

MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2023 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 NE 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, Jason Ross, Member, Janice Modisette, Assistant Clerk and Don Alsup, Member.

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

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the February 13, 2023 board meeting minutes with an amendment from February 13, 2022 as listed on agenda. The vote was unanimous.

Senator Brenda Stanley spoke a few words about Board President Elizabeth Parker and read a proclamation from her office. Senator Stanley closed by expressing her appreciation for her service to Choctaw-Nicoma Park Schools.

Ambra Smith, ACT President expressed appreciation to Elizabeth Parker for her service. Ms. Smith stated that last week Debbie Worley and Crystal Rheis put together a great family stem night. Ms. Smith added that they did a great job. Ms. Smith reported that session is in full swing at the Capitol and it started with 469 education bills and they are now down to 139. Although we shouldn't hear any more about the ones that have already died, they tend to sneak back in as part of other bills. The Senate Bill for a teacher raise has been stopped and the House Bill for a teacher raise has a \$2 million cap for every district. Neither of the bills include a raise for support personnel. She added that they deserve a raise and are in need of one because our district would not be able to run without them. ACT has received questionnaires from both candidates and will be sending those out later this week. ACT has also set up a School Board Candidate Forum that will take place March 21st from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at the Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center. Both candidates, Jessica Salinas-Dengler and Michael Taylor will be answering questions. The school board election will be held on Tuesday, April 4th.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Under student recognitions, Superintendent Reid stated that Peyton Hand will forever be remembered as #1 in the history books being the first 4-time Girls State Champion in Oklahoma History. To add to her accomplishments, she was also voted by the coaches as the Outstanding Wrestler. Peyton also won the Reno Tournament of Champions and was voted Outstanding Wrestler. Her list of accomplishments for her high school career is impressive. She was 28-0 this year, 25-1 her junior year, 31-0 her sophomore year and 24-0 her freshman year. Superintendent Reid invited Coach Benny Coleman to say a few words regarding Peyton. Coach Coleman stated that Peyton is just an all-around great student. In addition to her impressive wrestling stats, Peyton is also a 4.0 student. Superintendent Reid and Board President Liz Parker presented a certificate of accomplishment to Peyton.

Members of the Choctaw Alumni Association were in attendance and announced their \$500 donation to the school museum and a \$750 donation to the Teacher of the Year Program. They also added that they will be presenting three \$2,000 scholarships at the next board meeting to 3 CHS seniors.

Superintendent Reid gave the following report:

- Congratulations again to 4X State Champion, Peyton Hand. Congratulations to Coach Simpson and the boys' basketball team for qualifying for the state tournament for the first time since 1967. They will play Moore at the Lloyd Noble Center at 9:00 p.m. this Thursday. Congratulations to Coach Maloney and the girls' basketball team. Unfortunately, they lost in the area tournament to bring their season to an end, but ended up one game short of qualifying for the state tournament.
- As stated at the last board meeting, Spring activities are now a full go and will have something scheduled just about every day except for Wednesday nights and Sundays.
- Congratulations to Maryjane Burton and the cast of *Matilda*. They have had three live musical performances, and those of course were fantastic. The final performances will be this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Friday and Saturday shows start at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday show begins at 2:30 p.m.
- Additional congratulations to the CHS Competitive Speech/Drama/Debate team for qualifying 7 students in 4 events and one 3rd alternative at Nationals.

- Finally, Friday is a scheduled parent/teacher conference day. Our schools have completed or will complete this week two-night time sessions to cover this day. Spring Break is next week. This is time for everyone to relax and recharge for the final quarter of the school year.

The following safety and security updates were given by Todd Dilbeck, Director of Bond Oversight & Security. During the June 8th District Administrator's Meeting, we will have Cindy Swearingen, Assistant Executive Director for Safety and Security for the Oklahoma State Department of Education who will provide training on Behavior Threat Assessment Management (BAM). This is the last of three mandates the Governor required for schools to be in compliance. Mr. Dilbeck added that site maps have been sent to IT for camera recommendations and upgrades. In regard to the bond update, Mr. Dilbeck reported that the following have been approved: February 16 2023, the west elementary site clearing was approved; February 17, 2023 track resurfacing and rebuild; and February 17, 2023, Jensen Field upgrades – north walk way and fencing and Musco stadium light. Mr. Dilbeck stated that per our architect, Tom Barczak, the closed climate control elevator at Jensen Field Project should be completed by August 1, 2023. He added that the VoAg tractor was delivered on February 21, 2023. On February 22, 2023, a review was conducted on the baseball/softball locker room, Indoor Facility, restroom/concession area at Jensen Filed and elevator review. On February 23, 2023, a review was conducted on visitor concession and press box remodel and obtained quotes: on paint, LED lights, Herculan Epoxy flooring, new cabinets, awning and roll up windows. On March 2, 2023 a review was conducted for JGI/IME and a quote for band bleachers was also obtained.

