

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2025 REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
CHOCTAW/NICOMA PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ind. Dist. 4, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma

Place of Meeting

Administration Office Board Room, 12880 N.E. 10th, Choctaw, OK 73020

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

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

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the August 11, 2025 regular board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Toni Dennis, ACT President, stated that it's been a busy start and we are halfway through the first 9 weeks. She stated that pictures have been taken and new cards have been made. Routines are being established and sites have been busy completing fire drills. She stated that they have 3 lunch choices this year. All the special education teachers are working very hard to prepare for the audit. She stated that Mrs. Hosford has given them a check list to work from to know what to expect on the audit.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Superintendent Reid gave the following report:

- We have reached the fourth week of the school year. Many of our sites will pass out progress reports next week.
- The board will vote to approve the ACT and SECNP contracts this evening. Superintendent Reid stated that we are excited about the new contracts and look forward to our staff receiving a much-deserved pay raise.
- Finally, as of today, we have 5714 students in our student accountability software. This is down about 114 students from this time last year. With new housing still ongoing throughout the district, I attribute it to tax incentives for private and home schools as well as graduating larger classes that had more transfers. With the new transfer capacity limits, we have seen a drop in the number of out-of-district transfers accepted through the district.

Director of Bond Oversight, Todd Dilbeck gave the following report: Manhattan: High School demo of the dirt work for the new parking lot continues. New lettering for the front of the high school has been ordered. The south side C that goes on top of the entrance and the Charlie logo will be installed as soon as the dirt work is leveled. Special needs textiles will be ordered for the classroom. Manhattan: ROTC/Tennis is complete. Manhattan: Band room is completed. The west ramp is scheduled to be completed within the next two weeks. Quad: Multipurpose Building: Steel structure continues to be installed. The second-floor weight room and coaches' office were poured last Friday. Roof trusses are being installed. Goldsby: Choctaw Elementary is completed. The Health Department approved the kitchen area. The final sod will be completed this week. Ross: GME: The handrail outside is receiving final painting. Sod is scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday this week. This will be in the back side parent pick-up drive and the south side of the construction road. The elevator is scheduled for Monday, September 15th and Tuesday, September 16th for commissioning and inspection. Final inspection by the City of Choctaw is scheduled for Friday, September 19, 2025. Ross Group will be doing one more final clean in the office areas, vestibule and entrance way and the hallway in the safe room. AC Owen: CNP Heartland: Steel structure continues to be installed. Metal stud work on the inside of the saferoom is being installed. Metal stud on the exterior walls is being installed. Waterproofing the outside of the saferoom continues and on the front of the building. Electrical rough in in the safe room continues. Vo-Ag Show Barn: Bid opening will be held on September 19, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. We have ordered two above ground shelters for the current VoAg Facility. McCharen Center: Pope Construction has presented a GMP contract for the board to approve this evening.

Todd Goolsby, CNP Athletic Director, gave the following report. Mr. Goolsby gave an overview of the middle school and high school athletics teams and the games played over the past month and their overall record. In closing, Mr. Goolsby stated that the football team will travel to Hays, KS this Friday to play.

There were no board member comments.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the October 1, 2025 capacity numbers to be submitted to the Oklahoma State Department of Education. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve an out of state trip for CHS Band to travel to perform at the Bands of America Super Regional in Indianapolis, IN on October 23-26, 2025. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve a policy revision to the following policy – Corporal Punishment - FOB. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to accept the Guaranteed Maximum Price from Pope Construction for the practice gym and museum additions to the McCharen Center at a cost of \$3,844,044.49. The vote was unanimous.

Chad Allcox, Chief Financial Officer reported that Child Nutrition program is now offering students three meal choices to give them more options. Adding to Mr. Dilbeck's briefing, he noted that the district secured more affordable quotes for lettering at GME North and GME South by using a local company, saving several thousand dollars. The launching of an online work order request system for principals now allows tracking of request statuses. While acknowledging that the system is a step forward, the long-term goal is to transition to a professional software solution once the district has gained experience with the current setup.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s – 317 – 423 – \$64,811.12; Fund 21 – #'s 116 - 129 - \$59,323.22; Fund 22 - # – 19-26 - \$7,026.00, Fund 33 - #'s 76-84- \$62,950.00; and Fund 86 -# 10 - \$10,000.00. The vote was unanimous.

