

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 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, and Daryl Crusoe, member. Pamela Matherly, Assistant Clerk was absent.

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

Ms. Parker moved and Mr. Alsup seconded, to approve the January 11, 2021 regular board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Superintendent Reid introduced Dr. Shawn Hime, Executive Director of the Oklahoma State School Boards Association. Dr. Hime stated it was his pleasure to attend our school board meeting this evening and to present a plaque to All-State School Board Member, Elizabeth Parker. Dr. Himes stated that an official presentation will be made at the Summer Conference. Dr. Hime congratulated Mrs. Parker on this achievement.

Pamela Matherly, Assistant Clerk, entered the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Amber Spradlin, ACT President, presented each of the board members with a gift from ACT in recognition of Board Member Appreciation Month and thanked them for everything that they do for our district. Mrs. Spradlin stated that the legislative session has started and there has been a ridiculous number of voucher bills already this session. Mrs. Spradlin stated that she had the opportunity to virtually meet new Representative Shane Jett and Representative Preston Stinson. She added that ACT doesn't expect to send a lot of teachers to the Capitol this year being so low on substitutes and with everything else going on. However, ACT will continue to wear red for education on Tuesdays to draw attention to the Education Committee that meets on Tuesdays. On a side note, Mrs. Spradlin stated that ACT has helped to support the support staff as they have created a new local association specifically for support staff. They will be known as SEC, Support Employees of Choctaw. They will be working with OEA and they have chosen to challenge the bargaining rights of ESPO, who currently negotiates the contracts for all support staff. Mrs. Spradlin reported that they are all working together to collect signature on a petition. This petition will allow for a vote for support members to vote for who negotiates their contract. If it comes to a vote, there will be 3 choices on the ballot: ESPO, SEC or to not have anyone to represent them. Mrs. Spradlin stated that they currently have about 1/3 of the signatures needed and the rest of February to collect them. Once completed, the signatures will be turned over to the District and then they will take them to a judge. It is kind of an exciting time now for our support staff.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Superintendent Reid made the following comments:

- Thank you to Mr. Ingraham, Mr. Freer, and their staff for hosting our board meeting this evening. Special thanks to NPMS Media Center Director, Mrs. Powell, for letting us invade the NPMS Media Center this evening. Mr. Ingraham will talk about some of the great things happening at NPMS later in the board meeting.
- Mother Nature may present some challengers over the next 10 days. The temperatures are predicted to stay below freezing for this entire time so if any moisture comes it could get interesting. We have three unused inclement weather days as well as the ability to use a virtual day if we know in advance it may be needed.
- Speaking of virtual days, just a reminder that next Monday, which is Presidents' Day, will be a virtual day for CNP Schools. Teachers will have office hours scheduled for making phone calls or answering emails as well as scheduled zoom times to answer questions in "real time".
- Winter activities continue despite the challenges brought forth by COVID-19. Both of our boys' and girls' basketball teams went 3-0 last week and are in great shape to possibly host a regional. Wrestling has qualified for dual state – although the format will be different this year. They are hoping the new guidelines will allow them to finish their season.
- At the metro superintendent's meeting I attended last Friday, Monty Guthrie, Deputy Superintendent for Finance at the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE), indicated he believed the OSDE would use some of their discretionary funds from ESSR II to help those districts who received below the state average of \$950 per student. We are not sure how much assistance this will be, but CNP only received roughly \$297 per student. So, if they raised the minimum to \$400 per student, we would receive approximately \$550,000, and if it was raised to \$500 per student, we would receive roughly \$1.1 million. This would obviously go a long way towards helping us to protect our fund balance moving into next school year. Since so much is unknown, we have

decided to push back our CNP Career Fair as well as our staffing meetings. As we have discussed, we will have to make cuts to the 2021-22 staff, but we want to hold off on making any rash decisions until we have further information.

- The 2021 legislative session began last week. There were over 300 new education bills filed this year which is pretty typical. 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. Some concerning bills are over revisions to the funding formula three year high, voucher billers, open transfer, and the recalling of board members. However, there are some good bills out there as well such as transparency as it relates to virtual education and caps placed on administrative costs for virtual education and their for-profit organizations.