There were no comments by the board members.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the April 1st Open Transfer Capacity Levels to submit to the Oklahoma State Department of Education. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsop to approve the renaming of the JGI/IME Unified Campus to the Griffith Meridian Elementary. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer reported that Mr. Dilbeck has been keeping the Business Department busy with all of the bond related purchase orders. Mr. Berry added that we received our E-Rate bids this week and we are recommending a company for our WAN Services and also for the cabling, wiring and drops for the new high school and west elementary school. Mr. Berry stated that he would address the rest of his report as we continue with the agenda items.

Mr. Ross moved and seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s 829 -894 - \$187,862.03; Fund 21 – #'s 147-163 - \$53,864.00; Fund 22 - #'s 83-85 - \$75,164.00; Fund 33 -# 2 - \$976.39; and Fund 37 - #13 - \$1,263.56 . The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to join Buy Board, which is an interlocal purchasing cooperative that allows school districts to piggyback onto and utilize other contracts and wards to purchase goods and services. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsop to approve the renewal of Software Service Agreement with Municipal Accounting Systems, Inc. for the 2023-24 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve OKTLE, McREL and SEES contract for 2023-24 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve a resolution determining the maturities of, and setting a date, time and place for the sale of the \$11,090,000 General Obligation Bonds. April 13th at noon in the Administration Office Board Room as set. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsop to approve an Agreement for Bond Counsel Services with Floyd & Driver, P.L.L. C., Attorneys at Law. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Mr. Alsop to approve a contract with Precision Construction and Contracting, through the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), for the purpose of installing a concrete walkway, a concrete pad and fencing around the track at Bill Jensen Field at Choctaw High School. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve a contract with Precision Construction and Contracting, through the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), for the purpose of installing a completely new track surface and base and the removal of the old track at Bill Jensen Field at Choctaw High School. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup, to approve a contract with Musco Sports Lighting, L.L.C, through Buy Board, to install new LED lighting and to relocate a lighting standard at Bill Jensen Field at Choctaw High School. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette, to approve a contract with S & B CPA's and Associates, PLLC, for the purpose of conducting the school district's FY 2022-23 audit. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Ross, to approve a contract with LightStream to provide the fiber optic cabling and be the service provider for the district's Wide Area Network (WAN). The contract will begin July 1, 2023 and the price for the service will be fixed for a period of five years. The contract will be renewed annually by the school board. Federal E-rate funds will pay 60% of the cost of the contract. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve a contract with United Systems to provide cabling, wiring, and drops for the new high school main building and the new west elementary school for FY 2023-24. Federal E-rate will pay 60% of this contract. The vote was unanimous.

