

**MINUTES OF AUGUST 14, 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

Pamela Matherly, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. President Matherly called roll to establish the following members were present: Jason Ross, Vice President, Janice Modisette, Clerk, Don Alsup, Asst. Clerk and Jessica Salinas-Dengler, member.

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.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the July 10, 2023. The vote was unanimous.

Ambra Smith, ACT President stated that everyone had a great first day of school. Additionally, she added that the Professional Development last week was great as well. In closing, Mrs. Smith stated that they look forward to ratifying the ACT contract next week.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Superintendent Reid gave the following report:

- We welcomed back all school staff last week. They are busy preparing for what will be an exciting and rewarding year. Our site administrators and teachers have been diligently working to make sure everything is ready for the first day of school, tomorrow.
- Last year, our October 1<sup>st</sup> count was 5830. The current number is PowerSchool is 5862. There certainly will be additional students enrolling, but we will also have some no-shows who have moved during the summer, and we were not notified. It is something we will continue to monitor.
- Our students in athletics and fine arts put in countless hours of preparation during the summer. Each group anxiously looks forward to the upcoming fall season.
- Michael James and the administrative negotiations team met with both ACT and CNPSEC, and negotiations went well. CNPSEC has signed off on their agreement and will be on the agenda tonight. The ACT has agreed in principle, but their contract will not be ready for board approval until the September board meeting. I would like to thank Janice Modisette for participating in negotiations to help everything go as smoothly as possible.
- Lastly, I'd also like to publicly thank Anita Johnson. She has been working with everyone in regards to the transfer portal. There are a lot of misconceptions as to what the new law allows and doesn't allow, and Anita has been excellent working with all inquiries.

Director of Bond Oversight & Security, Todd Dilbeck reported that at Choctaw High School, the primary electrical and main sewer lines had to be relocated. The new drive and teacher parking lot was completed on August 11<sup>th</sup> and the striping will be completed on August 14, 2023. The pier work at the new high school has begun. At the McCharen Center, the north bathroom has been divided to a men's/women's restroom. The south restroom is being renovated along with the concessions area. A construction wall separates all new construction. Mr. Dilbeck added that Smith & Pickel (Quad Construction) has cleared the baseball/softball foundations. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, a 100% review of the Indoor Facility was completed. A review of sewer installation at Jensen Field will be completed in December 2023. A new roof was installed on the Fieldhouse on August 1, 2023. Mr. Dilbeck continued with the following progress at Jensen Field. The home side press box has been remodeled including heat and a/c, butcherblock counter top, paint, new carpet and LED lights. An 8-lane track resurfacing was completed on August 4, 2023 and striping is schedule for August 26-28, 2023. Musco lights are completed and the new Ford Audio Sound Systems was completed on August 4, 2023. Additionally, the new side walk and black vinyl fencing connecting the home side to the visitor's side on the north end of the stadium has also been completed. Handicap seating area at the north end of the stadium has been connected to the new sidewalk. The band bleachers have been installed in the south end of the endzone. The concrete drive way to the track on the southwest side was poured on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> along with the gates for the fence inside the stadium and retaining wall on the north end are also complete. The drain around the stadium has been cleaned and the shaft has been sealed. New controls and wiring will arrive in August for installation. The visitor's concession/restrooms have been remodeled with new paint, new flooring, urinals and toilets, cabinets, rollup windows, awnings for front and back of concession and heat and air condition have also been completed. Mr. Dilbeck continued stating that the parent pick up line at Westfall has been completed. The new parking lot was completed on August 10, 2023. A purchase orders has been sent to the fencing company to compete the gates to the playground area. Sod has been placed on the disturbed areas. Mr. Dilbeck reported that the storage building concrete work at Choctaw Middle School has been completed and framing has started. PCC/FieldTurf has been awarded the construction and demo for the baseball/softball fields. A pre-construction meeting

will be held on August 22, 2023. The Musco lights have been delivered with an installation date of September 1, 2023. New scoreboard for baseball and softball have been ordered. Mr. Dilbeck stated that the review of the new elementary school is at 95% and the total site has been cleared. He added that Griffith Meridian Elementary is at 65% due to waiting for pricing from Construction Managers. In closing, Mr. Dilbeck stated that the City of Choctaw is currently reviewing the safe room codes for Choctaw Elementary.

There were no comments by the board members.

Bob Whitaker with the Choctaw Alumni Association presented the Choctaw School's Education Foundation's president, Brandon Erstenuik, with a check for \$1,000 to be used for teacher grants. The Education Foundation reported that last year they issued just short of \$25,000 in individual teacher grants. Most of the grants were funded through the annual Shrimp Boil. Mr. Erstenuik closed by stating that this year's shrimp boil will be on Saturday, September 23 at the Choctaw Creek Pavilion. Signs with a QR code can be found throughout the community to register for attendance.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve a resolution to appoint the superintendent to act as Impact Aid Representative for the school district. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to authorize Kelli Hosford as district designee to sign all current year expenditure reports, disbursements and cash receipts filed with the Oklahoma Department of Education for purpose and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of IDEA Consolidated Application. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to authorize Dr. JeanAnn Gaona as district designee to sign all current year expenditure reports, disbursements and cash receipts filed with the Oklahoma Department of Education for purpose and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of Federal Awards Consolidated Application, Itiles I-A, II-A, IV and VI. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the 2023-24 accreditation status for the CNP School District. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the School Resource Officer Agreement with the City of Choctaw for FY 2023-24. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve the following new policies – DEC-R7 – Maternity Leave (Regulation) and EKBA – Reading Sufficiency Testing. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer reported that we are starting off the year great. Our \$300,000,000 net assessed valuation is 6.2% above last year. This will benefit the building fund, general fund, and funds overall. Mr. Berry added that we have finalized OCAS data and submitted and locked it with OSDE. We are currently working on our Estimate of Needs. In closing, Mr. Berry stated that our free and reduced lunch count should increase with Medicaid application now being automatically approved.