Under board member comments, Pamela Matherly stated that she was sorry she missed the All-State School Board Member presentation and congratulated Elizabeth Parker on this very deserved recognition.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the 2021-22 School Year Calendar. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup, to approve an out of state trip for CHS football to travel to Dallas, Texas on Thursday, September 9-10, 2021 to play in a football game against Jesuit Dallas High School. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer, reported that Jerry Putnam of Putnam and Company was present at this evening meeting to report on the district's 2019-20 financial audit. Mr. Berry stated that it is a very good audit with a few minor exceptions. After what happened with Covid and the last half of the school year, Mr. Berry stated that he is very pleased with this audit. Mr. Berry stated that he would be sending the audit in to the Oklahoma State Department of Education this week. Mr. Berry introduced Jerry Putnam to give an overview on the audit. Mr. Putnam stated that he wanted to echo what Mr. Berry said and thanked his staff for their assistance. He stated that the only findings in the report was documentation issues. Mr. Putnam stated that he encourages everyone to continue to do an amazing job.

Mrs. Parker moved and seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s 576 - 644 - \$125,137.95; Fund 21 – #'s 127-142 - \$29,377.47; Fund 22 # - 87 - \$98.80; Fund 38 - #1 - \$486.18 and Fund 86 - \$252,000.00. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker, to approve financial audit for 2019-20 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve Putnam and Company to perform the financial audit for FY 2020-21. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker, to approve a Facilities Use Request form from Oklahoma Bison little league team for the use of the NPMS baseball field on Sundays from February 21- June 27, 2021. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup, to approve a new activity fund account – EDGE Stem Club. The vote was unanimous.

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

Kelli Hosford, Executive Director of Student Services, gave the following report. Our severe and profound student's rosters have been created in KITE so they can begin their testing on March 8th. The following information was received from Tony Fadenrecht regarding the CATS program at CHS. January 29th brought the most credits earned for CATS. A few students that had withdrawn have returned and are determined to graduate. The current numbers for CATS are 73 students and 18 graduates for the year with many more to come. We are very excited about those numbers. Mrs. Hosford stated that she asked some of our special education teachers to share with her some things that they are proud of so far this year in their classroom and shared the following: Mrs. Tracy said her kids have done a great job of showing kindness and encouraging one another. Lisa Miller said her students are doing great things with sentence structure, punctuation, nouns and helping each other find the right way to do the right things. Dawn Jenkins is so proud because she has a 3-year old that can identify her entire alphabet and she has been working to find dentist in our community to work with special needs students. One of our high school teachers stated that she is just very excited about the progress she has made with EDGE since the beginning of the year with our special needs students and how far they have come. This past week was National School Counselors week. Mrs. Hosford stated that she would like to personally thank all the sites for everything that they have done to honor our school counselors and that at our meeting on February 23rd, we will have Big Trucks Tacos to celebrate them and have a book to present to each of them.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, presented each board member with a copy of the Annual College Remediation Report. She gave a brief overview of the data on the report, which is a representation of data from 2018.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the Annual College Remediation Report. The vote was unanimous.

At 6:45 p.m., Ms. Matherly moved and Ms. Parker seconded to enter executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:15 p.m., Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to return to open session. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the following support recommendations: Tina Davidson, effective 1/25/21; Ray Lackey, effective 2/1/21; Sara Seabolt, effective 2/16/21; and Michelle Bishop, effective 2/1/21. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the following support resignations: Samantha Williams, effective 1/8/21; Stacia Barton, effective 2/12/21; Loydia Barnhart, effective 1/22/21; Sheilah Miller, effective 1/28/21; Shawna Moore, effective 2/12/21; Berenice Tapia, effective 2/28/21; and Bailey Stevens, effective 2/3/21. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the reemployment of Central Office Administrators with an amendment on the date from 2019-20 to 2020-21 for Kevin Berry, Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, Kelli Hosford and Michael James. The vote was unanimous.

There being no new business, at 7:18 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Ms. Parker to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

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