

MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 14, 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, 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. Board Assistant Clerk, Jason Ross 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. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the August 10, 2026 regular board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Julie Kendrick, ACT Secretary reported that Amber would like her to share that their board approved contracts are hopefully nearing completion this evening. She stated that they are working on finalizing the inaccurate salary schedules and hope to get this approved tonight. She expressed appreciation on behalf of the ACT to Assistant Superintendent, Jake Freer, Superintendent David Reid and Chief Financial Officer, Chad Allcox for the time and effort that they put into organizing and getting the salary schedules corrected. Mrs. Kendrick shared with the board several examples of schools that have received recent grants.

Bob Whittaker, with the Choctaw Alumni Association (CAA) and other members of the CAA and museum committee were present to receive donations. The CAA generously donated over \$18,000 between these two organizations.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Superintendent Reid gave the following report:

- We have reached the fifth week of the school year. Many of our sites will pass out progress report this week.
- I would like to publicly commend our site administrators and leaders in the transportation department for their hard work as we finalized the redistricting process at the beginning of this school year. It had its challenges, but the extraordinary leadership displayed by the aforementioned leaders made it as smooth as possible.
- Congratulations go out to the CHS Band for being selected to participate in the 2028 London Parade. Representatives from the London Parade and the Lord Mayors of London Association will be at the Choctaw High School PAC to give a presentation and invite the band to their 2028 New Year's Parade tomorrow at 9 AM.
- As of today, we have 5,597 students in our student accountability software. This is down about 117 students from this time last year in addition to the 114 down from the previous year.

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Todd Dilbeck, Director of Bond Oversight gave the following report: **Manhattan: Little Theater:** Stage curtain installation date is set for September 16, 2026. Training for the theatrical lights and sound system are set for October 9, 2026. **High School:** Currently waiting on the roofing company for the steps for the roof ladders to be fabricated. Heater for the band riser room is complete. We have received the quote for signage for the Performing Arts Center. Still working with Manhattan on parking lot aros to be updated and trees replacement. A welder was sent out last week to look at the drain place on the road located by the ROTC building. No response as of today. **Quad: Multipurpose:** Sod and trees are completed. Steps on the north side are completed, railing has been ordered. Fence installation started today. Currently working on the hill that had a dirt slide due to the rain this weekend. **AC Owen: Heartland Elementary:** We are working on items that pop up when opening a new building. AC Owen has been very proactive. The cottonwood tree sapling next to the parent pick up lane has been removed. **Quad: Vo Ag Buildings:** Arena bleachers have been installed. The sound system is installed in the arena area and the pen barn will be complete tomorrow. **Pope: Practice Gym/Museum:** Gym area is sheet rocked and tape and bed has started. Efis is completed. The store front frames have been installed in all areas. Currently taping the hall way. Storm drains for the building was installed last week. HVAC installation started this week.

Todd Goolsby gave a brief report on all activity and athletic activities.

There were no comments from board members.

Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the October 1, 2026 capacity numbers to be submitted to the Oklahoma State Department of Education. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the following policies and policy revisions: DIAF – Hygiene and Sanitation (Bloodborne Pathogens); DIAF-P – Routine Procedures for Sanitation and Hygiene When Handling Body Fluids; DIAF-R – Hygiene and Sanitation – Bloodborne Pathogens (Regulations). The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve an out of state trip for the Choctaw High School Band to perform at the Bands of American Super Regional in Indianapolis, IN on October 15-19, 2026. The vote was unanimous.

Chad Allcox, Chief Financial Officer reported that the majority of the past month has been spent preparing the budget. He added that there is nothing out of the ordinary regarding any of the encumbrances presented this evening for approval.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s – 285 – 405- \$134,847.02; Fund 21 – #'s 91 - 120 -\$297,387.44; Fund 22 - PO's 19 –27 - \$23,282.35; and Fund 33 - #'s 68 - 86- \$89,929.26. The vote was unanimous.

Janice Modisette, President, called for a motion to open the budget hearing. Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas to open the budget hearing. The vote was unanimous.

Chad Allcox, Chief Financial Officer, had given all board members of copy of the budget. Mr. Allcox explained that what he was presenting this evening was a preliminary budget and could be changed throughout the year. Mr. Allcox went through each section of the budget and explained each item on the budget. Following Mr. Allcox's presentation on the budget, he opened the floor to all board members to ask any questions that they might have. Staci Johnson, Board Clerk asked the following question. Mrs. Johnson stated that we want to have as much of a balance as we can but according to page 8, it seems that the amount is low. She asked if this is a reason for this and what can we do in the future? Mr. Allcox explained that opening the new CNP Heartland Elementary resulted in the use of funds plus the \$2,000 raised promised by the legislature resulted in additional funds being paid by the district. Mr. Reid stated that the state only covered the raise for the certified staff in the classroom but the district has 71 other certified staff such as media specialist, nurses, etc. which the district felt should receive the raise as well.

Janice Modisette called for a motion to close the budget hearing. Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler, to closed the hearing. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the Estimate of Needs for FY 2026-27. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve an Addendum to Extend Agreement between ESS South Central, LLC and the Choctaw-Nicoma Park School District to provide substitute staffing to fill positions at the requests of the district for a period ending June 30, 2027. The vote was unanimous.

