions, either solo or in a small group. Third grade is invited, as well as parents. Mrs. Keiffer has continued small groups this year, on topics such as self-esteem, anger management, loss and friendship. Parents can request their child attend, or teachers can recommend. There are even students that self-refer. Other interesting things about JGI that Mrs. Hosford reported on included the Coffee Shop, Jackets Helping Jackets, Safety Patrol, and Daddy-Daughter Dance. Mrs. Hosford closed by stating that the JGI yearbook, under the direction of Sheri Mathis, recently learned that than one the National Yearbook Award for the 2nd year in a row.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the Annual College Remediation Report. The vote was unanimous.

At 6:36 p.m., Ms. Matherly made a motion, seconded by Ms. Parker to meet in executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:20 p.m., Mrs. Modisette moved to return to open session, seconded by Ms. Matherly. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve the following certified recommendation: Keith Snyder, effective 7/1/20. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve the following support recommendations: Stacey Boyette, effective 1/21/20 and Elouisa Potts, effective 2/3/20. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve the following support resignations: Judy Vick, effective 1/10/20 and Teresa Edwards (retire), effective 5/15/20. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve the following support resignations: Christine Sturgess, effective 12/20/19 and Kenneth Wilson, effective 12/29/19. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve the reemployment of the following Central Office Administrations with the exception of a change on the agenda from 2019-20 school year to 2020-21 school year. 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. Parker to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

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