

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2022 REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
CHOCTAW/NICOMA PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ind. Dist. 4, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma

Place of Meeting

Administration Office Board Room, 12880 N.E. 10th, Choctaw, OK 73020

Elizabeth Parker, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. President Parker called roll to establish the following members present: Pamela Matherly, Vice President, Daryl Crusoe, Clerk, Janice Modisette, Assistant Clerk and James Alsup, Member.

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

Mr. Alsup moved and Mrs. Modisette seconded to approve the August 8, 2022 board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Ambra Smith, ACT President stated that it has been a great start to the new school year and the teachers were very thankful to apply for the Ed Foundation's grant that were due last week. Elizabeth Parker, Board President, thanked Ms. Smith for attending the monthly board meetings.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Superintendent Reid gave the following report:

- We are beginning the fifth week of school and moving along with the first quarter of the school year. CHS has their first parent/teacher conference scheduled this evening. This is always completed on an alternate schedule from the elementary and middle schools due to the block schedule at CHS.
- All schools have had successful open houses and parent orientation programs. It continued to look a little different that normal years, but our teachers and administrators just have a way of making things work.
- All Fall extra-curricular activities are in full swing which includes: football, softball, cross-country, volleyball, band, color guard, drama, vocal music, AFJROTC, and VoAg. Mrs. Burton has notified us that the CNP Performing Arts Center has been selected to host both the 5A and 6A State Once Act Play Contests. The date is set for October 11.
- The board will vote all employee group contracts this evening- ACT, SECNP, Central Office, support staff, and site administrators. Again, negotiations went very smooth. We have an excellent relationship with all of our employee groups and appreciate their leadership and communication during negotiations.
- Kevin Berry will present the 2022-23 budget this evening.
- Homecoming will be Friday, September 23rd. The homecoming parade will be at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 22nd. It will begin at Choctaw Creek Park and end in the parking lot of CHS.
- As of today, we have 5817 students enrolled. Our previous highest district enrollment was October 1, 2017 when it was at 5,775.

The community partner scheduled for this evening could not make it and will attend the October board meeting.

Superintendent Reid stated that next on the agenda is a special recognition regarding district employees. There was an unfortunate event that happened at Choctaw High School with a person not affiliated with our school was making threats to one of our students via text messages and social media. The school was not made aware of this and this person came on campus with ill intent or very possible ill intent. Our football coaches stand outside the locker room and greet our students every day. They know their kids by name and they know their cars. They are watching their kids come in and if they see someone that just doesn't look like they belong it brings up a red flag for them. As they started to look a little, they noticed that the individual onsite had something that didn't look appropriate in their hip area. There is some debate between the police department and the individual regarding what it was but to us it didn't look good. Our coaches went in to action right away and one of our coaches intervened and asked the young man his name and what he was doing there and the young man turned around and started to go the opposite direction. The coach called 911 and the other 2 coaches started getting the students inside the locker room and locking doors and gates and getting everyone inside safely. The coach was able to identify the make and model and color and partial license plate of the car. While he was jogging down the road behind the car and speaking to 911, he was able to make sure that they had successfully departed the campus. His quick actions resulted in the car being pulled over less than 3 miles away from CHS based on his quick action where Oklahoma County, Choctaw Police and Nicoma Park Police converged on the vehicle. There was a weapon found inside the car. Superintendent Reid stated that we know that this could have gone another way but these coaches, with no thought whatsoever, put themselves in harms way without regard for their own safety to keep our students safe. There have been questions why the whole high school was not put on lockdown. The situation happened so fast and the coaches

handled in a manner to know the campus was safe and also assisted in the apprehension of the individual. The high school wasn't even notified until the situation was taken care of. President Elizabeth Parker stated that as a former classroom teacher, she wanted to say thank you to the coaches from all teachers because their actions were definitely appreciated.

Matt McFarland, Director of Transportation, gave the following update. Mr. McFarland opened by thanking the board members for giving him the opportunity to serve. He stated that it has been a lot of fun so far and he has learned a lot. Mr. McFarland stated that the administrative team has helped him a lot with the learning curve. He stated that he can go to any of their offices and they are so helpful. Mr. McFarland stated that his office staff and bus drivers, mechanics are all a wonderful group of people. He has a former superintendent and a former retired principal as a bus driver so they have a very diverse staff. He reported that the transportation department helped with ESY with the special services department. He added that they also helped to transfer over 400 kids and sponsors from Choctaw Road Baptist Church to church camp at Camp WOW by McAlister. He said it was a great opportunity to get to know some of his drivers better and also be involved with the community. The transportation department was also contracted out by the YMCA for their summer program. In closing, Mr. McFarland read a statement made by a parent regarding their appreciation to one of our bus drivers, David Shephard, and how he handled a potentially dangerous situation. Superintendent Reid added that Mr. McFarland is definitely a servant leader because many days you will see him driving a bus route.

The following bond and security update were given by Todd Dilbeck. On the first day of school, we had the Oklahoma County Tactical Unit, bomb squad, Choctaw and Nicoma Park Police on campus and they did a walk through of the high school facility just to give them a familiarity of the school. Mr. Dilbeck stated that we will also be doing this with all of the other schools within the district throughout the year. On August 29-Sep 2nd, Stephanie and Stacie from Oklahoma Safe Schools came out and did our assessment for our facilities and will give a report back to Mr. Reid. The Rave Panic button was implemented in our district by September 1. Mr. Dilbeck gave kudos to our site principals for getting this information out to their staff. On September 2nd, we all got to push the button. We called Oklahoma County dispatch and told them that we are going to practice today on our virtual day. We had 120 signals go to them and we didn't have any fire trucks or ambulances show up. Safe School ID has been installed at all sites. On September 6th, Brad Baker came out and he is the one that has developed this program and answered any questions that the principals had. Additional steps that we have taken include ordering 4000 lanyards and placards to wear. We have ordered outside buzz systems for the main entrance and freshman center at CHS. In October, we will have Damon Blankenbarker who will come and speak with our faculty preventing targeted violence. Mr. Blankenbarker was with the San Diego County Security Department and stated this initiative in San Diego County, California and he now lives in Choctaw, Oklahoma. Bond update: we are whittling and trimming and we are getting closer to where we need to be.

