

MINUTES FOR JANUARY 13, 2025 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 10th St, Choctaw, OK 73020

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

Mr. Ross called for consideration and approval of the agenda. Mr. Alsup moved and Mrs. Salinas-Dengler seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the December 9, 2024 regular board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Ambra Smith, ACT President, expressed appreciation to the school board members on behalf of the ACT. She stated that the third quarter has begun. In closing, Ms. Smith stated that in December, ACT hosted a presentation regarding the retirement system.

Superintendent Reid stated that there is a special group of students present this evening for board recognition. He stated that the Choctaw High School football team also the 6A-II State Football Champions and their coaches were present. Superintendent Reid stated that Choctaw has not won a football state championship since 1960 and these guys got it done this year. Superintendent Reid shared with the football team that to say the school and community were behind them is an understatement. Superintendent Reid invited Head Coach Jake Corbin to the front to say a few words about the team. Coach Corbin expressed his appreciation to the school board for everything that they do for our students and school district. Coach Corbin stated that they are super proud of this team, the 2024 Class 6A-II Football State Champions. It is the first 6A State Championship on the west side of the state since 1995 and the first for Choctaw since 1960. Coach Corbin stated that the resilience and toughness and the effort that this team plays with is just remarkable. Coach Corbin stated that you will not find another group of students that represents Choctaw like these players do. He stated that playing and representing Choctaw means a lot to these guys. Coach Corbin said as a coach, he could not be more proud and these players could not be more proud to represent the community of Choctaw. Board President, Jason Ross, presented Coach Corbin and the 2024 6A-II Football State Championship team with a certificate of achievement.

Superintendent Reid stated under special recognitions, he would like to invite CNP School Board Member, Don Alsup to the front to make this presentation. Mr. Alsup called Marty Lovelace to the front and stated that he has known Marty Lovelace for a long time. He stated that Marty spent 24 years in the district as a mechanic and running the bus garage. Mr. Alsup stated that Marty is a self-less guy and did whatever he needed to do without complaint. Mr. Alsup said we need more people like Marty Lovelace. Mr. Alsup congratulated Mr. Lovelace on his retirement and stated that he will be missed. Mr. Alsup presented Marty Lovelace with a retirement plaque.

Superintendent Reid stated that the food in the lobby prior to the board meeting was to recognize our school board members. January is School Board Appreciation Month and he stated that he always tells people that we have the best school board around. He said even though different school board members come and go there is always a consistent theme, which is keeping students and faculty first. Superintendent Reid expressed his appreciation to the school board members for always doing this. Superintendent Reid presented the school board members a certificate of appreciation and thanked them for their service.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Superintendent Reid gave the following report:

- We have completed a successful first semester of the school year. The 2nd semester began last Tuesday. We have a lot of exciting instructional opportunities ahead as well as looking forward to the continuation and finalization of many construction projects.
- January is School Board Recognition Month. Mr. Reid stated that he knows he speaks for everyone in this room as well as our entire CNP community when he says thank you to each of our CNP Board Members. Our board members give tirelessly of their time to make sure our student and staff are taken care of to the best of their abilities.
- This is the time of year that our athletic teams, 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 Hadestown: Teen Edition! The cast and crew will begin February's board meeting with a short preview. Performance dates: February 21, 22, 28 and March 1 @ 7:30 p.m. and February 23rd and March 2 @ 2:30 p.m.
- The legislative session starts next month. Superintendent Reid stated that he will continue attending weekly legislative briefings as well as working with state congressional delegates on bills that have an effect on education.
- In closing, Superintendent Reid stated that he would like to congratulate our eight site Teacher of the Year winners: CMS - Leslie Hart, NPMS – Katelyn Durant, CE – Juli Weatherly, NPI – Amelia Stramski, GME – Elizabeth Conway, CHS – Erin Hall, NPE – Ashley Garrett and WE – Lisa Whitwell.

