

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2016 REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
CHOCTAW/NICOMA PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ind. Dist. 4, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma

Place of Meeting
Nicoma Park Intermediate School – 1318 N. Hickman, Choctaw, OK 73020

Janice Modisette, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call established members present: Don Alsup Vice President, Elizabeth Parker, Clerk, Pamela Matherly, Assistant Clerk and Daryl Crusoe, member.

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

Ms. Matherly moved and Mr. Crusoe seconded, to approve the January 12, 2016 board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. McCharen introduced Emily Kezbers and other representatives from Alliance Health Midwest who was in attendance to make a donation to Choctaw High School. Ms. Kezbers reported that due to the new state mandates, all graduating seniors are required to complete a CPR training course. Alliance Health Midwest donated a CPR training kit that included 20 CPR dolls and training videos. The training will take approximately 30 minutes to complete and seniors will receive the level of CPR training that is required by the state.

Dr. McCharen stated that Westfall Elementary Custodian, Alma Goines was present this evening to receive her retirement plaque. Ms. Goines has been with the district for 26 years and her last day of employment will be on February 29th. Westfall Elementary Principal, Brenda Stanley, stated that she is going to miss Alma. She has been an exceptional employee and has always helped in any area that is needed.

There were no comments from ACT.

There were no comments from ESPO.

There were no comments from the floor on agenda items.

Dr. McCharen reported on the following:

- I would like to thank Misti Tye and her staff for hosting this evening's board meeting and also Mrs. Craig for the great performance by the NPI students before the meeting.
- Once again, I would like to publicly thank Dr. Underwood and EOC Tech for running the technology bond issue and the patrons in CNP, Harrah, Luther, and Jones for voting and approving the issue with over an 80 percent yes vote. This will not only continue our internet service at all nine (9) schools but will also increase the bandwidth for faster internet at no cost to our district.
- Winter sports and activities will be winding down and playoffs will be starting over the next few weeks. Our CHS Girls' basketball team and our wrestling team are both still ranked in the top 5 in the State in 6A and both have a decent chance to win a State Championship. Our CNP Middle School winter sports will wrap-up this week and their basketball and wrestling teams have been very successful also. Congratulations to the CHS academic team and their coach, Paula Sendall for qualifying for the Academic State Tournament for the second year in a row. Also, our CHS Winter Guard team has been having great success at their contest and beat Tulsa Union for the first time ever at a contest last week.
- The legislative session began last week. Obviously, the devastating declining state revenues are the pressing topic. The past several legislative sessions have shown us with the current governor and legislative majority probably nothing will be done to solve our revenue problems other than blame everything on the unbelievable low oil prices. Which certainly plays a big part of our revenue problem but there are plenty of other revenue streams that could be tapped but aren't because of politics. We weren't getting any new money when oil was \$100 dollars a barrel three years ago so it's obvious there is not a sincere effort to help public education's financial crises. And the news gets worse. The January state revenues were one of the lowest on record and we are expecting the office of state finance to announce another state revenue failure this week and cut our allocations another 2 to 3 percent on top of the 3 percent we took a month ago. So we'll keep working on a plan to survive the cuts and keep doing the best we can with the money we have.
- All of our Great Expectations evaluations were completed and all six (6) of our elementary schools were named Great Expectations Model Schools. We are seeing the long term dividends of this culture at CHS. These six (6) schools will be recognized at a program at UCO in the fall.
- Monday is President's Day and students will be out of school but teachers will have a daylong professional development day.

There were no comments from board members.

Kevin Berry, Director of Finance, stated that Amy Ziembra from Jerry Putnam's office was present this evening to review the district's financial audit. Each board member was given a copy of the audit and Ms. Ziembra gave a brief overview. Ms. Ziembra stated that it was overall a very good audit. She stated on the back page of the audit, the items that were found were listed and they were simple items that occur at most school. An example of the items found were PO dates and needing more information on the description of items.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – No's 735-798 - \$37,594.83; Fund 21 – No's 126-127 - \$850.00; Fund 22 - No's 81-86 - \$37,586.80; Fund 31 – No's 014-016 - \$18,329.50, Fund 32 – No's 032-033 - \$10,405.00 Fund 33 – No's 38-43 - \$8,771.44 and Fund 86 – No. 002 - \$1,250.00. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the financial audit for school year 2014-15. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe, to approve Putnam and Company to perform the financial audit for the 2015-16 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup, to approve a new activity fund account for Choctaw/Nicoma Park Schools Museum. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the consent agenda. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe, to approve the District College Remediation Report. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup, to approve the Math Credit Agreement with EOC Tech Center. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve the Science Credit Agreement with EOC Tech Center. The vote was unanimous.

Donna Cooper, Executive Director of Student Services/Curriculum, stated that on Monday an in-service would be held for all certified staff at the PAC. She stated that the speaker is a very upbeat and motivational speaker. Ms. Cooper introduced Misti Tye, NPI Principal to give a brief presentation. Ms. Tye stated that it was honor to host the school board meeting this evening and welcomed everyone to NPI. Ms. Tye stated that this year's theme at NPI was "Think Outside – No Box Required". She stated that the staff at NPI has been focused on working more collaboratively. The PLC's started meeting in the mornings this year to maximize time. She reported that all staff members are also members of a vertical team. These teams meet once a month. Ms. Tye also spoke about their program "NPI Writes" – which stands for Writing Regularly Improves the Excellence. She stated that every student at NPI is writing and each quarter a different style of writing is used. She reported that it is phenomenal how much of a difference this writing program has made. Ms. Tye closed by stating that NPI is very proud of the progress that they have made as a Great Expectations Model School.

At 7:45 p.m. with a motion made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Mr. Alsup, the board voted to meet in executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 8:45 p.m., Ms. Matherly moved to return from open session, seconded by Mr. Crusoe. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve certified resignations of: Austin Quinton, effective 1/29/16 and Janice Parrish (retire), effective 3/8/16. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve support recommendations of: Jennifer Montgomery, effective 2/1/16, Dana Hearrell, effective 1/12/16 and Ina Belmonte, effective 3/1/16. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve support resignations of: Larry Harris, effective 1/29/16; Mary Harrison, effective 1/29/16; Shelbi Tran, effective 1/29/16; and Darlene Bechtold, effective 2/12/16.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve the reemployment of Central Office Administrators for the 2016/17 school year: Gary Berglan, Kevin Berry and Donna Cooper. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the board meeting adjourned upon unanimous consent of the members at 8:49 p.m. following a motion made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Ms. Parker. The vote was unanimous.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

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