

**MINUTES DECEMBER 11, 2023 REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.**  
**CHOCTAW/NICOMA PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Ind. Dist. 4, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma

Place of Meeting  
Choctaw Elementary, 14663 N.E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St, 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 November 13, 2023 meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Ambra Smith, ACT President reported everyone is very excited that about the upcoming winter break.

Cheryl Lidia, CE Principal spoke about the new STEM LEGO Lab they had recently created. She had students give a demonstration of some of the projects they had built and how they worked. She also had the SEARCH teacher and a few of her students give a demonstration on coding using robotics.

During the comments from the floor section, Mrs. Jennifer Barba asked for clarity on missing bond projects and information about transfer capacity. Mr. Erik Seabolt asked for bond details, information on the second additional school, and CNP Police Information.

Superintendent Reid gave the following report.

- Superintendent Reid expressed his appreciation to Cheryl Lidia and her staff at Choctaw Elementary for hosting this evening's school board meeting.
- We are in the final two weeks of the first semester of the school year. Students will be wrapping up academic obligations and taking nine weeks and semester tests over this time. There will also be a lot of fun activities like dress up days, snack days, elementary school parties, etc.
- We have transitioned into winter activities and sports. There are winter/holiday programs, concerts, and activities going on at many of our schools.
- Our sites are finalizing their voting for TOY and will have this completed either by next Friday or the first week after break. Our schools and central office will be closed for Winter Break from Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> until we come back on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a professional development day for staff. Students will return to class on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- To address concerns brought up in public comments, Mr. Reid also addressed:
  1. No bond projects have been removed. Everything in the original language that was voted on by patrons has to be completed. Due to the high cost of inflation many projects have had to be scaled back to meet the original budget, still everything that was listed on the bond transparency act will be completed. The projected timelines and original bond transparency act are listed on the district's website under the bond heading. Some of the projects will be completed with upfront money (revenue lease money) while other projects will use general obligation bonds (GEO). When using GEO bonds, you cannot begin a project until you have received the Ad Valorem Tax collected to pay for the project. Since this is a 20-year series bond issues, some projects have been placed throughout the life of the 20-year issue.
  2. Transfer capacity size is required to be reviewed four times a year by state law. Patrons have the ability to see the CNP transfer policy and capacity by clicking on the transfer information tab under information on the district's website.
  3. Choctaw PD will be a complete police department. Our goal is to begin by hiring a Chief to assist with the full creation. The Chief will begin in January of 2024 with the goal of the full department beginning in August of 2024. This will be a full police department using cleet certified personnel. They will have patrol vehicles and carry weapons just like traditional officers. We are striving to begin the 2024/25 school year with the chief and two SRO's. Having our own police department will allow us to expand the number of SRO's when the budget allows.

Director of Bond Oversight, Todd Dilbeck reported that the steel continues going up at Choctaw High School. The upper level saferoom will begin in the next couple of weeks. Final foundation pour will be this week for the kitchen area. The second level of the safe room will start soon. The Little Theatre is scheduled to start remodel over Winter Break.

Softball field is waiting on the flag pole and some gate hardware to be completed. The installation of turf at the baseball field continues along with the Champion Wall, visitor dugouts, four poles and flag pole. The softball/baseball lockers rooms foundations have been poured. Steel is scheduled to be delivered the middle of December. The south restrooms at the McCharen Center are completed and the north restrooms will begin soon. A new sewer line at Jensen Field Stadium is scheduled to start this week. Phase 1 parent pickup lane dirt work at GME has been completed. Stabilization of the road has started. Final gravel and asphalt to follow. The portable buildings are on schedule. Phase 2 was updated today at 1:00. Structural, Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Architectural Drawings will be 100% complete on January 9, 2024. Page Turn Review with CNP, CWA and Ross Group will be held on January 26, 2024. Bid Solicitation will be the week of January 22, 2024. Bid Reading Week will be held the week of February 12, 2024 and Mobilization Week will be the week of March 11, 2024. Mr. Dilbeck stated that GMAX will be presented tonight for CNP West Elementary. In closing, Mr. Dilbeck stated that the Choctaw Elementary Project has been approved and construction is proposed to start when the school year is finished.

There were no comments from board members.

Superintendent Reid stated that items 5.D through 5.H are all out of state trips at no expense to the district. The booster clubs for each of the organizations fund raise to pay for the trips.

