

MINUTES FEBRUARY 12, 2024 REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
CHOCTAW/NICOMA PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ind. Dist. 4, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma

Place of Meeting

Nicoma Park Middle School, 1321 N. Hickman Ave., 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 January 8, 2024 and the January 29, 2024 meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Ambra Smith, ACT President, reported that all of the teachers were wishing for nicer weather as we move forward so students can get outside for recess. She thanked the board for providing the fence around the GME 3rd – 5th grade playground. She acknowledged Chrystal Reis, teacher from Westfall Elementary, for being a presenter at a National NASA conference. She gave information about the school board meeting forum hosted by ACT and encouraged everyone to vote in tomorrow's election.

Superintendent Reid gave the following report.

- He introduced Maryjane Burton and the Drama department who gave a sneak preview of the upcoming musical. *Mamma Mia!*
- February is the 2nd-year anniversary of the passage of the 2022 CNP Schools Bond issue. I want to once again publicly say thank you to the community for investing in our current and future students! It's nice to see progress being made on so many of the projects. Todd will have more information where things stand with the projects during his report.
- Congratulations to the boys' and girls' basketball teams for locking up 1st place in their district. Both teams will host regional tournaments in the McCharen Center February 20th – 24th.
- We wish the best of luck to the winter sports and fine arts programs as they near the season ending tournaments. It seems crazy, but the spring sports and activities are in full practice mode and begin preseason activities either this week or in the very near future.
- The musical *Mamma Mia* is set to begin. As always, this production includes students, staff, and patrons from throughout the community. Performance dates are February 16, 17, 23, & 24 at 7:30 pm as well as February 18 & 25 @ 2:30 pm. The only Dinner Théâtre Performance will be February 24th beginning at 6:00 pm.
- The legislative session began last week. I will be attending weekly briefings and meeting with legislators about bills that could have an effect on public education. I will keep everyone up-to-date as they arise.
- Finally, a quick reminder that Wednesday is Valentine's Day.

Director of Bond Oversight, Todd Dilbeck reported the following project updates: GME: Ross Group: - Additional Concrete sidewalk has been poured for the parent pickup lane. New 6' Perimeter fencing is being installed on the Lower GME playground. Phase 2 Pre bid meeting February 1, 2024. Phase 2 Bid Opening February 14, 2024. CNP West: AC Owen: We are waiting on the City of Midwest City Sewage report and survey. High School: Manhattan: Final Beam Set on Thursday, January 18, 2024. Second level floor on the west side 2nd story. Thursday, February 8, 2024 pouring the second level saferoom walls. Outside metal stud work is continuing on the southside of the building 1st and 2nd floors. McCharen Center: Pope: Terrazzo flooring is completed in the Lobby Area. Northside restrooms tile is almost complete. Next step will be finish installing ceiling tile, paint the lobby area and sand and seal the rest of the flooring, adding urinals, sinks and water fountains. Softball Locker Room: Quad Construction: The metal has been installed on the perimeter of the outside of the building. Laying brick started the week of February 5, 2024. Baseball Locker Room: Quad Construction: The metal roof is on. The perimeter of the building will be installed this week with metal. Multipurpose Building: Quad Construction: Bids were open on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 and Friday, February 2, 2024. We are waiting for Quad to certify all bids and gives us their final Bid tabulation.

Bill Jensen Field: Quad Construction: Concrete has been poured back over the new sewer line that has been installed. Waiting on the man holes to complete this project. The Elevator is working, waiting on the final inspection from the State to complete. Band Storage Building: Concrete pad was poured on Tuesday, February 6, 2024. Choctaw Elementary: Goldsby Construction: CWA will be scheduling a meeting CM and School District to

There were no comments from board members.

Mrs. Modisette motioned, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve an out of state trip for the CHS winter guard to travel to Pasadena, CA on March 15-19, 2024. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the 2024-25 Instructional Calendar. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer reported:

- The legislative session has begun and there are several financial bills we are looking at. The first came up today in the Appropriation and Budget Education sub-committee. This bill would be to allow the purchase of school buses with Building Fund (Red Bud) money. This year we are slated to receive over a million dollars in Red Bud money. Even though we have bond money to pay for school buses, having the flexibility to purchase additional buses with these funds is a plus for the district. It passed the sub-committee unanimously and will move on.
- Several key contracts end this year including the five-year copier contract, the soft drink contract and the snack vending contract. I am currently working on proposal requests for these services. The RFP's should go out next month for these services.
- We issued an e-rate RFP this month for the purpose of running a fiber optic network line to the old NPE kindergarten annex, which will be used for our special education Bridges program. This line will need to be run from our administration building to the annex building which is approximately 2.5 miles. E-rate funds will pay 60% of the cost of this line.

