

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 11, 2021 REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.**  
**CHOCTAW/NICOMA PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Ind. Dist. 4, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma

Place of Meeting  
Westfall Elementary, 13239 N.E. 10<sup>th</sup>, Choctaw, OK 73020

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

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

Ms. Parker moved and Ms. Matherly seconded, to approve the September 13, 2021 regular board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Ambra Smith, ACT President, reported that teachers and students just finished the first quarter on Friday. Ms. Smith stated that they are very hopeful that we are able to hire more bus drivers and substitutes as teachers have been filling these spots as needed across the district. She closed by stating that teachers are looking forward to having a Professional Development Day on Thursday before fall break begins.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Superintendent Reid stated that we had a few community partner certificates to award this evening. Mr. Reid requested that Shannon Shay, Westfall Elementary Principal, share some information with the board regarding the individuals that she recommended for a community partner certificate. Mrs. Shay stated that last year, Zane Center who is working on his Eagle Scout badge, came to her and asked if there were any projects at Westfall that he could provide some assistance with completing. Mrs. Shay stated that there are two playgrounds at Westfall but when it rains, the playground areas are mud pits. Mrs. Shay stated that they started using what they refer to as their parking lot track last year but it gets quite boring when the students are just walking in circles. Mrs. Shay stated that they had some ideas about painting a hop scotch, a four square, tic tac toe and a place for them to play giant Jenga and Zane and his volunteers completed these tasks. Mrs. Shay stated that Zane and his crew also took on the task of sprucing up their buddy bench, painting some of their recess equipment and their Charlie the Yellowjacket mailbox located at the front of the building. Mrs. Shay said this mailbox has been very helpful with leaving homework assignments in to be picked up after hours by parents. Zane has worked very hard with his crew to spruce up these areas at Westfall. Mrs. Shay, Superintendent Reid and Board President, Don Alsup, presented community partner certificates to the following: Zane Center, Jordan Murdock, Ryan Dillinger, Kevin McCormick, William Nation, Olivia Nation, Heather Nation, Devin Birdsong, Ewell Center, Marty Center, Michelle Center and Chet Center.

Superintendent Reid made the following comments:

- Thank you to Mrs. Shay and the Westfall staff for hosting this evening's board meeting.
- We completed the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the school year last Friday. Considering all of the challenges brought forth by the reemergence of COVID-19 variants, we had a very successful start to the school year. Teachers are working with our students on any gaps and/or learning loss that has taken place since spring break of 2020.
- This week is a three-day week of instruction for students as Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> will be a teacher professional development day. Fall break is then scheduled for Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>. This long break will help all of our staff and students recharge and energize for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the school year.
- October is National Principal's month and I would like to commend our principals and assistant principals for their outstanding leadership and dedication to the students and staff of the CNP district.
- Our October 1 student count has been collected and we have had just over 300 of our students return. We are still down about 75 students from the WADM we are using this school year.
- Thank you goes out to Nurse Robertson for organizing the district COVID-19 Booster Clinic on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> for interested staff and others qualified to receive the vaccine.
- Congratulations to Ray Eary and the Pride of Choctaw Band/Color Guard as they received fourth place in the 2021 Union Renegade Review placing behind only Bentonville, Owasso, and Bixby bands.
- Congratulations to Maryjane Burton, Adam Bass, and CHS Drama/Stagecraft for winning their regional as well as capturing the tech award with their rendition of *The Women of Lockerbie*. CHS had four actors qualify as All-Star Actors: Anna Dewey, Ben Bryant, McKinley Rowton, and Aubrey Hoag. The state competition will be held at the CHS PAC on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The performance time is still to be determined.
- Congratulations to the VoAg students who completed their show season with great success.

- Congratulations to Lindsey Mudgett and the softball program for winning their regional and qualifying for the state tournaments which will begin on Thursday. They play Owasso at 1:30 at the Softball Hall of Fame Complex.
- Congratulations to our boys and girls cross-country runners for winning conference titles in the Oklahoma 7 Conference.
- The volleyball team will compete in their regional tournament tomorrow. Football took a tough loss last Friday against Bixby but they will still be able to host a playoff game if they win out. They play this Thursday in Muskogee.
- CNP's COVID-19 numbers are down to 0.38% positivity rate. Mandated quarantine numbers are down to roughly 3% as well.