Shanna Kieffer, Executive Director of Student Services gave the following report. Student Services will hold their first Special Education Roundtable this Thursday, September 17th. This is a virtual meeting for any educator in the district and this first roundtable will focus on correct procedures for testing students for special education. Mrs. Keiffer added that they are currently preparing for Child Count which should be pulled on October 2nd ensuring all students are coded correctly in PowerSchool and in EdPlan. She stated that as numbers have settled across the sites from redistricting, they found NPE to have extremely large numbers in their SLD classrooms. Mrs. Vaughn was able to evaluate the numbers across the district and ended up moving a teacher from GME to NPE which allowed case loads to be more evenly distributed. The teacher that was moved had a great attitude and spent Labor Day weekend moving her room and setting up for her new assignment. Mrs. Keiffer reported that tutoring for English Language Learners is starting this week. She added that we currently have 108 students eligible for this service. The date for state testing has been confirmed and will begin on April 26th. Parents were given information this past week about how to view last year's scores on the parent portal. She stated that they are also preparing for their Book Study: Positive Mindset Habits for Teachers! There is room for 35 in the group and plan to meet 3 times throughout the year. In closing, Mrs. Keiffer stated that our SEARCH program is in full swing. Chess Club has started and is open to all students. They meet every Tuesday night from 5:00 – 6:00 in the SEARCH classrooms.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve CHS selecting the ACT as the 11th grade Oklahoma Department of Education assessment. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve an Interagency Agreement for Special Education Services between Kickapoo Head Start and the Choctaw-Nicoma Park School District for the 2026-27 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, Deputy Superintendent of Academic Affairs gave the following report: Dr. Gaona stated that before the board acts on agenda items B through F, she would like to give Dr. Debra Worley an opportunity to give the board members an update on the EDGE program. Dr. Worley had prepared a document for the board members and she went

over the document which included the number of students that are being served through the EDGE program and explained a few changes that were made this year to students enrolling in a plus one class.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the Choctaw-Nicoma Park School District Professional Development Plan. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the following adjunct certifications: : Mary Fortune – Elementary Ed 1600 3rd; Brian DeShazo – Biology 6050 & Intermediate Math 5552; Samantha Gronquist - Comp Apps 8007; Catherine Cowden – Elementary Ed 1600 5th; Brenden Brown – Intermediate Math 5552; Cecilia Zabel Mid-Level Science -6055; Craig Broughton – Mid-Level Science 6055; Haley Shearer – Elementary Ed 1600; Louis Sands – Intermediate Math 5552; Trey Hagan – Social Studies 6560; April Chesser – Sign Language 2002; Kelly Horst – Spanish 2011; Tricia Wilson – English 4150; Lynn Cox: Geography 6560; Keyshawn Embrey-Simpson – English 4050; James Mangrum – PE 2019; Jessica Loudon – Elem Ed 1600; Joseph De La Garza – Elem Ed 1600 3rd; Stacie Glidewell – Physical Science 6013; Julie Kibby – Spanish 2011; Andrea York – Biology 6050; Gregory Rideau – Biology 6050; Dillon Coplin – 7514 Career Tech Business; Lori Sosenko – 4075 – Language Arts; Taffy Harmon – 4050 Language Arts; Aaron Hagan – 6575 Social Studies. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the following emergency certification requests: Laura Mann – Elementary Ed 1600; Terence Carter – US Hist/OK Hist/Govt/Econ 6550; Jackson Parker – Drama 4250; Kaitlyn Corn – Mid-Level Math 5555; and Tamitha Zook – English 4050; Tanner Johnson Elem Ed 1600; Andrea York – Physical Science 6013; Jason Thomason – US Hist/OK Hist 6550; Sierra Posada – Drama 4250; Janessa Larman – Physical Science 6013 and Jasmine Krume – Elem Ed 1600 and Jessica Loudon – Elem Ed 1600. . The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve participation in the Oklahoma Teacher Empowerment Program for the 2026-27 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve a weeding log from Choctaw Elementary. The vote was unanimous.

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

At 6:51 p.m., Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to meet in executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:30 p.m., with a motion from Mr. Alsup and seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler, the board voted to return to open session. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the following certified and support recommendations/resignations: Certified recommendations: Julia Lowry**, effective 8/3/26 and Mary Fortune**, effective 8/17/26. Certified resignations: None. Support Recommendations: Melody Rea, effective 8/20/26; Lindsay McDonald, effective 8/14/26; Treasa Roper, effective 8/14/26; Annabelle McKinney, effective 8/20/26; Sarah Pezant, effective 8/14/26; Taria Brown, effective 8/14/26; Marguerite Hazlewood, effective 8/31/26; Nick Trouset, effective 7/1/26; Kristen Sims, effective 8/31/26; Emileah Clements, effective 9/17/26; Raelene Bridges, effective 8/14/26; Allison Elliott, effective 9/16/26; Rylie Austin, effective 9/11/26; Elaine Huskey, effective 9/11/26; Bruce Ullery, effective 9/14/26; and Mary Williams, effective 9/11/26. Support resignations: Olivia Lakin – effective 6/30/26; Mary Fortune – effective 6/30/26; Lisa McClain, effective 7/1/26; Lindsay Hatfield, effective 6/30/26; Jennifer Gage, effective 8/18/26; Chelsea Thompson, effective 9/4/26; George Richey, effective 6/30/26; Stuart Manning, effective 9/24/26; Chanda Platt, effective 8/28/26; Annie Eckart, effective 9/18/26; Samuel Harris (terminated), effective 9/1/26; Danny Mangham, effective 9/3/26 and Braxtyn Norris, effective 9/15/26. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Salinas-Dengler to approve the ACT Contract for the 2026-27 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Salinas-Dengler moved, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve the SECNP Contract for the 2026-27 school year. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further new business, at 7:33 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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