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve an out of state trip for CHS Cheer to compete in the NCA High Schools Nationals in Dallas, TX on January 19-21, 2024. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve an out of state trip for CHS Dance to complete in DTU Nationals in Orlando, FL on February 8-12, 2024. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve an out of state trip for CHS AFJROTC to attend the Frontiers of Flight Museum and a Drill Competition in Wylie, TX on February 2-4, 2024. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve an out of state trip for CHS Varsity Volleyball to participate in the Mansfield Methodist Medical Central Invitational Tournament in Mansfield, TX on August 15-17, 2024. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve an out of state trip for CHS Wrestling to attend the 2023 Kansas Stampede in Kansas City on December 14-17, 2023. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to elect Roger Adair (OK ASBO), Executive Director of Oklahoma Association of School Business Officials, to a 2024-28 term of the board of directors for the Oklahoma Public School Investment Interlocal Cooperative (55K001). The vote was unanimous.

Superintendent Reid stated the following regarding next agenda item, 5.J, We finally have good news on the budgeting front with architectural projects. The guaranteed maximum price after the bidding process for CNP West came in at \$22,667, 056. This price includes the ad alternates of six classrooms and full mill work in classrooms. This will leave an additional \$1,232,944 potentially available for other projects such as the connection piece at GME as well as looking at SPED classrooms at CE.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) in the amount of \$22,667,056 for CNP West Elementary School from A.C. Owen Construction Managers. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the transfer capacity numbers to be submitted to the Oklahoma State Department of Education. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer, reported that our current year ad valorem is beginning to come in. He stated that we are projecting a 5% growth in this revenue source this year. In most years, the district's revenue during the first five months of the fiscal year is less than its expenditures. It's not until the ad valorem money begins to come in that monthly revenues begin to exceed expenditures. During this five-month deficit period, we rely on our previous year's carryover fund balances to get us through. Mr. Berry stated that December is the month that we finalize our potential E-rates projects and funding requests for the next fiscal year. He added that we have been working with our technology department and our vendors to identify projects eligible for e-rate funding assistance. "E-rate" is a federal and state program which provides fundings for specific technology projects such as networks, internet access and some hardware. Funds for technology projects come from the Universal Services Administrative Company and Oklahoma Universal Service Fund. Funding for these programs come from taxes and fees on telecommunication devices and connections. For example, most of us pay a small amount toward these programs when we pay our cell phone bills each month. E-rate funding levels depend on a district's economically disadvantaged student count. Currently the CNP District received 60% funding from the federal E-Rate and another additional percentage from the state program based on the type of project. In

August, we completed of total installation of new fiber optic network which connects and links all of our schools. The fiber lines can handle up to 26 Gb/sec., which is significantly faster than our current hardware limits. This new network should handle our needs for several years into the future. This new network was fully paid by E-rate funds. As of now, most of the network cost of the network cabling, network drops, and access points in our new high school building and our new elementary school are slated to be paid through the E-rate program.

Mrs. Modisette moved and seconded by Mr. Alsop to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s 646- 704 - \$125,866.86; Fund 21 – #'s 138-150 - \$94,028.39; Fund 22 - #'s 55-59 - \$2,594.95.00; Fund 33 - #'s 77-80 - \$12,082.15; Fund 37 - #7 - \$8,225.00 and Fund 86 - #18-19 - \$15,800.00. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved and seconded by Mr. Ross to approve facilities use requests from Nicoma Park Basketball Association to use the gymnasium at Nicoma Park Intermediate and Westfall Elementary on Monday-Friday and Sunday. The vote was unanimous.

