

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 13, 2017 REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.**  
**CHOCTAW/NICOMA PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Ind. Dist. 4, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma

Place of Meeting  
James Griffith Intermediate, 1861 S. Indian Meridian, Choctaw, OK 73020

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

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

Mr. Crusoe moved and Ms. Matherly seconded, to approve the January 9, 2017 board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. McCharen stated that we had one (1) community partner recognition to make this evening. Dr. McCharen introduced JGI Principal, Kelli Hosford. Ms. Hosford stated that the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes sent letters to various corporations asking for donations to help purchase Chromebooks for their classrooms. Ms. Hosford stated that Bill Hause of Love's Travel Stop at I-40 and Choctaw Road responded by sending a \$500.00 check which purchased 5 Chromebooks for the classroom. Mr. Hause was not able to attend the meeting but Love's employee, Katie DeLong, accepted the certificate on his behalf. Dr. McCharen continued by stating that we had several student recognitions this evening. Three (3) All-State Band Members, two (2) All-State Football players, one (1) All-State Cheerleader, a CHS Student named to Superintendent Joy Hofmeister's Advisory Committee, the CHS Cheerleading Squad who recently won NCA National Champions in Small Advanced Game Day, CHS Baseball who has won Academic State Champions the past two (2) years and also for winning Baseball Field of the Year and CMS Yearbook for winning a national yearbook award the past two (2) years. Certificates of recognition were presented to each.

There were no comments from ACT.

There were no comments from ESPO.

There were no comments from the floor on agenda items.

Dr. McCharen made the following comments:

- We have completed six (6) weeks of the third quarter of the school year. The third quarter of the school year usually drags along and is the toughest part of the school year because of the winter weather and students not being able to go outside and 10 straight weeks of intense instruction with teachers only having one day off during that time. But to me anyway, this third quarter is going by pretty quickly, due in part to the incredibly nice weather we have had that has kept most people in an upbeat frame of mind and our students being able to get outside and burn off some of their energy.
- Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> is President's Day. It is a professional development day for teachers and the student's last day off before spring break.
- We did use one more of our snow days on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. This leaves us with four (4) unused inclement weather days.
- Congratulations to Paula Sendall and the CHS Academic Team. On Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, they won the 6A Academic State Championship. This is our first ever academic state championship and a truly amazing accomplishment. We will honor them at our March 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting.
- Winter sports are winding down and we are heading into the playoffs. Our CHS wrestling team is still ranked number one in the state and defended its 2016 dual state championship this past weekend at Shawnee and lost in the semi-finals. Team and individual state championships are February 24-25. Our CHS girls' basketball team is ranked number two (2) in the state and starts regional playoffs on February 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- The 2017 legislative session began last Monday so hang on for the madness. There were approximately 500 bills filed that have to do with education. The teacher pay raise bills are disappointing in regard to most of them only giving teachers a \$1,000 raise and nothing for support employees.
- Congratulations to Don Alsup, I was notified two (2) weeks ago that Mr. Alsup was named an OSSBA All-State Board Member for this year. This award goes to five (5) of the most outstanding board members in the entire state of Oklahoma. Along with this award, the school district gets \$400 in Don's name to be spent on curriculum materials. Don also received the OSSBA Buddy Spencer Award which goes to one of the five All-State Board Members that demonstrates exemplary leadership and dedication to his local school board and school district. Because of this award, the district will receive an additional \$600 in Don's name to be spent on curriculum resources or technology.

Board member, Janice Modisette, stated that she had the pleasure of attending the military ball on Saturday evening and had a great time.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve new policy – EMG – Service Animals in Schools. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve a resolution determining the maturities of, and setting a date, time and place for the sale of the \$7,350,000 General Obligation Bonds of the School District. The date of March 23, 2017 at 12 p.m. was set. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Executive Director of Finance, stated that he is currently watching state revenues and there has been an increase in a few funds for the first time in several months. Additionally, he stated that he is watching this legislative session and bills that affect education. Mr. Berry introduced Jerry Putnam of Putnam and Company to give an overview on the 2015-16 financial audit. Mr. Putnam stated that it was a very clean audit on our behalf. He gave a brief overview of the audit to board members.

Ms. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – No’s 523-594 - \$66,038.17; Fund 21 – No’s 142-152 - \$8,586.00; Fund 22 - No 071-78 - \$48,346.28; Fund 31 – No’s 005 - \$25,222.58; and Fund 33 – No’s 030-035 - \$3,251.06. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe, to approve financial audit for school year 2015-16. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Modisette, to approve Putnam and Company to perform the financial audit for FY 2016-17. The vote was unanimous.

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

Donna Cooper, Assistant Superintendent of Special Services/Instruction introduced JGI Principal, Kelli Hosford to share information on their school. Ms. Hosford stated that she is very proud of her students and JGI and she had several students present to share about their experience and things happening at JGI. Ms. Hosford introduced a 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade student who each wrote a small presentation about what they like about JGI. Following each of these student’s presentations, a few 4<sup>th</sup> grade students gave a brief overview on the Chromebooks used in the classroom and shared examples of a few of their projects.

At 6:50 p.m., Ms. Modisette made a motion, seconded by Ms. Matherly to meet in executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 8:10 p.m., Mr. Crusoe moved to return to open session, seconded by Ms. Matherly. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Modisette to approve certified resignation of: Todd Dilbeck (retire), effective 6/30/17. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve support recommendation of: Jennifer Pearce, effective 1/12/17. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Modisette to approve support resignation: Annette Kilmeck, effective 1/17/17. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve the reemployment of Central Office Administrators, Kevin Berry and Donna Cooper for the 2017-18 school year. The vote was unanimous.

There being no new business, at 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Modisette and seconded by Ms. Matherly to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

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