President Alsup called for a motion to open the FY 2025/26 Budget Hearing. Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas- Dengler to open the Budget Hearing. The vote was unanimous.

Chad Allcox, Chief Financial Officer shared Choctaw–Nicoma Park Schools are entering FY 2025–26 on solid financial ground with balanced budgets across all funds. Our net assessed valuation grew 6.36% to \$337.8 million, helped by the expiration of the Choctaw TIF district, while payroll and benefits increased \$3 million to \$44 million, still about 90% of the General Fund and nearly 60% directed to classrooms. Initial state aid is up \$844,809, though we will monitor the January recalculation closely. The Building Fund, supported by about \$1.3 million in Red Bud revenues, continues to fund maintenance and renovations, while the Child Nutrition Fund has re-baselined to pre-pandemic levels after the sunset of COVID relief, with carryover supporting cafeteria upgrades. Academically, our graduation rate improved to 96.8%, and nearly half of our students graduated with post-secondary credit. Demographics show a more diverse student body and average household income rising to \$115,549. Facilities progress includes the new Choctaw High School, completed elementary renovations, and ongoing construction at Heartland Elementary and the indoor practice facility. The Estimate of Needs certifies \$54.6M in the General Fund, \$3.85M in the Building Fund, \$2.67M for Child Nutrition, 36 mills for the Sinking Fund, \$19.2M for Capital Projects, and \$608K in Enterprise Funds. Risks include mid-year state aid adjustments, rising insurance and utility costs, and pending allocation notices. Overall, the district remains stable, compliant, and committed to directing resources to classrooms and completing major facility improvements.

President Alsup called asked if there was a motion to close the budget hearing. Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the Estimate of Need for FY 2025/26. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve submitting an RFP for district cleaning services beginning December 1, 2025 with an amendment from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2026. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler, to approve a facility use for the Choctaw High School Performing Arts Center for the Miss Eastern Oklahoma County Scholarship Pageant on Sunday, November 23, 2025. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve a new Activity Fund Account – Choctaw Elementary Aerospace Club. The vote was unanimous.

Shanna Kieffer, stated that Mrs. Hosford is out sick and should would be sharing the Student Services report. Mrs. Keiffer stated that we are off to a great start. Our teachers and administrators have been working diligently to get all of our students the services needed. In addition, they have practiced extreme patience with EdPlan, as data for new student is slow to transfer in, however, we are still held to the 10-day timeline for compliance on IEPs new to our district. This results in many documents having to be hand written by our teacher in order to meet the 10-day compliance date. She added that on August 14th, Student Services spent the entire day in Professional Development with all special ed staff including paras. This was a production and informative day. As of Friday, our special education student count in EdPlan