Director of Bond Oversight, Todd Dilbeck reported the following on bond projects. **GME: Ross Group:** Staircase stem walls have been poured. Foam installation on exterior of building is complete. Masonry has been completed on the south and westside of the building. Brick will start on the northside this week, weather permitting. Electrical has been roughed in on the interior and exterior. Structural steel has started on the north side. The saferoom is scheduled to be poured on Thursday of this week. **CNP West: AC Owen:** Both Areas B and C have passed inspection and the building pad is being completed. Footings are scheduled to start in two weeks. The pipe line material will be here this week and it will take two weeks to complete. The new sewer line will start this week and that will be on the north side of 29th street located in the easement. **High School: Manhattan:** Electrical wiring, sheetrock, metal stud work and tile continues. Painting has started on the west side first floor and the upper south wing rooms. Tile has been installed down the lower west hall way and atrium area. Marquee will be set on Wednesday of this week. Upper and lower tile has been installed in the hallway restrooms. **Band Room: Manhattan:** Sheetrock is completed. Electrical rough ins in the office area and interior framing and duct work are almost complete. **Tennis/ROTC: Manhattan:** Concrete floors have been cut out and dirt removed. Currently installing plumbing. South parking lot has been removed. **Multipurpose Building: Quad Construction:** North concrete retaining wall is being framed and is scheduled to pour next week. Footings have been poured on the lower level and elevator shaft. **Bill Jensen Field: Quad Construction:** The new concession stand is framed and bricked. Interior wall framing is completed. All HVAC is being installed this week. The existing interior of the concession stand has been demoed. The shutters and lower brick have been removed from the concession exterior. **Choctaw Elementary: Goldsby:** Duct, insulation and mechanical above ceiling is completed. Overhead electrical has started. Paint is completed. Vestibule electrical is being completed this week. Saferoom walls are completed. Structural steel I-beams are installed. Steel joists are being installed and should be completed by early this week. **Show Barn:** All quotes have been received. **Projects completed:** softball/baseball locker rooms, softball/baseball fields, softball/baseball lights, softball/baseball scoreboards, and softball/baseball champion fence. McCharen Center lobby area and home/visitor restrooms and new concession stand. Jensen Field: new track, lights, visitor press box, remodeling of visitor restroom, concession with AC, home press box remodel and new heat and air. Westfall parent pickup and additional parking lot. GME parent pickup. Dirt work for tennis court addition.

Under board member comments, President Ross thanked everyone for the kind words and gestures for school board recognition month. He said he is often asked why he would want to be a board member. He picked up the card and snowflakes that were made for the board members by students and said "this is why, we do it for the kids".

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler motioned, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve an out of state trip for CHS Band Wind Ensemble to attend the Carnegie Hall Invitational Band Concert in New York, NY on March 9-11, 2025. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve an out of state trip for CHS Winter Guard to attend the WGI Southwest Regional in Dallas, TX on March 22-23, 2025. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve an out of state trip for CHS Winter Guard to attend the WGI World Championships in Dayton, OH on April 3-5, 2025. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve an out of state trip for CHS AFJROTC cadets, Colonel Jones, and Chief Master Sergeant Richey to attend a drill competition in Wylie, TX on January 31-February 2, 2025. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, approved by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the 2025-26 Instruction Calendar with a revision of changing Thursday, September 12th to Thursday, September 11th. The vote was unanimous.

Board President, Jason Ross opened up a discussion on the plan for naming new elementary school. Superintendent Reid stated that at the board meeting last month, he was approached by teachers from NPI, who will also be teaching at the new elementary school, and they asked if name could be considered other than CNP West Elementary. He stated that Westfall Elementary had also expressed concerns regarding the name and that it might be confusing with West and Westfall. Superintendent Reid stated that he felt, from previous conversations, that the board wishes would be to take name suggestions from the community and the final naming of the new elementary school would be the decision of the school board. Superintendent Reid asked the board members if this was still their wishes or if they had another

suggestion. All board members agreed that this is the procedure that would like to follow. It was determined that a google form would be made and information would be distributed to CNP parents and the community for name suggestions. Superintendent Reid stated that the nominations would be accepted through February 7th and a suggestion for naming would be provided for the board at the March school board meeting. All board members were in agreement.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer thanked the school board members for all that they do for the school district and the community. Mr. Berry stated that the auditors have completed our financial audit and it should ready to be present to the board for approval at the February board meeting.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler motioned, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s – 946 – 994 – \$38,013.34; Fund 21 – #'s 137-145 - \$17,169.96; Fund 22 - # – 62 - \$20,000.00, Fund 33 - #' 72- - \$22,668.48; and Fund 86 - # 18 - \$3,000.00. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve a new Activity Fund Account – CMS Drama. The vote was unanimous.