There were no comments from board members.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve an out of state trip for CHS Choir to participate in the Pearl Harbor Day Memorial Parade in Waikiki, Hawaii departing on December 3, 2023 departing and returning on December 9, 2023. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve an out of state trip for CHS Band to perform at the Bands of America Regional in Dallas, TX on October 13-16, 2022. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsop moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the October 1, 2022 capacity numbers to be reported to the Oklahoma State Department of Education. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve a revision to school board office boundaries based on the 2020 census to be in compliance with O.S. 70, Section 5-107A(b). The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Mr. Alsop to approve the following new policies: FFF – Student Safety-Identification Cards and GFK – Disciplinary Action for Misuse of School Bathrooms and changing facilities. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer reported that there has been a lot going on this month preparing the budgets. He stated that one thing that they have been focusing on is the collection of the free and reduced lunch forms. These forms are tied to so many things funding wise such as state aid and federal grants so it is important to collect as many as possible.

Ms. Matherly moved and seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s 284 -433 - \$298,817.42 Fund 21 – #'s 79-97 - \$120,013.83; Fund 22 - #'s 62–64 - \$1,441.20; Fund 31 - #2 - \$7,041.00; Fund 37 - #'s 4-8 - \$62,823.77; and Fund 86 -# 9-11 \$5,350.00. The vote was unanimous.

Board President, Elizabeth Parker opened the 2022-23 budget hearing and asked Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer if there was anything he would like to say. Mr. Berry stated that this is the time that the floor is opened up to comments

from the public regarding the budget. He stated that the budget and the estimate of needs is available on the website and a public notice was published on the website and in the Journal Record. He stated that the hearing would take place this evening and the next board meeting action would be taken to approve the budget. Mr. Berry stated that we can change things within the budget but cannot change the total of the budget because it has to match the estimate of needs. Mr. Berry gave a report on the budget and asked for any questions from board members or members of the audience. With no questions being asked, the budget hearing was closed.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the Estimate of Needs for FY 2022/23. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve a Facility Use Request for Choctaw-Nicoma Park Youth Soccer to use Cox Field on September 18th, October 16th, October 23rd, November 6th, and November 20, 2022. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve a new Activity Fund Account – NPMS Builders Club. The vote was unanimous.

Kelli Hosford, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services stated that they have been very busy in student service but she wanted to focus on one thing this evening. She stated that she had presented to the board members at the retreat, the dream of having a Behavior Interventionist in our district. She stated that this came to fruition a couple of weeks ago and she introduced Dr. Eleanor Getzinger to the board. Mrs. Hosford stated that we are very excited that she is here and Dr. G retired and decided to come and join us. She gave a brief history of Dr. G's previous experience and the board members welcomed her to the CNP District.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve CHS's selection of the ACT as the 11th grade Oklahoma State Department of Education assessment. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma Behavior Health and the Choctaw-Nicoma Park School District for the 2022-23 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, Deputy Superintendent of Student Affairs, reported that several programs have moved forward through the Academic Affairs Department. She stated that the newest program through an organization called Paper allows all secondary schools in our district to access live tutoring online 24/7 in any subject area in several different languages. However, Paper also reaches out to the district if the student shares any problems that might require school intervention. Dr. Gaona shared with the board members a message that was received from a Paper Platform Manager regarding a specific CNP student. Dr. Gaona closed stating that she is incredibly excited about this program particularly that we have provided another resource for students academically but also a resource that contacts us if any alarming behaviors are reported. CNP is the first in the state to use this program and Dr. Gaona stated that it will significantly and positively impact students in our district.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to declare the items from the James Griffith Intermediate Media Center as surplus as listed on Attachment A. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the Paper Service Agreement for an initial term of September 12, 2022 – September 11, 2025. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the following for adjunct certification: April Chesser – Sign Language and Craig Broughton – Math. The vote was unanimous.

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

At 6:43 p.m., Mr. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to meeting in executive session. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve the following certified recommendations: Darren Russell**, effective 8/5/22 and Eleanor Goetzinger**, effective 9/2/22. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve the following certified resignation: Darren Russell, effective 8/16/22. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve the following support recommendations: Miranda Maples, effective 8/11/22; Lori Burlson, effective 8/11/22; Linda Johnson, effective 8/15/22; Lori Frye, effective 8/9/22; Sonja

Downs, effective 8/22/22; Kelly Adkins, effective 8/15/22; Bliss Ellis, effective 8/15/22; Lynse Iwerson, effective 8/15/22; Kayla Partlow, effective 8/11/22; Joey Bruce, effective 8/11/22; Lily Tarleton, effective 8/18/22; Matthew Crouch, effective 8/22/22; Elizabeth McGehee, effective 8/23/22; Mikah Steward, effective 8/24/22; Shannon Brown, effective 8/25/22; Tracy Hastings, effective 8/29/22; James Miller, effective 8/29/22; Katelyn Durant, effective 9/1/22; Kristin Todd, effective 9/7/22; and Jennifer Vangoth, effective 9/8/22. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve the following support resignations: Collette Couch, effective 6/30/22; Kelse Munguia, effective 8/26/22; Ashley Stepuch, effective 9/2/22; and Patricia Thompson, effective 6/30/22. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further new business, at 7:26 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Crusoe and seconded by Mr. Alsup to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

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