

MINUTES OF APRIL 12, 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. Ms. Parker moved and Ms. Matherly seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved and Mr. Crusoe seconded, to approve the March 8, 2021 regular board meeting minutes, March 25, March 26, and March 30, 2021 special board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Reid stated that tonight we would recognize the CHS Cheer Team who had recently won Nationals at the NCA National Small Advanced Performance Group Championship. Each member of the team was introduced and presented a certificate of achievement for their accomplishments. Additionally, CHS Senior Addition Tesio was recognized for being named All-State in Cheer.

Board President Janice Modisette stated that the next agenda item was board reorganization. Mrs. Modisette then called for nominations for the office of President. Mr. Crusoe nominated Don Alsup for President, seconded by Ms. Parker. The vote was anonymous. President Alsup then called for nominations for the office of Vice President. Pamela Matherly nominated Elizabeth Parker for Vice President, seconded by Janice Modisette. The vote was unanimous. President Alsup then opened nominations for the office of Clerk. Elizabeth Parker nominated Pamela Matherly for Clerk, seconded by Daryl Crusoe. The vote was unanimous. President Alsup closed the board reorganization by calling for nominations for the office of Assistant Clerk. Janice Modisette nominated Daryl Crusoe, seconded by Elizabeth Parker. The vote was unanimous.

Amber Spradlin, ACT President, stated she had a few things she would like to mention this evening as we start to wrap the school year up. According to the students, we have 27 days left of school. Mrs. Spradlin added that the ACT just wanted to say a special thanks for the Wellness Clinic that has put in at CHS and also for the wonderful opportunity to be able to get the COVID vaccine. We have been so blessed by our District this year with everything that they have been able to offer. Testing has started and we are hoping for a smooth process. Mrs. Spradlin reported that the students are a little apprehensive and the teachers are reinforcing that they are ready and they are loved and there is nothing more important than that. ACT is staying very active with the legislature and it has definitely been hopping this year. Our biggest concern for ACT right now is SB 634 where they are wanting to make it very difficult to join an association. We will be fighting that a little bit. Additionally, Mrs. Spradlin added that they are also a little concerned for our district with HB 2078 as that takes off one of the years for the funding. Another thank you that the ACT would like to extend is regarding the changes that are being made with EDGE. We are looking forward to next year and so many of our teachers are just applauding our administration for how they have tackled it. We know that it is not a small feat in any shape or form. Finally, there is a great amount appreciation from ACT for the opportunity that was granted this year regarding wearing jeans. As long as teachers are required to wear masks they have had the ability to wear jeans and this has been very much appreciated. Mrs. Spradlin stated that ACT just wanted to give some wonderful praises this evening and continue to look forward to the end of the year.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Superintendent Reid made the following comments:

- We have six weeks of school left, and we are right in the middle of State Instructional Tests. Mrs. Hosford will elaborate on how things are going in that area. Our site administrators and teachers go above and beyond the call of duty to prepare and motivate our students for success on these tests. This is made more complicated in a pandemic, but they have made great efforts to ensure our students are prepared.
- Spring activities (fine arts, sports, and others) are going full blast and our teams and students as individuals are having a lot of wins and successes. Our speech/debate, drama, band, winter guard, AFJROTC, FFA, and athletic teams are having a lot of successes. So as usual our teams are competing at a high level in 6A.
- Congratulations to the Choctaw High School Winter Guard for advancing to the finals of the Winter Guard International Competition.
- Congratulations to Maryjane Burton and all of the students involved with the OSSAA State Speech, Drama & Debate Tournament. Choctaw took the 3rd Place 6A Academic Award and 3rd Place 6A Sweepstakes Award. We had State Champion in three areas: Dramatic Duet with Alyx Sabina and Ryleigh Andrews, Humorous Duet

with Ana Dewey and Ethan Swartz, and Monologue with Aubrey Hoag. We had several other individuals who placed between runner up and 7th place as well.

