

MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2021 REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
CHOCTAW/NICOMA PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ind. Dist. 4, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma

Place of Meeting
Administration Office, 12880 N.E. 10th, Choctaw, OK 73020

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

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

Ms. Matherly moved and Ms. Parker seconded, to approve the February 8, 2021 regular board meeting minutes, February 16, 2021 emergency meeting minutes and the February 24, 2021 special board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Amber Spradlin, ACT President, stated that she wanted to bring to everyone's attention that last month she spoke about getting signatures of support staff and that signatures of 35% of our support staff was needed in order to have a challenge and a vote. She stated they were concerned that the snow days might possibly affect obtaining signatures but it did not slow down our members and they were on top of getting ahold of those support staff. Mrs. Spradlin reported that they surpassed the required amount. Mrs. Spradlin reported that since that time, they have 9 new support members and they are very excited about that. ACT has been able to reach out and talk to a lot of transportation and child nutrition employees. We have been very busy in the last several weeks staying on top of legislature. There are a lot of bills regarding education right now so we are just staying on top of them and keeping conversations going in regards to what is best for our students and district. Several schools are doing parent teacher conferences right now but we are very excited that we were able to adjust the calendar to be able to have school tomorrow with students just before spring break hit and we were able to move this day into the spring for a snow day. Finally, next week is spring break and everyone is very excited about this break with no distance learning and full relaxation. I think the kids are looking forward to this more than the teachers.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Superintendent Reid made the following comments:

- We completed the third quarter of the year last Friday, and today marked the beginning of the fourth quarter. After returning from the inclement weather and broken pipe issues, our staff has been doing an incredible job of preparing for state mandated testing which occurs after spring break.
- I would like to publicly commend Brian Cannon and the maintenance staff for their efforts to get our buildings up and functional as quickly as possible. They worked non-stop as it seemed as soon as one disaster was somewhat under control, another would start. Their hard work during freezing temperatures was tremendous.
- The CNP Covid-19 vaccine clinic held February 26th was a success. A huge thank you to Kathy Robertson and the nursing staff for working with Passport Health to make this possible. Kathy said we gave out 377 vaccine shots with only five of the eight scheduled nurses able to assist. We have the follow up clinic set for March 25th.
- Congratulations again to Peyton Hand for winning the girls state wrestling title for her weight class. Congratulations to Coach Coleman and five other wrestlers who placed 3rd or 4th in the state tournament. The team will be at dual state this Saturday.
- Congratulations to Coach Maloney and the girls' basketball team for winning the Area Tournament and qualifying for the state tournament. They will play Bixby at Sapulpa High School at 4:00 this Thursday. Finally, congratulations to Coach Simpson and the boys' basketball team. Unfortunately, they lost in the area tournament to bring their season to an end, but they had one of the most successful seasons a boys' basketball team has had at Choctaw High School.
- Spring sports are now a full go and will have something scheduled just about every day except for Wednesday nights and Sundays.
- Congratulations to Maryjane Burton and the cast of *Into the Woods*. They had six live musical performances during a world pandemic, and it of course was fantastic. The cast wore clear face shields and except for an occasional glare from the spotlights, you wouldn't notice it.
- We got great news last week from State Superintendent Joy Hofmeister. She placed 49 million of her OSDE discretionary ESSR II funding into the schools who were shorted because the money was distributed through Title I instead of the funding formula. This will allow us to have more wiggle room as we hold staffing meetings for the 2021-22 school year. Those meetings will be held March 30th-April 1st.
- We are awaiting what our portion of the ESSR III funding will be as well as the additional constraints as to how it can be spent.

- The 2021 legislative session continues. There are several concerning bills over redoing the funding formula, open transfer laws, voucher bills, etc. We will continue to work with legislatures to minimize any negative impacts they may have. There are some positive bills out there as well, especially with teacher emergency certifications, etc.
- Reminder, with calendar changes we made at the last board meeting, tomorrow will be a regular school day and not an enrollment day.
- Finally, Spring Break is next week. If there has ever been a year that the CNP staff deserves a chance to relax and unwind, it is essentially on the one-year anniversary to when Covid became real in Oklahoma.

Under board member comments, Elizabeth Parker told the principals that she loves seeing them at the board meetings and how much the board appreciates receiving their newsletters that are sent to students/parents.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the following new policies and policy revisions: GKA – Releasing Students to Police (revision), GKA-E – Form for Signature of Arresting Officer (new), and GKAA – Law Enforcement and Body Cameras on School premises (new). The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer, reported that a lot of things have happened since last month's board meeting. Several of our buildings took a hit with the freezing temperatures. Mr. Berry stated that he has been working with the Oklahoma State Department of Education to see any FEMA funds are available that could be used to help pay deductibles, etc. He added that with FEMA money there is always a lot of strings attached and paperwork required. Mr. Berry added that he watched a videoconference last week regarding the application process for FEMA money and thinks he will proceed forward with that to assist with the damage that occurred. We were declared a disaster area so that makes FEMA money available. Mr. Berry added, as Mr. Reid had previously mentioned, we did receive some new ESSR II funds from the State Superintendent that comes out to be approximately \$1.6 million. Mr. Berry stated that he is planning to save this \$1.6 for next year. Mr. Berry spoke about the recent passing of our Child Nutrition Director, Lori Lange.

Mr. Crusoe moved and seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s 645 - 687 - \$371,364.92; Fund 21 – #'s 143-152 - \$14,110.56; Fund 22 # - 88- \$4,194.55 and Fund 86 - #'s – 42-47 - \$25,500.00. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve renewal of Software Service Agreement with Municipal Accounting Services, Inc. for the 2021-22 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve OKTLE, McREL and SEES contract for the 2021-22 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe, to approve the PowerSchool SIS Maintenance and Support and Enrollment Registration contract for the 2021-22 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup, to approve a resolution determining the maturities of, and setting a date, time and place for the sale of the \$9,300,000 General Obligation Building Bonds of the School District. The date of March 30th at 12:00 p.m. was set for the sale of bonds. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe, to approve a facility use request from Choctaw Touchdown Club for use of Bill Jensen Stadium on April, 25, 2021. The vote was unanimous.