Kelli Hosford, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services stated that the Pre-Pare Training that was hosted by the district had 50 counselors and administrators from across the state in attendance. This training is crises pre-paredness for different situations and was very informative. All of our CNP counselors and at least one administration representative from each site was in attendance. This training is done through the Counselor Corp grant at the OSDE. Mrs. Hosford stated that the ribbon cutting for Not Your Average Joe is this Friday at 10:00 a.m. at Tinker Federal Credit Union. Mrs. Hosford shared that each year we put together an EL Bi-lingual Audit for our Accreditation Officer. She stated that she and Shanna Keiffer are working on putting this data together. Mrs. Hosford stated that they are also working on our OAAP information. If a district test more than 1% of its special education students on the alternate assessment, they basically have to prove that these are students who should be taking this test. Last year, out of over 1000 students on IEPS, we tested 91 on the OAAP which is reserved for our most severe students. We have 10 students' files that are being pulled to monitor and are currently working with sites to complete the documentation needed. Mrs. Hosford added that we have also received our Special Education Determination or Data Profile. She stated she is happy to report, thanks to our teachers, paras, and site administration, CNP is a 16/16 or 100% on compliance. When special education test scores are added in, we are 12/14 or 86%. She stated that this makes our total score a 93% or a Tier 1 which is lowest you can be and excellent. Mrs. Hosford reported the following regarding BRIDGES. The facility is coming along. Mr. Reid, Mr. Keiffer, Brian Cannon, Shanna Keiffer and herself have done a walk through and discussed now that it has been cleared out, the next steps for facility readiness. In closing, Mrs. Hosford stated that she and Shanna Keiffer would like to thank everyone under the student services umbrella for an incredible semester. We would not be where we are in all of our areas if it wasn't for the amazing staff that we have who work with our kids on a daily basis.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, Deputy Superintendent of Academic Affairs reported that as of this morning, all of our federal program applications have been approved and we are filing reimbursement claims to cover such items as reading teacher's and tutoring salaries, professional development expenses and other strategic programs designed to assist Choctaw-Nicoma Park Schools serve our students through Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV and American Rescue Plan funding. The American Rescue Plan funding was first submitted to the OSDE on September 21 and has been through six reviewers. It was finally approved last Thursday on December 7. Our consolidated application, which includes all other title programs was approved on Saturday. This is very unusual. Usually by this time of year, we are spending down our funds, as required by federal program guidelines. My department is now working under the fifth reviewer assigned to us this year. Until now, we have worked with the same reviewer in the past for a minimum of two years. I think that our district is fortunate. This covers over a million dollars in expenses that our district will incur this year. Mr. Reid received an email on Friday from the Division Director of Federal Programs, Thomas Kirk, stating that 52% of all Consolidated Applications for Title funds had been approved. Of the remaining 48%, 85% were in "pre-approval" status. In addition, his email stated that OSDE adopted a multi-tiered system of application review for the 2023-2024 school year to ensure that tax-payer funds are used appropriately, and to shield school districts from inadvertently breaking the law. Districts obtaining reimbursement for purchases deemed non-allowable by the U.S. Department of Education are required to return funds and face the possibility of sanctions. To note, we have never been charged with such an issue. Our middle schools and the high school will receive 72 novel sets to be used in their language arts classes which will complete last year's ELA secondary adoption. These titles have been researched thoroughly and are vetted through our ELA curriculum council and our district's novel review group. Debbie Worley wrote a grant for Cox Charities for \$9,920 towards the purchase of LEGO Learning kits as a foundation for an Innovation Lab Space at GME. Mrs. Lidia discussed CE's Lab Space which was funded through American Rescue Plan Funds. Our students throughout the district are receiving very specific, targeted instruction in STEM thanks to Mrs. Worley's work. I would like to also like to congratulate Bailey Lowe from NPMS who has won another \$500 grant from the Oklahoma Arts Council for her classroom. This is her 3rd time to receive this grant.

Cheryl Lidia, Choctaw Elementary Principal, gave her report at the beginning of the board meeting.

Dr. Gaona gave the following report on the next agenda item. We are seeking adjunct certification in Physical Science at NPMS for Joshua Stitton. Mr. Stitton is in the troops to teachers' program. He taught for us last year in the Tech Ed

classroom with an emergency certification. This year to void some of the confusion from last year with the state department we decided to adjunct him. We spoke to the state department and they approved the 6013 code for Physical Science because you can teach Tech Ed with a Physical Science certification.

Per Dr. Gaona's report and approval from the Oklahoma State Department of Education, the approval for adjunct certification for Joshua Stilton was amended to Physical Science 6013. Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the adjunct certification for Joshua Stilton – Physical Science 6013. The vote was unanimous.

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

At 7:09 p.m. with a motion made by Mr. Alsup and seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler, the board entered into executive session.

At 7:38 p.m. with a motion by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler and seconded by Mrs. Modisette, the board voted to return to open session. The vote was unanimous

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to name Robert Bosse as the Chief of Police for CNP Police Department. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the following certified recommendations: Janessa Larman and Mary Cash. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the following certified resignations: Hunter Stohl. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the following support recommendations: Ryan Buck-Donnan, Felicia Volner, Connie Derrick, Janessa Larman, Cathy Chrisman, Ally White, Kaitie Tabor, Danny Gossett and Cecilia Olea. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the following support resignations: Felicia Volner, Debbie Thomas, Charles Andrews, Tameka Bullock and Brittany Rowland. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further new business, at 7:40 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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