- Spring athletic teams are in full swing, and we wish each good luck as they are beginning to gear up for the end of the year tournaments, meets, and competitions.
- The 2021 legislative session continues. Two bills which most educators did not feel were good for education passed last week. They were the bill reducing the high year funding from three years down to two years and the open transfer bill. We are fighting legal actions the state board took last week in a settlement to remove part of public-school mills dedicated to building funds and give them to charter schools. I will speak more on that when we get to the discussion and actionable item later.
- I shared a link with staff of a presentation made by Oklahoma State Auditor, Cindy Bird. The presentation was made to administrators last Wednesday over her findings in the EPIC audit. There is information in it that is certainly eye-opening. I would encourage everyone to watch the presentation if you can carve out the time. I can promise it will be very informative and some parts will likely make you sick to your stomach. As a result of the state auditor's findings, there has been a piece of legislation presented which would allow entities to hire a private auditor in lieu of the state auditor. We are working to fight this legislation as it would only seem to allow easier pathways to corruption.
- Congratulations to IME for winning the Certified Healthy School Award. They have held this distinction for about 12 years now.
- We've had five of six of our elementary schools obtain GE Model Schools status again this year: NPE, CE LWE, NPI and JGI. Tom Freeman will visit IME tomorrow, and we fully expect them to be a model school for the 18th year in a row.
- Reminder, graduation is in a little over a month. It is scheduled for Monday, May 17th on Jensen Field beginning at 7:00 p.m.

There were no comments from board members.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve the renewal of membership with Oklahoma State School Boards Association. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to authorize the school district's attorney, in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools, to initiate legal action against the Oklahoma State Board of Education ("Board") to address the equalization of funding as set forth in the Board's Resolution approved at the Board's special meeting on March 25, 2021. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the following teachers in their respective adjunct areas: Adam Bass, Broadcast Production; Greg Bryant, Sociology/Psychology; and William Thorpe, 7th grade World Geography. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer, gave a quick review on revenue collections. He stated that we are continuing to work on our bond issue. He added that at this time there is not a lot that can be done until we get our growth numbers which will probably be received in September and then we can finalize everything. We are continuing to monitor our ESSR/Cares Act money. We are saving the ESSR II money that the State gave us for next year. It will be good to have it because we may take a hit on the fund balance this year but we will have these funds for next year. As far as Child Nutrition goes, the position for Child Nutrition Director is still open and will close next week. I will be doing interviews the week after that and hope to have a recommendation by the May board meeting.

Mrs. Modisette moved and seconded by Ms. Parker to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 - #'s 688 - 763 - \$286,054.48; Fund 21 - #'s 153-168 - \$23,285.44; Fund 22 # - 89-90 - \$142.05 and Fund 31 - # - 1 - \$75,000.00; Fund 27 - #1 - 8,399.97; and Fund 86 - 3's 48-54 - \$32,315.41. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office to provide a School Resource Officer for the 2021-22 school year . The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the renewal of School Messenger for the school notification system for the 2021-22 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette, to approve a facility use request from Choctaw Royals baseball team to use the grass field by baseball field on the CMS campus every Sunday through June 30, 2021. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Matherly, to approve a facility use request from Choctaw Scrappers 9U baseball team to use the baseball field at NPMS every Sunday through May 27, 2021. The vote was unanimous.

