

MINUTES NOVEMBER 13, 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 N.E. 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. Ross seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve the October 9, 2023 meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Ambra Smith, ACT President reported that we only have one week until Thanksgiving Break and then only around three weeks until Christmas Break. I did notice that ESS was on the agenda. We do have concerns about ESS as the fill rate that was targeted for the 90% is only in the 70's.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Superintendent Reid gave the following report.

- This is Support Personnel Week so I would like to publicly say thank you and acknowledge all support employees for their outstanding work. This is a group who often works behind the scenes with little recognition, but without them, we would not have school as we know it.
- Our October student count has been officially collected, and we're at 5,831 students. This is up 15 from last year's numbers which at the time was the largest in CNP History.
- I would like to thank all of our Veterans and commend all of our sites for holding outstanding Veterans' Day activities to honor those who have served. These are always special events and it not only shows gratitude to the military men and women of this nation, but it demonstrates to each of students how to display proper respect. A special thank you goes out to the CHS AFJRTOC for making sure they have a crew available for each of our sites to have a flag presentation.
- Congratulations to the VoAg program for hosting a successful auction last Saturday.
- We've had many successes over the first quarter plus of the school year. We will work to recognize the following groups for winning state or national competitions – band and color guard on multiple competitions where they won first in their class, drama for winning the One Act State Champion and Tech Award, cheer and volleyball for winning Academic State Championships. We also have had students excel in cheer and pom competitions, AFROTIC in drill competitions, and many state qualifiers for state cross country.
- This Friday, CHS football will host Sand Springs in the playoff game held at Jensen Field. This is a second-round game but our first playoff game since we had a bye last week.
- ESS has a higher fill rate with certified than non-certified. Non-certified positions are just really hard to fill. The rate, although not where we hope it will get to eventually, is better than before we used this service. However, we realize there is still more work to be done. ESS has a new director for our district and is actively engaged in methods to improve the fill rate. One factor playing into adding more substitutes is the delay on getting background checks back. We are currently waiting on somewhere between 12-14 background checks. This contract being presented for approval tonight is an addendum that gets us through June 2024. In July, the board will have another vote as to whether to continue with ESS for the 2024-25.
- As if anyone needs reminding, next week we will be out for Thanksgiving Break.

Director of Bond Oversight & Security, Todd Dilbeck reported that the saferooms were poured last week at Choctaw High School and the new water line has been installed. He added that the softball turf is completed and the baseball turf installation started today. Mr. Dilbeck shared that the footing has been poured for the softball/baseball locker room and the tile has been installed in the south restroom of the McCharen Center. Mr. Dilbeck reported that Phase 1 is underway on the parent pickup lane at GME. Phase 2 is projected to go out to bid in January of 2024. He shared that the bid opening for the CNP West Elementary will be held on Tuesday, November 14. In closing, Mr. Dilbeck stated that the project at Choctaw Elementary has been approved and construction will start immediately after school is out in May of 2024.

There were no comments from board members.

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve Calendar Year 2024 Choctaw-Nicoma Park School Board Meetings. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Reid stated that he would like to make a comment on the next agenda item regarding the creation of an independent Choctaw-Nicoma Park Police Department. Superintendent Reid shared with the board that the creation of a new CNP PD was delayed after the incident that happened in August at the football stadium. We didn't want it to look like we had any displeasure or lost faith in our local municipalities. Choctaw PD and surrounding municipalities were amazing. The creation of a new CNP PD is all about being able to try and recruit additional SRO's. We are going into our second year where we only have two SROs for the entire district. Our desire to have three has just not been able to be filled. In addition, in the future, we would control when we added more SROs to the force. Also, with CNP encompassing parts of many different municipalities, there is often questions over which department has jurisdiction. A CNP PD would allow our officers to have jurisdiction over student issues for the entire district. At this time, I feel this is the best decision and direction for the district.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the creation of an independent Choctaw-Nicoma Park Police Department for the purpose of supplying school resource officers. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to adopt the 2024 Annual School Election Resolution to the Oklahoma County Election Board to hold a Board of Education Primary Election on February 13, 2024, only if three or more candidates file for the Board of Education position appearing on the ballot as an unexpired term. A Board of Education General Election shall be held on April 2, 2024 under the following circumstances: if only two candidates file for a position scheduled to be on the ballot or for a position on the ballot for an unexpired term or if no candidate in the Board of Education Primary Election receives more than 50% of the votes cast. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer, reported that our new auditors, S & B Accounting, came out and examined our books last month. They are now working on the audit. We should have the audit complete for board review and action in February's board meeting. Mr. Berry stated that it appears our low-income student count has increased significantly due to changes in eligibility. According to our latest estimate, we are at 45% (37% free, 8 % reduced) districtwide. He added that every school is not above 40%. What this means is our weighted ADM for state aid purposes should increase at mid-term. However, these changes in eligibility also affects most school districts in the state. This also means we may qualify for additional e-rate funding for technology needs. In addition, this increase may increase the number of schools that are eligible for Title program funds. Finally, this increase positively impacts our Child Nutrition Program as more students are eligible for free or reduced meals which should increase participation.

Mrs. Modisette moved and seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s 543- 645 - \$195,355.52; Fund 21 – #'s 127-137 - \$16,348.46; Fund 22 - #'s 52-54 - \$2,000.00; Fund 33 - #'s 64-76 - \$262,552.16; and Fund 86 - #14-17 - \$26,973.04. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salina-Dengler moved and seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve new Activity Fund Accounts – Choctaw High School FCE and Choctaw High School - JUST. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the ESS Contract for CNP Substitute Management. The vote was unanimous.

Kelli Hosford, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services reported that the Pre-Act has been given and all went very well. She added that the PASS Assessment Window opened today. Our sites are giving that over the next 2 months. Mrs. Hosford stated that the parent zoom with the Cook Center tomorrow evening is covering the topic of social media. Mrs. Hosford stated that we had an excellent training with Dr. Pitt on referring students that are not Tier 1 and 2 with Dyslexia. She added that we are working on a guide from the meeting that will give sites a step-by-step process on referring these students for special education. Mrs. Hosford continued stating that on November 29, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., we are hosting Preparedness Training for the state. We have 22 people from our district signed up for this training which holds 50. The focus is Crisis Prevention and Preparedness giving educators knowledge and resources important to establishing and sustaining comprehensive, ongoing school safety, crisis prevention and preparedness. In closing, Mrs. Hosford stated that National Paraprofessional Day is November 15. Our paras are vital in the success of our special education programs. We value and recognize the contributions they make on a daily basis.

There was no report given by Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, Deputy Superintendent of Student Affairs.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the consent agenda. The vote was unanimous.

At 6:26 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 Mr. Alsup and seconded by Mrs. Modisette, the board voted to return to open session. The vote was unanimous

There was no action needed on certified recommendations or resignations.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the following support recommendations: Kindra Fletcher, Amy Sveum, Brenda Holbrook and Catherine Holden. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the following support resignations: Regina Chumney, Patty Bowlen, Saphira Hoffman, Maria Conteras, Monica Paul, Chris Clifton, Karina Suarez-Marcillo and Paige Taylor. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further new business, at 7:00 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Modisette and seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

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Jason Ross, Vice President

Janice Modisette, Clerk

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Jessica Salinas-Dengler, Member
