

MINUTES OF JANUARY 10, 2022 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

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

Mr. Alsup 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 Mr. Crusoe seconded to approve the December 13, 2021 board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Ambra Smith, ACT President, reported that January is School Board Recognition Month. Ms. Smith presented each board member a small token of appreciation from the CNP ACT including handmade thank you cards from students in the district. Ms. Smith continued and stated that she feels like a broken record but we are still in need of substitutes from the community. She stated that there were 32 unfilled positions last Friday. She stated that teachers and support staff have continued to do a wonderful job trying to cover all classes; it is just getting more and more difficult as time goes on.

Under communications, Randy Goodman made a presentation to the board regarding the naming of district buildings. Mr. Goodman had prepared an information booklet that he gave to each board member for review. Mr. Goodman stated that he was here this evening to share the background behind the naming of the Lyle Boren Activity Center. He stated that he was the President of the Choctaw Chamber of Commerce at the time the building was renamed. He gave an in-depth background on the history of Lyle Boren and why he felt that he was worthy of being honored with a building being named after him. Mr. Goodman stated that he had recently learned of the renaming of the building to the Jim McCharen Activity Center. Mr. Goodman stated that he is friends with Dr. McCharen and his intention at this meeting wasn't to have his name removed and Lyle Boren put back on, but he just wanted consideration given to prestigious CHS Alum in the future when naming school buildings.

Superintendent Reid stated that he had one student recognition this evening, CHS Senior, Ben Ball. Mr. Reid introduced Ben Ball and reported that we are recognizing a high school student that goes above and beyond and finds a way to further the cause with anything that he feels is worthy and he always jumps in and gives his all. Ben Ball applied for the Student Advisory Council for State Superintendent Joy Hoffmeister. They only take 74 seniors in the state of Oklahoma and Ben was chosen as one of those 74 students. Ben will get the opportunity of meeting and discussing the needs of today's students and have opportunity to share his thoughts of going to public high school in the State of Oklahoma and what is missing in the way of funding and what they could use. Mr. Reid stated that we appreciate Ben as he has been our Student Council President this year and he has been involved in student leadership for several years. Ben has a vision for Choctaw that just doesn't stop where most do. He is always willing to go above and beyond. He is selfless; he sees beyond himself. For all of those reasons and most importantly today to acknowledge being appointed to State Superintendent Hoffmeister's Student Advisory Council, President Alsup presented a certificate of achievement to Ben Ball.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Superintendent Reid made the following comments:

- We have completed a successful first semester of the school year. We are keeping an eye on the new COVID variant and hoping it doesn't interrupt school. If we do get hotspots, the goal would be to close classes, teams, grade levels, etc. before needing to close a particular site. What gets really dicey is when we have large absences in transportation and child nutrition staff.
- January is School Board Recognition Month. I know I speak for everyone in this room as well as our entire CNP community when I say thank you to each of our CNP Board Members who tirelessly give of their time to make sure our students and staff are taken care of to the best of their abilities.
- Mid-term and stimulus – With the return of nearly 350 students this school year coupled with the audit that found misuse of money from EPIC, we are receiving good financial news at mid-term. Kevin will give more details in his report.
- All of our winter activities and sports are happening despite the challenges each face.
- Congratulations to our CHS girls' basketball team who won the first Choctaw Invitational Basketball Tournament over winter break. The team dominated each of the three teams they faced. They are currently

ranked 4th in Class 6A. The CHS boys' basketball team starts four sophomores and are certainly scrappy. They only won one of three games in McGuinness Tournament over the weekend, but they were competitive in each. Coach Coleman and the CHS wrestling team are working hard each day. They are in the midst of tournament season and continue a tradition of excellence.

- Our fine arts programs never stop. The band is busy preparing for various competitions as well as working with drama/vocal music department on the musical *BYE BYE BIRDIE*. Performance dates are February 18, 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27. Friday and Saturday shows start at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday shows begin at 2:30 p.m.
- The legislative session starts next month and we once again anticipate a large number of bills regarding private schools getting public school dollars and more mandates without funding. We will see what happens and keep you posted.
- We are working to finalize the information for the upcoming bond proposal. Flyers and presentation boards are being printed and last-minute updates are being made to the bond webpage and videos. I am pleased to say, the webpage and PowerPoint presentation are packed with very specific details of the bond issue. The targeted date for release of Tuesday, January 18th is on schedule. The information will explain the process used for determining projects needed as well as being transparent with all of the proposed projects.