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

Kelli Hosford, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services asked Stephanie Seagraves to join her. Mrs. Hosford stated as Stephanie was making her way to the front, she would like to express her appreciation to Liz Parker for the time she has served the school district and everything she has done for our district. Mrs. Hosford reported that we had talked about Project Search a couple of years ago at our board retreat and this has finally come to fruition. Mrs. Hosford added that she is so proud of Stephanie Seagraves who will be taking care of this program for us. Stephanie started this journey 2 ½ years ago. This is a program for our seniors with disabilities and our students that have their extra year in high school. They will be partnering with the OKC Zoo beginning in August of next year. Our students are going to do three rotations and will complete a 9-month internship in guest services, gardens, tickets sales, educational field trips, greeters, animal interactions, building maintenance, food service, and upkeep of botanical gardens. After this internship, we are hoping that opportunities will become available for our students. After spring break, the application process will begin. Mrs. Hosford thanked Stephanie Seagraves for her hard work and stated that we will be 1 of only 2 districts in the State of Oklahoma that offer this program. Mrs. Hosford reported that tomorrow is Wear Green Day, to show empowerment for our special ed students. At the job fair last week, we had some excellent special education candidates and we have been able to hire 2 speech/language pathologist. Our Special Olympics will be held on Thursday from 9:30-11:00, we will be hosting CNP's Special Olympics at the football field. Mrs. Hosford stated that we are very excited that the football team will be assisting. On March 21st, we will welcome Dr. Sylvia Hollins and she will be her from Alabama and she will be doing a presentation on trauma and crisis for our counselors and school administrators. We are able to do this through the \$25,000 grant that we received from the State Department of Education.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, Deputy Superintendent of Academic Affairs reported that Mrs. Worley coordinated an amazing STEM night for 3rd through 5th grade students on Tuesday, February 8 in the McCharen Activities Center from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in a come and go event that provided families hands-on activities through discovery stations. I believe over 250 students and families participated in the event which involved high school student volunteers, Rose State, OSU college of engineering and other organizations including our own JAFROTC which manned a flight simulator station. On Monday March 27th at 3:00 p.m., CNP will host our top three publishers in the upcoming ELA adoption series. Middle School and High School English teachers will have the opportunity to hear presentations from Savvas, McGraw-Hill and HMH. Votes will be collected electronically from our secondary English teachers with voting closing on March 31. In an effort to effectively spend the remainder of our American Rescue Plan money, I have been visiting with steering committees at each site for input regarding purchases that will best impact student learning opportunities. Once these meetings have completed, I plan to reconvene our American Rescue Plan Committee for a final meeting and then proceed accordingly. On a personal note, I would like to thank Liz Parker for being an amazing role model. I started working in the district in June of 2001. Ms. Parker made a point to introduce herself and be present at countless functions held at Choctaw Junior High School and then Choctaw Middle School programs. This was something that amazed me as a principal. She has always made each individual she encounters feel important. Her words of encouragement both verbal and written to me through the years have always stayed in my heart. Thank you for showing that educators can remain educators even if not in front of a classroom. Your guidance has impacted not only me, but my three children as they made their way through Choctaw-Nicoma Park Schools and now my two grandchildren who will soon start their journey. You are the definition of what legacy means.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the items from the Westfall Elementary Media Center as surplus as listed on Attachment A. The vote was unanimous.

At 6:48 p.m., Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to meet in executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:19 p.m., Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to return to open session. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the following certified recommendations: Rebecca Hall, effective 7/1/23; Nicole Ackerman, effective 2/23/23; and Jamie Harris, effective 7/1/23. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the following certified resignations: Susan Epperly (retire), effective 6/30/23; Barbara Bayless (retire), effective 6/30/23; Jean Davis (retire), 6/30/23; Tim McCall (retire), effective 6/30/23; Kerri Powell, effective 6/30/23; Melissa Fischer, effective 6/30/23; Haley Casteel, effective 6/30/23; Denise Lamb (retire), effective 6/30/23; and Kelli Barris, effective 6/30/23. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the following support recommendations: Sara Fine, effective 2/14/23 and Frank Guerrero, effective 3/6/23. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup, to approve the following support resignations: Michelle Stanhouse, effective 2/8/23; James Tolbert, effective 2/13/23; Kaitlyn Beleele, effective 2/24/23; Matt Crouch, effective 2/17/23; Hailey Jordan, effective 2/17/23; Bonnie Wilson, effective 6/30/23; Monica Lewis, effective 6/30/23; Kayla Smith, effective 3/3/23; Sarah Miller, effective 6/20/23. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve reemployment of the following central office directors for 2023-24 school year: Debbie Worley, Todd Dilbeck, Shanna Keiffer, Mike Hessman, Chris Brazer, Brian Cannon, Matt McFarland and Gail Belflower. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the reemployment of the following Site Administrators for the 2023/24 school year: Jackie Harris, Melissa Coulter, Shelby Jarvis, Scott David, J.J. Venzor, Brent Ingraham, Steve Keiffer, Donna O'Neal, Glen Adamson, Jake Freer, Tara Simon, Josh Durant, Lance Nutham, Wendy Eaton, Danita Hollins, Shannon Shay, Angie Fortune, Cheryl Lidia, Pam Cook, Misti Tye, Kari Baker, Dorothy Moseley and Elizabeth Karnes. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further new business, at 7:23 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Modisette and seconded by Ms. Matherly to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Pamela Matherly, President

Jason Ross, Vice President

Janice Modisette, Clerk

Don Alsup, Asst. Clerk

Jessica Salinas-Dengler, Member