

**MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2017 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

Elizabeth Parker, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call established members present: Pamela Matherly, Vice President, Daryl Crusoe, Clerk, Janice Modisette, Assistant Clerk and Don Alsup, Member.

Ms. Parker called for consideration and approval of the agenda. Ms. Modisette moved and Mr. Alsup seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved and Ms. Matherly seconded, to approve the March 6, 2017 and March 23, 2017 board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

There were no community partners recognized.

Dr. McCharen stated that we had two (2) groups of students to recognize this evening. The first group of students was from Westfall Elementary. Finley Lyons, Josie Ersteniuk, and Grant Hotella were introduced by Westfall Principal Shannon Shay. Ms. Shay stated that their teacher, Rita Hayhurst approached her about these students and they were requesting a meeting with the Principal to share ideas to make Westfall Elementary an even better school. These three (3) 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students proposed an idea to create a program to spread kindness and let others know that they are special. The students received a grant to purchase stickers with artwork that said “I’m Special”. The students call themselves “The Encouragers” and they visit schools in the District and hand out their stickers and spread kindness. After visiting all of the schools, the students plan to visit nursing homes and the Bethany Children’s Center. Each of the students spoke about their program and what it means to them. Board President Elizabeth Parker presented each of the students with a certificate of achievement. Dr. McCharen stated that the next group to be recognized was the CHS Girls’ Basketball Team who are the 2017 6A Girls Basketball State Champions. Dr. McCharen spoke about their season and then introduced Coach Ryan Maloney. Coach Maloney spoke about his team and then introduced each player and his Assistant Coaches and they were given certificates from the school board. Additionally, Dr. McCharen stated that CHS Senior, Ana Llanusa was named an All-State Player and Player of the Year. She was given an additional certificate for her accomplishments.

Amber Spradlin, ACT President, stated that they were very involved keeping up with the legislative session. Ms. Spradlin stated that they are looking forward to the last nine (9) weeks and their End of the Year Banquet which will be held in May.

There were no comments from the floor on agenda items.

Dr. McCharen made the following comments:

- We are in the middle of state mandated testing at seven (7) of our schools. Our teachers and staff have done their very best to prepare our students for testing success. They have also used a variety of school-wide motivational activities to bring positive awareness to students regarding the importance of trying their very best on these tests. Testing will last through the first part of May.
- All sites had very successful parent-teacher conference meetings last week. District-wide we have approximately 90 percent participation by parents and guardian for these important face to face meetings.
- Spring sports, fine arts contests, and other activities are going strong along with spring programs and activities at our elementary schools. As I’ve mentioned before the gyms and auditoriums are jammed packed with parents for these programs.
- Students were out last Friday for an unused snow day and they will also be out for the next three Fridays for the same reason.
- Not much budget wise is happening at the capital right now. With approximately six weeks left in the session, they have not given schools any creditable information on how much less money we might be allocated next school year. There is still a teacher pay raise bill alive but they haven’t identified how to fund it yet. There is certainly pressure from all state funded agencies for the legislature to generate some new revenue sources to address this horrible funding crisis in Oklahoma but nothing has officially happened at this point to change anything. So we’ll keep fighting and telling our story and hope our cuts are minimal. So far since January we’ve taken one 1017 fund cut and one revenue failure cut which totaled approximately \$400,000 in lost dollars to our district. We expect another cut to be announced any day now and we’re not sure what that amount will be.

- To end on a positive note, the CNP Teacher of the Year Banquet will be Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. First Baptist Choctaw will host the dinner again this year. This is a special evening where we celebrate all teachers in our district and honor our nine (9) site Teachers of the Year and name our CNP District Teacher of the Year. It is a rewarding and fun evening.

Under board member comments, Assistant Clerk Janice Modisette thanked Westfall Elementary Principal Shannon Shay for a very nice Great Expectations Celebration. Ms. Modisette also stated that the CHS Jazz Bands recently competed in the OBU Jazz Festival. There were two (2) CHS Jazz Bands and both did an amazing job. One of them received the best of show award.

Ms. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the renewal of membership with the Oklahoma State School Boards Association. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve 2017-18 CATS School Calendar. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve an out of state trip CHS AFHRITC to attend the Lonestar Summer Leadership Academy at Schreiner University in Kerrville, Texas on June 2-11, 2017. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Executive Director of Finance, stated that last month's state revenue fell a little below. At this point it is just a waiting game to see if any further cuts will be made by the State. Our ad valorem is coming in strong and as a whole the revenue in the general fund looks good. We are also doing a good job on the expenditure side. Mr. Berry stated that he is beginning to prepare for next fiscal year. Mr. Berry added that "Get Lit" for the Indian Education Program will be held tomorrow night at the CHS Media Center. He said that are looking to have a very good turnout. Indian craft night was held last month and the attendance was very good at that event.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Modisette to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – No's 644-697 - \$56,259.64; Fund 21 – No's 160-168 - \$10,048.99; Fund 22 - No 086-99 - \$80,380.77; Fund 32 – No's 20-\$813.30; Fund 33 – No's 038 - \$350.00 and Fund 36 - No. 004-007 - \$13,147.12. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Modisette, to approve TDS Telecom as the district's telecommunications provider for FY 2017-18. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve United Systems to provide Internet network connections and equipment for FY 2017-18. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve a facilities use request from CHS Cheer for the PAC Lobby on Sunday, April 30, 2017. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve the consent agenda. The vote was unanimous.