was 1206 IEPs and 270 504s. That is a total of 1475 students who need some type of special service. SEARCH began on September 2, for the students who qualify for that program. Additionally, Mrs. Keiffer reported that our school counselors, on Professional Development Day, began developing our new District Comprehensive Counseling Plan. They will continue to do this in October. She added that we had 2 new teachers who qualified for the \$10,000 state initiated new teacher to special education initiative. Christi Sturgeon from OSDE presented to our middle school and high school counselor and administrative reps and special education teacher reps on Wednesday, September 2, on the new guidelines with special education transition and the requirements that go into play for this year's special education 8th grade students. These pathways affect graduation rates dependent on what type of curriculum/diploma path these students take. Mrs. Keiffer reported that she and Mrs. Hosford attend a state testing Zoom with OSDE each Friday at 2 p.m. They state that changes to state testing are happening this year. Comments on the waiver were due today. Something has been sent to the federal government and the state expects a reaction within 4 months. Mrs. Keiffer stated that they will keep the board posted as they learn more. Right now, if this does come to fruition, grade 3-8 reading and math would be affected, grades 5 and 8 in science would remain with Cognia, and testing for grade 11 would remain the same including the ACT. OAAP will not change for this year. Mrs. Keiffer added that our IDEA Part B, 621 budget has been submitted to OSDE and 613 and 615 have been submitted and approved. All IEPS must be compliant by September 24. October 1st Child Count check lists have been sent to sites. In closing, Mrs. Keiffer stated that she and Mrs. Hosford continue to attend their monthly mandated audit trainings. She stated that our 44 procedures and board policies are ready for upload by October 1, into Ed Plan. Teachers have been working to ensure special education files are put together in an organized manner for audit and have been sent REDS and MEEGS rubrics to ensure paperwork is compliant.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the CHS selection of the ACT as the 11th grade Oklahoma State Department of Education assessment. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve an Interagency Agreement for Special Services between Kickapoo Head Start and the Choctaw-Nicoma Park School District for the 2025-26 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, Deputy Superintendent of Academic Affairs stated that we have finally received our allocations for our Title I, Title IA Neglected, Title IIA and Title IVA funds. Each account is 1% to 1.18% less than last year. Dr. Gaona stated that being the eternal optimist, she believes that at some point we will receive at least as much as we did last year. The submission for our application is due on October 31, a full month past the original September due date. Dr. Gaona stated that she hopes to have them submitted by October 5th or so. She added that she and Amy will be working to make sure that they submit everything that is necessary. Dr. Gaona shared that we have 36 Teacher Empowerment participants in our cohort this year. A few from last year did not reapply. A few from last year chose to remain at the same level and we have a few new applicants. In addition, several have moved up a category and will receive additional compensation for 5 additional days of work. From last June's cohort, we have many new initiatives led by teachers this school year including new parent resources on our district's website instructing parents how to enhance literacy opportunities in the home. Dr. Gaona reported that Debbie and Brandy are doing an amazing job with EDGE. This week they will conduct initial STAR testing for all of the EDGE students. In this way, all of our secondary students will be following the same instructional assessments. This has taken an incredible amount of organization. Shannon and Sina are busy with all things Title VI. This semester Shannon is organizing a tribal event for our high school students so that those qualifying will know all of the opportunities available to assist them as they transition to adulthood. Next week, the first quarterly issue of Curriculum Corner for the school year will be published.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the following adjunct certifications: – Jakob Gunter – 5555 - Mid Level Math for High School Credit; Tricia Wilson – 4150 – Mid Level English; Amanda Romero – 1600 – Elementary Education; Sierra Posada – 2020 – Dance; Jenna Berens – 5552 – Intermediate Math; Ashlyn Lawson – 1600 - Elementary Education; Kim Frederick – 1600 - Elementary Education; Jakob Gunter – 5555 – Math for 7th/8th High School Credit and McKinzy Yandell – 1600 – Elementary Education. The vote was unanimous.

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

At 6:52 p.m., Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to meet in executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:30 p.m., the administration staff left executive session to allow the board to discuss the transfer appeal for student A.

At 7:34 p.m. with a motion from Mrs. Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler, the board vote to return to open session. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to uphold the transfer denial as listed in the appeal of student A. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the following certified recommendations: Kyana Brotherton**, effective 7/1/25; Kashlyn Kay*, effective 7/1/25; and William Davis**, effective 9/8/25. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler, to approve the following support recommendations: Gabrielle Lepchenske, effective 7/1/25; Johnathan Noel, effective 7/1/25; Bobbi Jo Hamilton, effective 7/1/25; Sheirl Pledger, effective 7/1/25; Ashley Deal, effective 7/1/25; Sarah Pezant, effective 7/1/25; Isaac Lamb, effective 7/1/25; James Stone, effective 7/1/25; Kelly McBroom, effective 7/1/25; and Laura Gravador, effective 7/1/25. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the following support resignations: Jessica Eldridge, effective 6/30/25; Sandra Tynes (retire), effective 6/30/25; Jacob Pearman, effective 8/26/25; Kayla Muskrat, effective 6/30/25; and Bruce Ullery, effective 8/29/25. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the ACT contract for the 2025-26 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the SECNP contract for the 2025-26 school year. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further new business, at 7:37 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Modisette and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

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