Mrs. Modisette motioned, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s - 739 – 848 - \$119,319.31; Fund 21 – #'s 156-176 - \$334,267.50; Fund 22 - # 61 - 65 - \$215,339.15 and Fund 33 - #'s 84-89 - \$46,987.50. The vote was unanimous.

The school district's FY 2022-23 annual audit was presented to the Board. Amy Ziemba, from S&B Accounting Services, provided details of the audit. She told the Board that based on the state's regulatory basis of accounting, we received a qualified opinion from our auditor on our financial statements and questioned costs. Ms. Ziemba mentioned this was a very good audit, in which there were no material weaknesses, significant deficiencies or non-compliances found. Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to accepted the audit and its findings. 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:

- Last week our sites and district celebrated National School Counselor's Week.
- This week our school sites are celebrating Kindness Week with great activities.
- We held our required Data Analysis meeting last week with all special education staff.
- Our final ODD training is tomorrow.
- Shanna and I had the opportunity to attend OSDE's special education law conference. It was very beneficial and informative.
- We are preparing data for OAAP testing, OSTP and ACT.
- We were awarded \$62,532 in grant money to help us with the Cook Center, send counselors to workshops and materials for BRIDGES. We will be bringing a proposal to you for the BRIDGES program next month

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona reported that Pre-K teachers will have the opportunity to attend presentations by the two approved Early childhood curriculums approved by the OSDE's textbook adoption committee and math teachers will have the opportunity to work through lessons using the three OSDE textbook adoption committees approved math curriculums on Monday, February 19 during the scheduled professional development day. As of this morning, we have 23 school personnel who have requested full-day PreK positions next year for their children. Enrollment opens to the public on February 21 and runs through March 9. Next week, principals will present their site improvement plans which will be presented this summer to the board in a comprehensive report. I will keep my comments brief tonight because of the other items under

my department's section.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve an adjunct certification for Meagan Vendor in the area of Language Arts – 4150. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve adding ½ point weight to college level classes when considering overall GPA for high school students. Dr. Gaona added: At this time, concurrent classes are not weighted, students who opt to maximize the dual credit opportunity could possibly see a watered-down GPA compared to their counterparts who did not choose to take concurrent but instead took AP courses. At this time, simply taking an AP course puts your credit on a 5-point scale vs the traditional 4-point max awarded in a regular class for an A. And again, no extra points are given towards taking a concurrent class. We found this to be inequitable when both the AP class as well as the true concurrent class, both represent elevated academic rigor. Our weight system is not on par with other 6A school districts' policies; therefore, we propose the following:

- Concurrent classes be weighted on a 4.5 scale
- In alignment with the OK State Regents for High Ed, every concurrent college course grade will go on the high school transcript. This also includes courses taken during the summer semester.

This recommendation is made after a year-long discussion with high school teachers and research completed by Melissa Coulter. The vote was unanimous.

Jake Freer spoke on behalf of NPMS administration. He publicly thanks the staff for all the hard work they do. He shared a story of two students in need of extra care and how the staff went above and beyond to meet those needs. In one particular case, an ESL student came to us not knowing letters or sounds associated with them. The staff (support and certified) worked hard to develop a plan for success. This involved utilizing resource and teachers from NPE. The student read a book for the board and audience.

At 6:39 p.m. with a motion made by Mrs. Modisette and seconded by Mr. Alsup, the board entered into executive session.

At 7:18 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

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the following certified recommendations: Taylor Means, Byron Sanders and Tara Price. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the following certified resignations: Kasie Wirstrom and Lynzie Jones. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the following support recommendation: Ryan Morrow, Brenda Miller, Shirley Ortiz, Gary Frizzell, Toshua Straughn, Stuart Manning, Brittanie Comes, Kaitlyn Beleele, Kayla Higgins and Belinda Lemmon. The vote was unanimous.


Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to approve the following support resignations: Cecilia Olea, Wendell Gomez, Stephanie Paul, Karen Strecker, Johnna Morris, Teresa Manis, Lauren Watson, David Duke, Ally White and Gary Frizzell. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ross moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve Todd Goolsby as the district athletic director effective July 1, 2024. The vote was unanimous.


Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the reemployment of the following Central Office Administrators for the 2024-25 school year: Kevin Berry, Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, Kelli Hosford, Michael James, Debbie Worley, Todd Dilbeck, Shanna Keiffer and Steve Keiffer. The vote was unanimous.

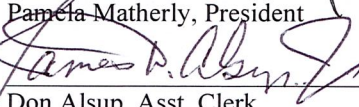
There being no further new business, at 7:23 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Modisette and seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

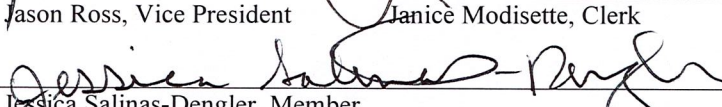
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