There were no comments from board members.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer, reported that as far as finances go, he spoke to the State Department of Education this week and everything is good with our financial data from last week. Our Estimate of Needs was submitted in Excel format as requested by the State Department so we are in good shape. Mr. Berry stated that as far as this year's budget, it on the agenda to be approved at tonight's board meeting.

Ms. Matherly moved and seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s 426 -515 - \$765,679.28; Fund 21 – #'s 103-112 - \$30,821.83; Fund 22 - #'s - 046-049 - \$1078.01; and Fund 36 - #'s 2-3 - \$9,139.80. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the 2021/22 budget. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve board sanctioning of Booster Clubs/PTO's. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve a new activity fund account – Nicoma Park Middle School Technology Student Association. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve Collect-Ed as the districts Emergency Connectivity Fund consultant. The vote was unanimous.

There was no Special Services report.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve an agreement with Larry L. Mullins, Ph.D. for behavioral services for the 2021-22 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve an agreement with Dr. Shawn Roberson, Forensic Psychologist for psychological testing for the 2021-22 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve an Interagency Agreement for Special Services between Kickapoo Head Start and the Choctaw-Nicoma Park School District. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction reported that the first quarter was quite busy in Curriculum and Instruction as it is across the entire district. Normally, all of our newly adopted textbooks have arrived; however, as with every other thing in the world, several of our high school science text are delayed due to shipping and production delays related to Covid-19. On a positive note, all of the Chromebooks purchased from the American Rescue Plan funds have been processed and delivered to our nine sites. Choctaw-Nicoma Park Schools is now officially a 1 to 1 district. The teacher laptops, docking stations, keyboards and mice have all been ordered. Laptops have arrived; however, we are waiting upon the docking stations, keyboards and mice. Dr. Gaona continued stating that on an exciting note, we have received an e-rate grant for \$848,200. This money allows us to purchase Smart Panels for every teacher in the district, rather than Smart Boards and TVs. All Smart Panels have been ordered. Dr. Gaona stated that she heard from the company last week and roughly 2/3 of the Smart Panels are currently sitting in one of those 500,000 shipping cargos you might have seen on the news waiting to be off loaded. The company reports that these will be delivered in December. Additionally, Dr. Gaona stated that curriculum councils have started meeting. This month, our Elementary English Language Arts textbook committee will meet for the first time to discuss this year's textbook adoption procedures. This adoption is very important and will allow next year's committee to focus upon secondary English Language Arts to seamlessly flow based upon this year's adoption. Dr. Gaona reported that the next nine-weeks will hopefully allow everyone to relax a bit as we end the second semester in December. She added that the current Choctaw High School Dropout and Annual College Remediation report is contained in the handout that she presented the board. Dr. Gaona reported the following on Choctaw High School's dropout report: There were 4 ninth grade students, one tenth grade student, 4 eleventh grade students, and 2 twelfth grade students. The enrollment at the high school as of the October 1

count was 1,665 students. These eleven students represent .7% of our student body. It is incredibly unfortunate when students drop out of high school; however, our CATS program provides a remarkable opportunity for students which really keeps Choctaw High School's dropout rate substantially below the national dropout rate of 5.1% and Oklahoma's dropout rate of 2.4%. This data is from 2019 which is the latest data available. Dr. Gaona further explained that the Annual College Remediation Report is required annually to inform the board of remediation courses required of Choctaw High School graduates as they enter their Freshman year of college. The report, as Dr. Gaona mentions every year, lags. The data that she presented to the board referenced our 2019 graduates. In an effort to make this information more relevant to our needs, Dr. Gaona stated that she had given the board information comparing how our graduates are performing compared to students from other schools across the state similar to us in demographic make-up. These schools are also the schools that the State Department of Education compares us to when determine if we are performing as we should across many criteria including attendance and standardized testing. Dr. Gaona reported that she included the past two year's information and added this year's information (from 2019 graduates) in a similar graph with areas of improvement highlighted in red. She explained that these are in percentages, not whole numbers. She reported that our 2019 Freshman showed improvements in Science, Math and Reading. While our percentage of students requiring remediation in English increased, the actual percentage of students is small and is below the percentage of 2017 Freshmen. Dr. Gaona stated that she believes in more importantly, the percentage of students requiring remediation dropped from 34.6% to 30.7%. This is a consistent two-year period of reduction in the number of our students requiring remediation during their freshman year. Dr. Gaona shared that Choctaw High School students continue to outperform the averages of other schools in Oklahoma County. Dr. Gaona closed by introducing Shannon Shay, Westfall Elementary Principal, who will be speaking about Profession Learning Communities at Westfall, and Ms. Booth who will be speaking about Girls on the Run.