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

Kelli Hosford, Executive Director of Student Services, gave the following report. As it has been previously mentioned, our state testing is underway. Mrs. Hosford expressed a huge thank you to our counselors, teachers, principals and all of our monitors that we have coming in from the community. It takes a village to get the testing accomplished. Even our technology team with the district has been instrumental in making sure that everything is prepared for us and the internet is up and working. Next, Mrs. Hosford extended a huge thank you to Debbie Worley and Jennifer Wright for providing testing sessions for our kids whose parents were not comfortable with them coming to the school sites. Everyone has worked really hard to make this possible and so far, it is going well. Mrs. Hosford reported that there are almost 50 students enrolled in ESY and she is still taking applications for teachers and paraprofessionals to work summer school. Mrs. Hosford reported the following on RTI. She stated that they have been working with a committee and have developed an RTI checklist, student information sheets, and some different classroom observation forms on behavior and academics. She added that they are also developing documentation for all of the different tiers of RTI. The goal is to make a very easy way to work smarter not harder and have things that are at the teacher's fingertips. She stated that they are putting all of this together in hopes of presenting to the principals in June and get their approval. Last, Ms. Hosford stated that we have many students that are intellectually disabled whose IQ's fall in the lower 70 range and several kids that are considered severe and profound whose IQ's fall even lower. These students have state requirements that they have to pass to get their high school diploma. We have never recognized these students as accomplishing what they needed to accomplish to get through high school. Mrs. Hosford stated that she has been working very closely with the high school and spoke with Mr. Reid, Dr. Gaona and Mr. James and this year we will have 3 students that will be Valedictorians that fall into these categories. They will be distinguished with a white Stoll that is trimmed in gold and a chord that is kelly green, gold and white. The kelly green represents special education and the empowerment of our special education kids. They will be recognized at graduation and on May 3rd they will be presented those items along with the other students.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona stated that the district textbook representatives are currently reviewing the possible material for adoption for science curriculum. The textbook committee will select at least three publishers for the districtwide ballot using a rubric developed by the state, but modified by our committee to reflect our needs to make their selections for the ballot. Then, as outlined in our teacher's negotiated contract, all teachers who are currently or who might teach the subject will vote at their sites. From there, the district will make purchases for the textbooks and digital licenses that will be used for the next six years. Dr. Gaona added that all of our curriculum councils are finishing up their meetings for the year. They have developed goals which will guide them through the next few years and give each curriculum area the direction in which to focus their energy. She added that our IT department, Janna Walters, Amy Loudermilk and herself met last week to discuss the three major areas of focus for our next round of federal relief funding. We are focusing on our district's one to one initiative by purchasing student Chromebooks, teacher technology by purchasing laptops, docking stations and screens for our teachers and instructional delivery systems by replacing Smartboard with Smart Screens with casting or surface writing capabilities. At this time, the state department of education indicates that they will not release the ESSER funding until July. However, it is very important that our district is ready to make purchases as soon as we are able because of the delay in availability of technology at this time. She added that our principals are currently working on two items with their individual sites. The first is Comprehensive District Academic Plan due in September and the second is examining initiatives to address student learning gaps. Twenty percent of the ESSER III money will need to be set aside to address Student Instructional Gaps and/or Social-Emotional issues experienced by students during the pandemic. Again, it is very important that we spend the money in an insightful, impactful manner so that we really can assist students and address the unique needs that they have during this time. Dr. Gaona stated that we hosted our second virtual storytelling event for Indian Education students. While there was not much of a live turnout, the event was recorded and the link will be sent to families so that they can view the event at a time convenient for them. Dr. Gaona closed by stating that it seems that our school year is on a more normal course after the last year of rockiness.

At 6:36 p.m., Ms. Matherly moved and Ms. Parker seconded to enter executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:43 p.m., Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to return to open session. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve the following certified resignations: Susan Underwood (retire), effective 5/21/21; Amanda Wilkinson, effective 5/21/21; Heather Beaudoin, effective 5/21/21; Briana Brzezinski, effective 5/21/21; Molly Brown, effective 5/21/21; Melinda Anderson, effective 5/21/21; Marcia Fletcher, effective 5/21/21; Glendia Warren (retire), effective 5/21/21; and Teri Williams – McKey, effective 5/21/21. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve the following support recommendations: Donna McKechnie, effective 3/8/21; Jonathan Franks (return from LOA), effective 3/22/21; Marlea Perry, effective 3/22/21; Julie Nettleton, effective 3/21/21; Michael Carroll, effective 4/26/21; Linda Cochran, effective 4/5/21; and Kristin Malan, effective 4/5/21. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve the following support resignations: Ashley Fisher (abandonment of position), effective 3/22/21; Madison Sturgill, effective 5/7/21; Dennis Kinsman, effective 3/31/21; Adriana Montoya-Rua, effective 5/27/21 and Marlea Perry, effective 4/1/21. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the reemployment of the regular and temporary contract site teachers with an amendment from 2020-21 school year to 2021-22 school year as listed on Attachment B – Personnel Report. The vote was unanimous.

There being no new business, at 7:48 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Mrs. Modisette to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Don Alsup, President

Elizabeth Parker, Vice President

Pamela Matherly, Clerk

Daryl Crusoe, Asst. Clerk

Janice Modisette, Member