Donna Cooper, Assistant Superintendent of Special Services/Instruction reported that CHS had recently administered 340 ACT tests to juniors through the state contract. Additionally, Ms. Cooper added that CHS Counselor, Dr. Collins had recently applied and received a \$60,000 suicide prevention grant to be utilized over a 2 year period. Ms. Cooper closed by giving a brief explanation of the next agenda item regarding the change in graduation requirements from credits to Carnegie units beginning the 2017-18 school year.

Ms. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to change graduation requirements and course completion transcription from credits (1.0) to Carnegie units (.5) beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

At 6:29 p.m., Ms. Matherly made a motion, seconded by Ms. Modisette to meet in executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:08 p.m., Ms. Modisette moved to return to open session, seconded by Ms. Matherly. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Modisette moved, second by Ms. Matherly to name Dr. JeanAnn Gaona and David Reid as Central Office Administrators. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Modisette to approve certified recommendations of: Lacy Douglas, effective 7/1/17; Jama Converse, effective 7/1/17; Ashley Cook, effective 7/1/17; Stacie Grayson, effective 7/1/17; Monica Oldham, effective 7/1/17; Jamie Sawyer, effective 7/1/17; Tissy Vaughn, effective 7/1/17; Meredith Brown, effective 7/1/17; Caroline Cunningham, effective 7/1/17; Stephanie Herndon, effective 7/1/17; Laken Slate, effective 7/1/17; Laci Trent, effective 7/1/17; Kelsey VanCleave, effective 7/1/17; Sherry Elliott, effective 7/1/17; Alison Wood, effective 7/1/17; Vickie Mounce, effective 7/1/17; Alyssa Robertson, effective 7/1/17; Toby Thomas, effective 7/1/17; Hilary Watkins,

effective 7/1/17; Haylee Partlow, effective 7/1/17; Misty Ackiss, effective 7/1/17; Hayden Combe, effective 7/1/17; Witney Harshaw, effective 7/1/17; Madeline Kidwell, effective 7/1/17; Shelby Gentry, effective 7/1/17; Lori Hardy, effective 7/1/17; Darren Higgins, effective 7/1/17; Jeffrey King, effective 7/1/17; Tera Patterson, effective 7/1/17; Barnett Robertson, effective 7/1/17; Jessi Allegre, effective 7/1/17; Richard Boone, effective 7/1/17; James Mangrum, effective 7/1/17; Ashley Ellman, effective 7/1/17; Morgan Stinson, effective 7/1/17; Charity Adams, effective 7/1/17; Alan Beck, effective 7/1/17; Michael Brown, effective 7/1/17; Cameron Burton, effective 7/1/17; Gregory Chong, effective 7/1/17; Trisha Christensen, effective 7/1/17; Taffy Harman, effective 7/1/17; Charles Reed, effective 7/1/17; Lacey Kincheloe, effective 7/1/17; Lawrence Lanham, effective 7/1/17; Scott Lastinger, effective 7/1/17; Dal Nichols, effective 7/1/17; Gregory Bryant, effective 7/1/17; Melanie Corter, effective 7/1/17; Jamie Lee, effective 7/1/17; April Savala, effective 4/11/17; Chrystal Reis, effective 7/1/17; Brandy Capps, effective 7/1/17; Jerika Herbert, effective 7/1/17; Hailey Joyner, effective 7/1/17; Jennifer Wambolt, effective 7/1/17; Mary Martin, effective 7/1/17; Marc Morris, effective 7/1/17 and Brent Wooldridge, effective 7/1/17. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve certified resignations of : Gayla Manning (retire), effective 6/30/17; Kari Jones (LOA), effective 6/30/17; Stephanie Kraeer, effective 6/30/17; Jerri Larrison, effective 6/30/17; Stacy Hildebrandt, effective 6/30/17; Jennifer McDonald, effective 6/30/17; Natalie Huskerson, effective 6/30/17; Jennifer Little, effective 6/30/17; Megan Kardatzke, effective 6/30/17; Griffin Maxwell, effective 6/30/17; Jennifer Trent, effective 6/30/17; David Dixon, effective 6/30/17; Susan Harris, effective 6/30/17; Tom Plunkett (retire), effective 6/30/17; and Donna Frost, effective 6/30/17.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Modisette to approve support recommendation of: Lavonta Graham, effective 3/6/17; Glen Washington, effective 3/7/17; Barbara Shubin, effective 3/31/17; Tenisha Guevara, effective 3/21/17; and Jordyn Campbell, effective 7/1/17. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Modisette to approve support resignations: Lisa Dunn, effective 3/3/17; Monica Hight, effective 3/31/17; Cynthia Lewellen (retire), effective 6/5/17; and Ken Dixon (retire), effective 6/30/17. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Modisette, to approve the reemployment of site teachers for the 2017-18 school year as listed on Attachment B and/or the certified personnel report. The vote was unanimous.

There being no new business, at 7:12 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Modisette and seconded by Ms. Matherly to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

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