Mr. Alsup moved and seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s 139- 317 - \$924,767.10; Fund 21 – #'s 47-88 - \$333,414.78; Fund 22 - #'s 13-37 - \$52,819.55; Fund 33 - #'s 28-43 - \$153,814.90; and Fund 86 - #3-9 - \$68,693.34. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved and seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the fifth year of a five-year lease agreement between Choctaw-Nicoma Park Schools and Life Christian Academy for lease of the old Nicoma Park Elementary. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve an Interest Distribution Resolution for the District. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve new Activity Fund Accounts for Academic Affairs, Student Services and Personnel offices. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve a contract with Norman Regional Hospital Authority for Trainer Services for FY 2023-24. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the Contract for Secondary Career and Technology Education Programs for the 2023-24 school year.

Kelli Hosford, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services stated that Shanna Keiffer is already making a difference in the Student Services office. Mrs. Hosford stated that the year is off to a great start through the following training options that were provided at Professional Development through the Student Services Office: The Cook Center Presentation, Classroom 180 Behavior Strategies, Behavior Interventions with CPI, Paras, the REDS and OT/PT referrals. Project J.U.S.T. is in full swing. Not Your Average Joe is set to open September 1, at TFCU in Choctaw. This program will be run by Stephanie Seagraves and Project J.U.S.T. students. Stephanie and Cindy Rogers did a podcast today on Project J.U.S.T. Mrs. Hosford stated she is excited to listen to the podcast. Last, Mrs. Hosford shared information regarding the Cook Center along with The Concern Poster of Parent Workshops and sign up to 24/7 access to a parenting coach.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve a Memorandum of Agreement between the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma Behavior Health Program and the Choctaw-Nicoma Park School District for the 2023-24 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve an Interagency Agreement for Special Services between Kickapoo Head Start and the Choctaw-Nicoma Park School District for the 2023-24 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve a site agreement with Tech-Now for the 2023-24 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, Deputy Superintendent of Student Affairs reported that our teachers attended many breakout sessions last Thursday during the district's professional development day. This included over 90 of our secondary teachers attending an introduction to the new virtual reality headsets. Other breakouts included dyslexia training, Special Education training, and classroom de-escalation training. Overall, the day seemed very successful. A survey will be sent to teachers tomorrow and the result will be used to determine training next year. Dr. Gaona added that in a great development, she is happy to report that both Middle Schools have funded STEM programs through CareerTech. This is important for students to create a Segway not only into career tech programs at EOC during their high school years, but also creates a pipeline into the Biotech program at the high school. This adds extra funding through career tech at both middle schools to buy appropriate equipment and supplies for their programs. Dr. Gaona stated that overall, it's been a wonderful start to the 2023-24 school year.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve Choctaw High School's Alternative Education's State Deregulation Plan for the 2023-24 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve to approve the 2023-24 school year for the Choctaw High School Alternative Education Program to be based on hours instead of days. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve a Consortium Agreement between Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center No. 23, Choctaw-Nicoma Park School District No. 4, Harrah School District No. 7, Jones School District No. 9, and Luther School District No. 3. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve the following for adjunct certification: Jacob Rapp – Physical Science; Jessica Nichols – Geography; Aaron Trey Hagan – Intermediate Math; Katherine Cowden – Elementary; Brooklyn Breshears – Elementary; EJ Tillinger – Biology; Trey Porter – Intermediate Math; April Chesser – Sign Language; Bradley Tyler-Clark – Physical Education; Matt Crowder – Speech, Drama and Debate; Jonathan Garfield – US/OK History; Lori Sosenko – English; Susan Wessell – Music; Lindsey Mudgett – PE; Colt Newton – Psychology; Steven Walker – Geography; T Carter – World History; Reham Cox – Intermediate Math and Leslie Hart – Sign Language. The vote was unanimous.

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

At 6:41 p.m. with a motion made by Mr. Alsup and seconded by Mrs. Modisette the board entered into executive session.

At 6:58 p.m. with a motion by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler and seconded by Mr. Ross, the board voted to return to open session. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the following certified recommendations: Julie Kibby\*\*, effective 7/11/23; Amy Campbell, effective 7/11/23; Brooklyn Breshears\*\*, effective 7/11/23; Tanner Johnson\*\*, effective 7/17/23; Susan Kitzrow, effective 7/11/23; Dennis Stine\*\*, effective 7/11/23; Christopher Brown\*\*, effective 7/25/23; Reham Cox\*\*, effective 8/1/23; Alissa Reed\*\*, effective 8/1/23; Meagan Dilbeck\*\*, effective 8/3/23; Tamitha Zook\*\*, effective 8/8/23; and Steve Wedel\*\*, effective 8/8/23. The vote was unanimous.