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

Kelli Hosford, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services stated that the snowflakes and cards that each board member had in front of them were prepared by our JUST High School Transition Group. All of these students started their new internships today. She reported that Student Services is in preparations and meetings for state testing to begin which includes ACT, OAAP and OSTP. She added that the Special Education Department at the state has put every district on an every 6 year monitoring cycle. The years in which you are chosen for monitoring are random. Choctaw-Nicoma Park was drawn into group 1. She stated that she and Shanna have training all day tomorrow with the OSDE as to what this process will entail. Mrs. Hosford shared that our yearly bi-lingual audit has been completed and all is good. In closing, Mrs. Hosford reported that as of today, we sit at 1189 IEPs and 248 504s totaling 1437 students who need assistance.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, Deputy Superintendent of Academic Affairs reported that we are starting the second semester in Academic Affairs with two very important examinations of proposed changes of standards in Social Studies and Science. Dr. Gaona stated that last week she and Debbie Worley shared side by side comparisons for both of these subjects with teachers to examine and make public comments during this phase of the cycle. These side-by-side comparisons show the current standard next to the proposed standard. Dr. Gaona stated that she borrowed work from Oklahoma City Schools for ELA and Debbie borrowed from Deer Creek Schools for science. These new standards will be presented to textbook companies during textbook adoption in an effort to provide textbooks aligned with our state standards. Public comment is open until January 21. The OSDE will review the comments and consider them during the revision process.

In the ongoing saga of our Consolidated Application for federal programs: On the Tuesday before our winter break, Dr. Gaona stated that she sent an email to our reviewer asking if she should be concerned about the looming December 20 deadline for the first reimbursement requests since our application had not been approved. As a reminder, the stated department has told districts across the state that if the December 20 deadline was not met, then districts would be marked at risk and face greater scrutiny in the future. On Friday, December 20 at 3:45 p.m., Dr. Gaona stated that she received an email response telling her that we could now submit a request since we were preapproved. After walking out of my office and taking a few deep breaths, I called the federal programs person at COSSA for guidance. She told me to let it go, everyone in the state is receiving similar responses and she is unaware of any money being reimbursed yet. So, I responded to the reviewer that it would not be possible for me to do this. Dr. Gaona stated that Amy had left, Kevin had left, everyone had left, deservedly so, for winter break. When we returned on Monday last week, Amy immediately submitted our reimbursement request and she received notification that it could not be filled because we were not preapproved. Later that day, I received a list of items that are requested to be corrected on our consolidated application. So, we have still not received reimbursement.

At 6:33 p.m. with a motion made by Mr. Alsup and seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler, the board entered into executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 6:38 p.m., the Assistant Superintendents left executive session and at 7:28 p.m., Superintendent Reid left executive session.

At 8:01 p.m., Superintendent Reid re-entered executive session.

At 8:07 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Alsup and seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler, 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 recommendation: Madison Grimes**, effective 1/6/25 and Sara Schrempp**, effective 1/7/25. . The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the following certified resignations: Brendan Kane, effective 1/6/25. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler, to approve the following support recommendations: Natosha Anderson, effective 1/6/25, Morgan Patrick, effective 1/6/25 and Michele Stanhouse, effective 1/8/25. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the following support resignations: Jessica Beesley, effective 12/20/25; Mary Marz, effective 12/19/24; Alisha Hodgins, effective 12/20/24; Karlyn Bacha, effective 12/31/24; Linda Oliver, effective 12/20/24 and Caryann Yearry, effective 12/20/24. . The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the evaluation and reemployment of David Reid as Superintendent of Schools with a three-year contract for 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further new business, at 8:10 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler and seconded by Mr. Alsup to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Jason Ross, President	Janice Modisette, Vice President	Don Alsup , Clerk
Jessica Salinas-Dengler, Asst. Clerk	Staci Johnson, Member	