

**MINUTES JANUARY 8, 20243 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 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 December 11, 2023 meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Ambra Smith, ACT President reported that everyone is very excited to be back with the students after Winter Break. She concluded by wishing the board members a Happy Board Member Appreciation Week from the CNP ACT members.

Superintendent Reid gave the following report.

- We have completed a successful first semester of the school year and the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester for students begins tomorrow. We have a lot of exciting instructional opportunities ahead as well as looking forward to the continuation of new construction projects.
- January is School Board Recognition month. I know I speak for everyone in this room as well as our entire CNP community when I say thank you to each of our CNP 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. Certification of appreciation were presented to each board member.
- Congratulations to the girls' basketball team for winning the Weatherford Tournament last weekend and congratulations to the boys' basketball team for finishing runner-up at the Bishop McGuinness Tournament.
- This is the time of year that our fine arts programs, VoAg, and AFJROTC have regular events scheduled. Our district does a great job of creating avenues for students with varying interests and aptitudes to always have something available for everyone.
- The drama and fine arts programs are preparing for the district wide musical. This year the musical will be Mamma Mia! The cast and crew will begin February's board meeting with a short preview.
- The legislative session starts next month. We appreciate the additional dollars the legislators put into education last year, and we hope to see the trend continue as we advocate to get to at least the regional average for per pupil expenditures in public education.
- Congratulations to our eight site TOY winners. CMS – Zoe Kordic, NPMS – Rusty Dixon, CE – Crystal Yacko, NPI – Terri Patten, GME – Amy Bryan, CHS – Sarah Trouset, NPE – Valerie King and WE – Chrystal Reis.
- I know there are many people in the audience tonight looking forward to a game that starts at 6:30 tonight so that is all I have.

Director of Bond Oversight, Todd Dilbeck reported the following project updates: GME- Portable buildings have been delivered and installed. New 6' perimeter fence has been installed for safety and the parent pick up lane is completed and open. On January 16, 2024, a review of the new building will be completed and solicitation for bids will be January 22, 2024. Bid week will be February 12, 2024. CNP West – We met with the City of MWC on December 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss sewage options. MWC has placed a moratorium on adding to the sewage system while they are doing a study on their capacity limits. This is preventing us from being able to begin the project. We held a meeting on January 2 with CNP, CWA, Wallace Engineering, and AC Owen to work on the sewage issue. We signed a GMAX with AC Owen contingent on sewage and water has accepted plans through MWC and the DEQ. Wallace Engineering is working on possible alternative solutions while we wait on MWC. The goal was to begin actual work on the site on February 1<sup>st</sup>, but that could be delayed until sewage approval is completed. CHS – Concrete flooring has been installed on the second level safe room, kitchen floor has been poured, saferoom second floor has been started and the Little Theatre remodel has started. The final beam is set to be placed this Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup> around noon. The band room and AFJROTC/Tennis locker rooms will begin later with the goal of all projects being completed by May of 2025. McCharen Center – Ceiling tile is being installed, formica has been installed on the counter tops in the concession area and north restroom is on schedule. Softball Locker Room – Steel has been completed, visiting dugout completed and installing railing and flag pole. Baseball Locker Room - The steel has begun, visit dugout is completed, currently installing railing and completing outfield Champion Wall, foul poles and flag pole. Multi-purpose Building – This will go to bid in early January with a bid opening in late January/early February. Bill Jensen Field – Phase I is the sewage connection to the pump station SW of the stadium. This began over the break. Phase II is renovation of the concession/restrooms. That is still in the design

phase. Band Storage Building – Elevate dirt pad is completed. Choctaw Elementary – CWA continues to work on the architectural documents. The goal is to have it bid and ready for construction and begin this summer.