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

Kelli Hosford, Executive Director of Student Services, gave the following report. Tomorrow is a special day for students with disabilities. March is actually Disabilities Awareness Month so tomorrow we have asked everyone to wear green to show empowerment for people that have disabilities. Mrs. Hosford stated that she has sent this out to all of our principals and hopes to see a lot of green across our district tomorrow. There are some other recognition dates coming soon: April 2nd is Autism Acceptance Day and April 7th is Paraprofessional Appreciation Day. Mrs. Hosford stated that Student Services has been working on a survey on Response to Intervention (RTI). Mrs. Hosford stated that once she has received the results she will share them with the board members at the retreat. Mrs. Hosford explained that this is the process that is used to determine if our students need to be tested or if what we are doing in the classroom is working. She added that Student Services is also sending out a survey to our special education teachers in April just to get feedback on our virtual learning. We want to know what they feel really worked and what we need to pursue with our special education kids. Stephanie Matthews is doing observation/intern hours with her master's in administration so she is

putting this information together. Additionally, she is helping to put together a pamphlet for Student Services that we can put on our website and also give to parents at school sites that explains all of the different services and things that we

offer for students in our district. ESY preparation is coming along and Mrs. Hosford stated that she wanted to thank Cheryl Lidia and Pam Cook for being willing to host ESY again. We are hoping to have this for 3 weeks in June and 3 weeks in July to make up some ground for our students. Mrs. Hosford stated that Denise Lamb has helped her greatly with this process. A packet will be sent out in the next couple of weeks to our special education teachers and paras that might be interested in working summer school for us. Mrs. Hosford updated on a few numbers in student services: 1,151 students are being served through the Special Services office. To date, Special Services has processed 128 referrals for testing and 83 of those have been initial evaluations. With that, 52 of the 83 have qualified for services. The last day to turn in initial referrals was last Friday but at this point we have approximately 30 students waiting to be tested.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, gave the following report. We have survived one year of our new reality and all of the changes that have occurred because of it. She stated that she thinks that many of us may suffer a bit of PTSD next week after the events that unfolded a year ago on Spring Break. Dr. Gaona added that she has two items to discuss with the board this evening. The first item is to inform you that Choctaw High School will begin using Parchment for transcript requests for graduates. The Oklahoma State Department of Education contracted with Parchment for three years which will provide this service free to state high schools. Parchment is one of only two systems currently accepted by colleges and universities across the United States so this is a great opportunity for us. Secondly, I included this year's Curriculum and Instruction Report in your board packets last Friday. This report reflects upon information from the Spring of 2020-Fall of 2020. Information provided from each site is included. The Distance Learning Reports, Addressing Needs of At-risk Students, Programs of Excellence Progress and ACT and College Remediation for the high school are all site specific. This year, only testing data from ACT is included because of the suspension of state assessments last spring. All site principals received a copy of the report and hopefully will read about the other sites in our district to borrow some of the great things that are happening at all levels. Of particular interest to me were the results from the broad questions, "What Worked" and "What Did Not Work" in relation to distance learning. We hope that distance learning will not be a predominate feature in future school years, but it could be used for more individualized instruction and to prevent our district from ever adding days onto the end of the school year as has been needed occasionally because of inclement weather. In addition, our teachers have created a robust platform for sharing lessons by teachers which we as a district will continue to enhance from now on. In closing, as I write in the last paragraph of the report, "The spring of 2020 and fall of 2020 presented challenges unimagined in all aspects of society including education. Choctaw-Nicoma Park's building administrators and teachers performed admirably accepting each challenge as an opportunity for growth for our students. With changes came chances for our students to embrace new opportunities. These opportunities were formed under the extraordinary professionalism of our educators. Rather than wallow in despair of the unknown, our teachers and their leaders found ways to continue the amazing work expected of them. Our challenge, our mission, must be to continue progressing and fine-tuning the educational opportunities that we offer all of our students.

At 6:30 p.m., Ms. Matherly moved and Ms. Parker seconded to enter executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 6:56 p.m., Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to return to open session. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the following certified resignations: Walter Kula (retire), effective 5/21/21; Judith Kula (retire), effective 5/21/21 and Wanda Austin, effective 5/21/21. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the following support recommendations: Christine Sturgess, effective 2/12/21; Kimberly Lee, effective 2/24/21; and Paul Clark, effective 3/1/21. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the following support resignations: Lek Branham, effective 2/5/21; McKinzie Stuart, effective 2/26/21; Eloisa Pott, effective 2/8/21; Alicia Carter, effective 3/1/21; Brayden Beam, effective 4/23/21; Tammy Gentry, effective 6/4/21; and Lori Lange (deceased), effective 2/24/21. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the reemployment of the following Central Office Directors for the 2021-22 school year: Mike Hessman, Donna Salinas, Chris Brazer and Brian Cannon. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the reemployment of the following site administrators for the 2021-22 schools year: Debbie Worley, Jackie Harris, David Dooley, Steve Keiffer, Josh Durant, Scott David, Tony Fahdenrecht, Donna O'Neal, Angela Challis, Brent Ingraham, Jake Freer, Amber Balderrama, Christine Floyd, Michael Barrick, Shannon Shay, Angela Fortune, Cheryl Lidia, Pam Cook, Misti Tye, Kari Baker, Dorothy Mosely and Elizabeth Karnes.

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

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