

MINUTES OF JANUARY 9, 2023 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

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

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

Ambra Smith, ACT President, stated ACT would like to thank the school board for all that they do. Ms. Smith added that everyone is busy with the start of the 3rd quarter. She reported that this Friday school will be held in person instead of virtual. Ms. Smith stated that Ryan Walters was sworn in today as State Superintendent and bills are already being filed for the session that begins in February. Ms. Smith stated that ACT will be sending out questionnaires to both candidates that will be running in the upcoming school board election and once their responses are received they will share the information.

Superintendent Reid stated that we have two elementary students and one middle school student to recognize this evening. Superintendent Reid invited Westfall Elementary Principal, Shannon Shay, to the front to introduce her two students. Mrs. Shay introduced Avery Kesner and Audrey Marin who are both 4th graders at Westfall Elementary. Mrs. Shay said that she is very proud to announce that these two students are All-State Choir members. Next, Superintendent Reid asked NPMS Principal, Jake Freer, to introduce the next student to be recognized. Mr. Freer stated that he is very proud to introduce NPMS student, Wyatt Cannon, who was chosen for the OKCDA Jr. High All-State Mixed Chorus. All three students were presented certificates of recognition for their achievements.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Superintendent Reid gave the following report:

- We have completed a successful first semester of the school year and are now in the 2nd semester. We have a lot of exciting things to look forward to include the breaking ground on new construction projects.
- January is School Board Recognition month. Mr. Reid stated that he knows he speaks for everyone in this room as well as our entire CNP community when he says thank you to each of our CNP school 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.
- All of our winter activities and sports are deep into the heart of their seasons. Tournaments, games, and contests happen nearly every night.
- Our fine arts programs, VoAg and AFJROTC also have regular events scheduled throughout this time of the school year. Our district does a great job of creating avenues for students with varying interests and aptitudes to always have something available for everyone.
- This year the district wide musical will be Matilda. The cast and crew are putting in the hours of practice necessary to make it a quality performance.
- The legislative session starts next month and we once again anticipate a large number of education bills. There is at least some growing optimism of a teacher pay increase bill to see bipartisan support. We now have a new state superintendent of instruction and we will see if that brings about any new changes.

The following safety and security updates were given by Todd Dilbeck. ID's and lanyards are being worn in the secondary level. This has really helped School Nutrition staff to scan for meal service. In regard to the bond update, Mr. Dilbeck stated that district staff met with the Oklahoma County Finance Authority on December 17, 2022 for approval. On December 19, 2022, CNP Schools was on the Oklahoma County Commissioner's board agenda for approval for Revenue Bonds and was approved. Mr. Dilbeck reported that we have our final Lease Bond amount on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 and we should close on Thursday, January 19, 2023. Mr. Dilbeck added that there will be a review of the Multipurpose Facility on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. He added that Choctaw High School is at 100% completion on January 16, 2023. Issue to bid on Monday, January 30th 2023 and bid opening is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2023. In closing, Mr. Dilbeck stated that on January 18th, district administration will be meeting with the Construction Manager from Manhattan to discuss staging the bus/parent pick up at Choctaw High School.

There were no comments by the board members.

Ms. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the 2022-23 third quarter capacity numbers. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to appoint Jason Ross to the vacant school board seat #5. The vote was unanimous. Following the vote, Board Assistant Clerk Janice Modisette swore Mr. Ross into his board seat by administering the loyalty oath.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer reported that we did get our Hazard Mitigation Plan back from FEMA with a few recommended changes. We will resubmit with these changes in a few weeks and will bring it to the board for approval once those changes have been approved by FEMA. Once approved, the Hazard Mitigation Plan will allow us to apply for FEMA grants that may help us later down the road with some of our new construction. One other thing that Mr. Berry stated that he would like to speak about was E-Rate which is a federal program that allows matching some types of funding – ours is for connectivity and our equipment for computers and so forth at schools. With our new schools in the planning, it would help with the wiring and cabling of our high school and elementary schools so we placed these items in our E-Rate packets to go out to bid. Hopefully, we can get those bids in and get matching funds. Usually with our free and reduced percentage, which is what it is based off of, we get 60% returned for what we put into it. We are also going out to bid for E-Rate for matching funds for our wide area network. Every three years we bid that out so we should be receiving this within the next 2-3 weeks.

Mrs. Modisette moved and seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s 681 -726 - \$13,747.04; Fund 21 – #'s 134-142 - \$78,325.00; Fund 22 - #'s 79–81 - \$14,029.25; Fund 31 - #4 - \$30,418.14 and Fund 86 -#21 - \$4,500.00. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve a new activity fund account SWARM (Students Willing and Responsible for Mentorship). The vote was unanimous.

Kelli Hosford, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services reported that we have 28 people signed up for the Oppositional Defiant and Disruptive Behaviors in Children and Adolescents which will begin January 31. Mrs. Hosford added that she is very excited about the diversity of this group. There are school nurses, to media specialists, administrators, counselors, regular and special education teachers as well as paras and site secretaries registered. The January 31 training will be over what is ODD, Setting the Stage for Success and Understanding Motivation. Mrs. Hosford expressed her appreciation to Shannon Shay who has completed training our site administrators in CPI which is a workshop that assists education in de-escalation strategies. Mrs. Hosford stated that we will begin training our paras on February 20th. In closing, Mrs. Hosford stated that we are on target for WIDA testing, state testing and the preparation that goes along with those items.

No report was given from the Student Affairs Department due to Dr. JeanAnn Gaona's absence.

At 6:22 p.m., Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to meet in executive session. The vote was unanimous.

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

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve the following certified recommendations: Sherry Kueller, effective 1/2/23 and Katelyn Durham, effective 1/9/23. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve the following certified resignations: Kathy Robertson, effective 12/31/22 and Cynthia Hanna, effective 12/31/22. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve the following support recommendations: Richelle Smith, effective 1/3/23; Brittany Rowland, effective 1/3/23 and Jennifer Roberts, effective 1/5/23. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve the following support resignations: James Miller, effective 12/7/22; Meagan Pratte, effective 1/13/23; Chelsey Harrison, effective 12/16/22 and April Turner, effective 12/16/22. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the evaluation and reemployment of David Reid as Superintendent of Schools with a three-year contract for 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further new business, at 7:19 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Modisette and seconded by Mr. Alsup to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Elizabeth Parker, President

Pamela Matherly, Vice President

Jason Ross, Clerk

Janice Modisette, Asst. Clerk

Don Alsup, Member