There were no comments from board members.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer reported that we received our mid-term state aid revision at the end of last month. Even though we grew in enrollment, we lost a little over \$10,000 in state aid. This was primarily due to changes to weights in the state funding formula this year as well as a fairly robust growth in our other local and state revenue sources, such as property taxes. The major change in the state funding formula was the legislative increase in the low income-household students. Our low-income student count is fairly low in comparison with most other school districts, so we didn't benefit as much. Also, charter and virtual schools received the bulk of additional funds held back for mid-term formula changes. In typical years, if a school district gained enrollment, their state aid funding would increase. This hasn't been the case the past several years. Mr. Berry added that we are still waiting on our state allocation for Red Bud funding. We use this funding for building maintenance operations. What is frustrating about this is we only have six months left in the school year but we really can't utilize these funds until we know how much we are to receive. In closing, Mr. Berry stated that the Choctaw City Tax Increment Finance District (TIF) is scheduled to end this month. This has been in place for over a decade. This expiration should help increase our property tax collections. Every year in the budget document, he reported that he list the net assessed valued of the property in the district with and without the TIF.

Mr. Ross moved and seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s - 705 – 738 - \$73,481.39; Fund 21 – #'s 151-155 - \$21,240.00; Fund 22 - # 60 - \$2,200.00 and Fund 33 - #'s 81-83 - \$406,101.13. The vote was unanimous.

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

Kelli Hosford, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services stated that she and Shanna Keiffer would like to thank CMS for hosting them today for Professional Development. She stated that they were excited to work with CMS on Report Card Data. Mrs. Hosford reported that they met with our Crisis Team refreshing mental health protocols. Mrs. Hosford shared that the WIDA Window open today. Additionally, Mrs. Hosford stated that they met with out school psychologists on January 16<sup>th</sup> to determine how the new protocols we put in place this year are working and where we need to fine tune. Mrs. Hosford reported that our Cook Center Parent Zoom this month is on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and the topic is Bullying. She added that on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January, they will be attending the ODSS Special education Law Conference. Mrs. Hosford stated that Mrs. Keiffer has completed our Bilingual Audit and that it is now in the hands of our Accreditation Officer and that this is a yearly process. In closing, Mrs. Hosford shared that the grand opening of Not Your Average Joe was a huge success. TFCU was packed with supports of our students and this business.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona reported that today our secondary ELA teachers received three additional hours of training in their newly adopted ELA curriculum, six K-2 teachers received training in My Math and My Reading Academy to begin implementation of a pilot intervention program in our elementary classrooms and our Spanish teachers met to discuss alignment of new curriculum and pacing guides for the district. Dr. Gaona stated that we have announced publicly that our new full-day PreK program will being in the 2024-25 school year. Each elementary school will keep the current number of open spots which means that the number of Prek teachers will double. This will not impact our special needs program. Our current PreK teachers will meet on our next professional development day, February 19, to select next year's curriculum program. The principals are finalizing other materials that will be needed for our new teachers and their classrooms. Dr. Gaona stated that she reached out to Senator Stanley, and representative Baker, Mangrum and McBride before winter break expressing my frustration with the delay in our federal funding from the OSDE. Representative McBride and Senator Stanley have continued the conversation with me over the past month. After a phone call with Representative McBride last week, I have shared more information. I believe that it is important to advocate for our federal funding reimbursements so that our services are never in jeopardy. As of today, no claims have been paid in our consolidated programs including Titles I, II, III, and IV. Our claim of over \$240,000 in American Rescue Plan funding has not been reimbursed we are still waiting for approval of our ARP Homeless grant. Additionally, Dr. Gaona reported that the Academic Affairs Department plans to be out in classrooms more and will begin publishing a quarterly newsletter for both parents and teachers.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the following Weeding Logs submitted by Site Media Specialist: Choctaw High School, Griffith Meridian Elementary, Nicoma Park Middle School and Westfall Elementary. The vote was unanimous.

At 6:28 p.m. with a motion made by Mr. Alsup and seconded by Mr. Ross, the board entered into executive session.

At 7:49 p.m. with a motion by Mrs. Modisette and seconded by Mr. Alsup, the board voted to return to open session. The vote was unanimous

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the following certified recommendations: Crystal Rainey, Jacob LaRue and Tara Cooper. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the following certified resignations: Shelbi Tran, Madison Frazier, Desirey Burgett and Dennis Stine. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the following support recommendation: Denise McCarrell. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the evaluation and reemployment of David Reid as Superintendent of Schools and add the 2026-27 school year to his existing contract which runs through June 2026. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further new business, at 7:53 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Modisette and seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

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