There were no comments from board members.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the 2022-23 Instructional Calendar. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer, reported that as Mr. Reid had mentioned, we do have some good news in reference to a mid-term allocation and we received an additional mid-term allocation two days later. Mr. Berry added that we are expecting a third allocation probably sometime next week. The first allocation was good for us as we gained about \$225,000. In researching, we found that there is a law that states when a virtual charter school loses 15% of their enrollment in a single year, they cannot go back to their high year weighted ADM from the previous year and they have to use what their actual ADM is for the year. EPIC and a couple of other virtual schools lost more than 15% so they have to use this year's weighted ADM for their mid-term. As you have seen the past couple of months, EPIC has been laying off several employees and this is part of the reason why. They lost a huge amount of money at mid-term which was re-distributed through the formula to everyone else and this is the reason CNP received the \$225,000. We have one more allocation to come which is allocating the penalty that Epic has incurred from the State Department of Education. These funds will also go back into the formula and be allocated back to school districts so we should see another fairly small gain in our final mid-term adjustment. This was very good news for us and totally unexpected. The building fund adjustment from the Redbud Law is supposed to be released this week but due to a technical glitch it will probably not be released until next week according to the State Department of Education. This will also help us out in our building fund which we will severely need because our heating and air costs are ridiculously high so far this year. We did get the results of our Child Nutrition Services audit. There are a few things that we need to address and they will come back in March to look to see progress we have made. Some of the snack products in our vending machines didn't meet the Safe and Healthy Kids Initiative and some menus need to be adjusted. Mr. Berry concluded stating that everything will be corrected when they come back in March.

Ms. Matherly moved and seconded by Ms. Parker to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 - #'s 649-689 - \$81,581.81; Fund 21 - #'s 142-143 - \$34,410.00; Fund 22 - # - 053 - \$127.02; Fund 31 - # 5 - \$506.00, and Fund 86 - #'s 23-27- \$242,832.31. The vote was unanimous.

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

Kelli Hosford, Executive Director of Student Services stated that on behalf of all of the staff and students under the Special Services umbrella, we want to express our thanks to our school board for their leadership and what they do for our district. Mrs. Hosford reported that it is second semester so the Office of Student Services is deep into state testing. She stated that WIDA screening started today. Mrs. Hosford reported that we have also been chosen for a desk audit of our EL Bilingual students. She added that this is a standard process so it was just our year to draw the straw. At this time, our district does not have any conflicts in our student data system with our English Language Learners. Mrs. Hosford stated that she works very closely with Teri Warren and keeps a very close eye on it and works closely with the Counselors and Principals at each site to correct if issues should we have any conflicts. Mrs. Hosford continued stating that Mrs. Warren is pulling information needed from the student software system and stated that she has all of the home language surveys for our EL Bilingual students and their ELAP plans. Additionally, she reported that she and Mr. James will upload that information for our Accreditation Officer by the February 4th deadline. We have everything in place for this so it's just a matter of getting it to our officer. NPMS was lucky enough to get chose for NAEP testing. It is a national testing that helps look to see how students compare on standards of learning. NAEP actually chooses the students that are tested so we don't have a say in that process. Mr. Ingraham and the NPMS counselors are working to get NAEP testing taken care of and the window for this opens on January 24th. February 7th-11th is National School Counselor Week. Mrs. Hosford reported that she has sent information to site principals about recognizing counselors and

