

MINUTES FOR JULY 13, 2026 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 NE 10th, Choctaw, OK 73020

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

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

Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the June 8, 2026 regular board meeting, June 22, 2026 and June 23, 2026 special board meeting minutes and the June 25, 2026 regular board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Amber McNeely, ACT President stated that she wanted to say thank you to Dr. Gaona and Mr. Ingraham for approving the ACT to have their luncheon on the professional development day at CHS. She expressed her appreciation to everyone for answering all of her questions this month regarding negotiations. She stated that they are excited to meet on July 23rd and ratify a new contract.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Superintendent Reid gave the following report:

- We have officially begun the 2026-27 school year on July 1st. Our principals and teachers are enjoying the final weeks of rest and rejuvenation that remain. Principals will report back on July 27th and all teachers report back on August 12th. The first date of school will be Tuesday, August 18, 2026.

Todd Dilbeck, Director of Bond Oversight was not present to give a report.

No athletic/activities report was given.

There were no comments from board members.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve school calendar based on hours instead of days for the 2026-27 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the following policy revision: FNCD – Bullying; FNCD-E – Harassment/Bullying Incident Report Form; FNCD-R – Prohibiting Bullying (Regulation), FNCD-P – Prohibiting Bullying (Investigative Procedures). The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve elementary, middle school, high school and athletics handbooks with the amendment of changing the word handicap to individuals with disabilities for the online handbook version. The vote was unanimous.

Chad Allcox, Chief Financial Officer reported that the business office has had a lot going on working on salary schedules for negotiations. He added that he has been working with Johnson Controls and visiting the sites trying to get our equipment a little more efficient and effective. There will be a meeting with Superintendent along with Johnson Controls next Wednesday to try and come up with a game plan to achieve more efficiency with our heat and air and utilities. To give you an idea, just this last month our electric bill jumped \$20,000 so there is definitely an opportunity for some cost savings.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s 1 – 209- \$5,588,958.84; Fund 21 – #'s 1 - 73 -\$3,302,749.68; Fund 22 - PO's 1 –15 - \$974,500.00; Fund 33 - #'s 1 - 37- \$3,740,600.02; Fund 41 0 #'s 1 – 3 - \$15,837,325.00 and Fund 86 - #'s 1 – 6 - \$340,000.00 The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to table the next agenda item regarding the facility lease for Choctaw-Nicoma Park YMCA programs for FY 2026-27 until the August board meeting.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve an agreement with Horizon Digitally Enhanced Campus for Edmentum Software in the amount of \$49,948.00 for the 2026-27 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve a contract renewal with BrightArrow for the 2026-27 school year in the amount of \$10,075.00. The vote was unanimous.

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

Shanna Kieffer, Executive Director of Student Services gave the following report. The Student Services Department is continuing to work on our August 13th in-service meeting with all the special education staff. Mrs. Kieffer shared that she and Mrs. Vaughn will be attending a Special Education Conference with the Oklahoma State Department of Education the week of July 27th-30th. She added that the final scores for state testing will be released on Thursday, July 30th to the district and on Thursday, August 6th in the parent portal. Mrs. Kieffer gave a brief overview of a new partnership with the Oklahoma City Police Department – “Hand with Care”. In closing, Mrs. Kieffer stated that they are very excited to welcome everyone back and hopes everyone has a great year.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, Deputy Superintendent of Academic Affairs gave the following report: We are a little over one month away from the beginning of the new school year and tonight she will be sharing the final academic offering from the 2025-26 school year. SPARK ended on June 25th. This year, 91 students in grades K-3rd attended. We had 9 teachers and 1 coordinator. Most students were enrolled in first grade. There were 29 Kindergarten entering 1st grade next year. She shared that five of our nine teachers are Oklahoma Teacher Empowerment recipients and six of our teachers were LETRS certified. SPARK focused on evidence-based reading and math instruction, hands-on STEM, art, library and physical movement activities. This year, the Art Gallery and STEM showcase spaces were larger than last year which allowed parents to have better views of their student work. Jennifer Weatherly, the coordinator of SPARK, also developed a showcase that guided families through the gallery. These displays were expanded and included learning highlights from Art, physical movement, math, Lexia, the library, reading and STEM. Next year, Jennifer Weatherly would like to pilot another program for math fluence, have grade-specific STEM projects, add handwriting, have another speaker, change over to the adaptive reading program to align with grade levels and recruit a National Honor Society to assist with art classes. Overall, SPARK, a program seeded with American Rescue Funding is thriving, growing and offering wonderful opportunities for elementary students in our district every summer. In closing, Dr. Gaona stated that she commends, Jennifer Weatherly, a reading teacher at Nicoma Park Elementary, for leading this program and fine-tuning each year.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve core or elective credits for students attending Eastern Oklahoma County Tech Center that are in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade, which will count toward graduation requirements. These classes may include math, science, computer arts, elective courses or credit recovery courses. The vote was unanimous.

At 6:18 p.m., Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to meet in executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 6:33 p.m., all Administration was excused from Executive Session so the board could discuss the transfer appeal for Student E.

At 6:45 p.m., with a motion from Mrs. Salinas-Dengler and seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the board voted to return to open session. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to uphold the student transfer appeal of student E. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the following certified recommendations: Kelly Horst*, effective 7/1/26; Kendra Riden**, effective 7/1/26; Brice Varbel**, effective 7/1/26; Julia Tatum**, effective 7/1/26; and Trina Morris**, effective 7/1/26. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the following certified resignation: Brice Varbel, effective 7/1/26. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup, to approve the following support recommendations: Benjamin Morris, effective 7/1/26; Alicia Garza, effective 7/1/26; and Daniel Cavitt, effective 7/7/26. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the following support resignations: Kimberly Tovar, effective 7/1/26; Hunter Reed, effective 6/30/26; Tammy Diggs (terminated), effective 7/6/26; Robin Erskine, effective 7/6/26 and Shana Reber, effective 6/30/26. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further new business, at 6:47 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler and seconded by Mrs. Johnson to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

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