Westfall Elementary Principal, Shannon Shay, welcomed everyone to Westfall and acknowledged her Assistant Principal, Angie Fortune. Mrs. Shay stated that she couldn't survive without her. Mrs. Shay also expressed her appreciation to her office staff and to the Westfall Student Council Officers who were so helpful and excited to decorate for this evening's meeting. Mrs. Shay stated that at Westfall, they are doing many of the same things that other sites are doing. They are working in the Professional Learning Communities and taking hold of those gaps that were formed over the last year and half and coming up with creative ways to still teach the curriculum for the current grade level but also mend the holes that the kids are having. This Thursday, Mrs. Shay stated that they will be having dyslexia training and her staff is very excited to spend the day looking at dyslexia. Mrs. Shay stated that they just completed their PTO fundraiser. One of the rewards is Mr. Reid taking a pie in the face and Mrs. Shay expressed her appreciation to Mr. Reid for participating. Mrs. Shay closed by stating that she would like to introduce Stacy Booth, a special education teacher. She brought a program to Westfall last year called "Girls on the Run". Mrs. Booth gave a brief overview of "Girls on the Run", shared photos and words that were written by students on what the program means. Mrs. Booth stated that "Girls on the Run" is a 16-week program for girls from 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. They incorporate physical activity into life lessons. All of the lessons throughout the 16 weeks concluded with running a 5K together. Many of the kids brought their families to run with them. Their final project was a community impact project. Last year's project was special because one of the members shared with the group about her sister's fight with cancer. The girls came together and decided to make cards and goody bags for the sister and the other patients on her hospital floor.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the Annual Dropout and Student College Remediation Report for the 2020-21 school year. The vote was unanimous.

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

At 6:45 p.m., Ms. Matherly made a motion, Ms. Parker seconded, to enter into executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:38 p.m., by a motion from Mr. Crusoe and a second by Ms. Matherly, the board voted to return to open session. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the following certified recommendations: Sarah McKinzie, effective 10/5/21. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the following certified resignations: Kenneth Bland, effective 9/16/21; Julie Vermillion, effective 9/20/21; Nancy Leiva, effective 12/15/21; and Dustin Reed, effective 9/10/21. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the following support recommendations: Randy Flores, effective 9/15/21; Mackenzie Muir, effective 9/14/21; Angel Gregg, effective 9/21/21; Bruce Ullery, effective 9/21/21; Bryon Gray, effective 9/27/21 and Tammie Leslie, effective 9/16/21. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the following support resignations: Tammy Hailey, effective 9/20/21; Ingrid Kringlen, effective 9/22/21; Angel Gregg, effective 9/27/21; Aidan Overholt, effective 9/21/21; Crystal Myers, effective 10/8/21; Joe Marsala, effective 10/29/21; Kim Marsala, effective 10/29/21; and Twila Phillips, effective 10/29/21. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the change of status from probationary to career for the following teachers: : Gregory Bryant, Tera Davidson, Kimes Gilbert, Mary Martin, Marc Morris, Stephanie Seagraves, Javier Venzor, Nathaniel Lawson, Jason Bittner, Shelley Wear, Allysia Ervin, Alison Wood, Jennifer Tarleton, Doris Coleman, Cassandra Collins, Jodi James, Thaja Leftwich, Sherilyn "Diana" Newton, Stephanie Nolen, Bobbie Precure, Lacey Blain, Cheryl Card, Haley Casteel, Monica Hight, Stacia Horner, Brynna Long, Julia Massie, Alyssa Pettitt, Jamie Prachyl, Meredith Brown, Jerika Herbert, Ashley Graham, Shelbi Tran, Caron Clay, and Richard Boone. The vote was unanimous.

There being no new business, at 7:43 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Modisette and seconded by Mr. Crusoe to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

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