some different activities that week. March 8th has been designated as the Disability/Special Education Awareness Day. The theme this year is “Be Seen Wear Green”. Blue72 has designed a specific shirt that can be purchased so that we can all wear green on March 8th. The U.S. Citizenship test will go into effect next year for the 2022-23 school year. The parameters have been released for that. Mrs. Hosford stated that she has spoken to Mrs. Harris and Mr. Keiffer at CHS and they have a plan for implementation. This year’s 9th class will be the first class required to pass this test for graduation. Students can take the test as many times as need in order to pass the test. CHS has their plan together to get this started for our students.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction reported that sometimes you have exciting news to share that becomes so much more and it becomes reality. This is one of those times! This morning at 8 a.m. a semi-truck dropped off 27 pallets of one hundred fifty-two 65” Smart Panels. Each Smart Panel box weighed around 220 pounds. The pallets were double stacked so each pallet weighed over 2,300 pounds. Approximately half of this order of Smart Panels has been delivered to NPI and NPMS along with the teacher laptops, docking stations, screens, keyboards and mice. The remainder will be dispersed to sites next week. In addition, a second delivery will arrive next week. Sometime in March (or earlier) the final deliveries will be shipped and dispersed to sites. Each teacher in the district will receive a Smart Panel, laptop, screen, docking station, keyboard and mouse once the deliveries and installations are complete. In addition, teachers will receive a backpack to carry the laptop. However, these have not been delivered yet. At one time, secondary teachers were to receive a Smart TV with casting abilities, but Smart Panels have been purchased instead. This was made possible through the E-rate grant which paid for student Chromebooks rather than Chromebooks being paid from American Rescue Plan money as originally planned. Principals will be notified once a site is ready to receive installation. With growth, sometimes there is pain. During installation which will take approximately 2-3 days, teachers may be without a Smart Panel or Smartboard. Dr. Gaona reported that she sent a letter to all faculty and staff this afternoon asking for patience during this process. She added that she would like to express thanks for the following employees and students whose hard work and excellence in demonstrating the Gold Standard made the delivery possible today: Janna Walters, Chris Brazer, Randy Bernardi, David Duke, Bryan Cannon, Ryan Meredith, John Crabb, Jake Corbin, Kimes Gilbert, The CHS Weightlifting Class, and Glen Olson. Dr. Gaona stated that sometimes she shares data and improvements or general growth in our district; however, today, she would like to share a unique lesson that she observed. Coaches Corbin and Gilbert brought their weightlifting class to NPMS during fourth period at the high school to help unload the Smart Panels. The energy exhibited from teenage boys on a Monday afternoon was quite impressive. They quickly emptied the two trucks used to transfer the Smart Panels from the district warehouse to the site. Instead of saying, “Ok. Let’s take a break and wait until the next delivery arrives.” Coach Corbin sat his students on the curb in front of the school and discussed how stepping up makes a difference. He asked his students to discuss what went well and if problems occurred how they could better be addressed during the next delivery. The second delivery arrived and these teenaged students organized themselves into groups. None stood around without an assignment. None displayed anything but exceptional character and behavior. They were quick, they were efficient, and they did this through their own suggestions. Coach Corbin displayed the finest attributes of a teacher. He allowed his students to reach a Level Six of Bloom’s Taxonomy which is the level in which students understand, apply, analyze, evaluate and create. This exemplified to me everything done right by our teachers in our district. Once again, Dr. Gaona stated that she gives her complete thanks to those that she mentioned before. Dr. Gaona added that we succeed because of the community that supports us. In closing, Dr. Gaona referred to the next agenda item regarding the surplus items. The Smartboards listed in Attachment B are on average 18 years old. The Smartboards are no longer supported by the company because of their age. We have a possible opportunity to sell these to electronic wholesalers who cannibalize them for parts. Dr. Gaona ended stating that she recommends that the Smartboard be identified as surplus.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by, Mrs. Modisette, to declare the items listed on Attachment B – Smart Board Surplus – as surplus items. The vote was unanimous.

At 6:47 p.m., Ms. Parker made a motion, Mrs. Modisette seconded, to enter into executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 8:39 p.m., by a motion from Mrs. Modisette and a second by Mr. Crusoe, the board voted to return to open session. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the following support recommendations: Valerie Whitmore, effective 12/15/21; Tiffany Meske, effective 12/17/21; and Courtney Kelley, effective 1/4/22. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the following support resignations: Tammie Leslie (terminated), effective 12/17/21 and Josie Romero, effective 1/10/22. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to name Debbie Worley as the Director of STEM. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the evaluation and reemployment of David Reid as Superintendent of Schools for the 2022/23 school year with a 3-year rolling contract. The vote was unanimous.

There being no new business, at 8:41 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Modisette and seconded by Ms. Parker to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Don Alsup, President	Elizabeth Parker, Vice President	Pamela Matherly, Clerk
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Daryl Crusoe, Asst. Clerk	Janice Modisette, Member
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