

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2016 REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 P.M.
CHOCTAW/NICOMA PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ind. Dist. 4, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma

Place of Meeting
Administration Office, 12880 NE 10th, Choctaw, OK 73020

Don Alsup, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Parker moved and Mr. Crusoe seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Modisette moved and Ms. Matherly seconded, to approve the August 8, 2016 board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Amber Spradlin, ACT President, stated that we have had a great start to the school year and she is very excited for the remainder of the school year. She stated that ACT members have voted and approved this year's contract.

There were no comments from ESPO.

There were no comments from the floor on agenda items.

- We have completed four weeks of school and we are off to a great start. Our principals and their staff do a great job of preparing for the beginning of the school year. Our schools also have several beginning of the year activities for parents to meet teachers, learn about expectations of their children, and other relevant activities at our schools.
- Also a special thanks to Brian Cannon, Maintenance Director, Site Custodians, Donna Salinas, Transportation Director and her staff and our Central Office staff that work all summer to prepare for the next school year.
- Thank you to Dr. Gaona for hosting the Choctaw Alumni group's reunion every summer. She takes great care of them and opens up her building before school even starts to accommodate their activities. This is a great PR event for our school district.
- Our enrollment numbers are up approximately 110 students from this time last year with 12 less teaching positions due to the deep budget cuts. Our classrooms are crowded and our teachers are doing their best to teach a lot of kids in classrooms that weren't made for that many students.
- All of our fall activities are in full swing. Fall sports include football, softball, volleyball, and cross country. Also our marching band and flag corps perform at every home football game. Our drama students are preparing to attempt to win their 12th state one-act state championship. We estimate that at our home football games well over 400 students are involved in some way with game night activities. Plus there are approximately 200 or so student that come to watch the game as fan or as they are affectionately known as the bleacher creatures. It just makes you proud to see the number of students involved in a home football game.
- And of course our middle school activities mirror the high school and the elementary schools are having their fall activities and fundraisers. It is a busy but fun time of the year.
- And last but certainly not least, Kevin will present the 2016-17 budget tonight. It is a good budget that, if we stick to the cuts we've made for this year and if we don't take cuts from the state again; we will grow our currently low fund balance quite a bit.

There were no comments from the board.

Ms. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe, to approve a contractual agreement for School Resource Officer with the City of Nicoma Park for the 2016/17 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve an out of state trip for CHS JRROTC to attend Cadets-In-Action Drill Competition in Denton, Texas on October 1, 2016. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Modisette, to approve an out of state trip for CHS Band to travel to the Bands of America Super Regional in St. Louis, MO on October 21-23, 2016. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe, to approve new policies: CP – Fundraisers Exempt From Smart Snack in School Standards and CP-R – Fundraisers Exempt from Smart Snacks in School Standards (Regulation). The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Executive Director of Finance, stated that state revenues have been down for the first two months of the school year. He stated that it could take a couple of months before we will know if additional cuts from the state will be needed this year. He added that the majority of our revenue shortfalls last year were due to the loss of our virtual school. Mr. Berry closed stating that he has spent the majority of his time working on our current budget and that it would be a tough budget year.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – No's 263-354 - \$94,892.92; Fund 21 – No's 073-092 - \$22,338.43; Fund 22 - No's 044-050 - \$614.44; Fund 32 – No's 007-009 - \$1,791.81; and Fund 33 – No's 009-015 - \$90,794.48. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to open the budget hearing. It was unanimous to open the budget hearing. Mr. Berry stated that at this time we will take any comments from the public. There were no comments from the public. Mr. Berry stated that cuts that we have made to this year are reflected in the budget. Mr. Berry gave an overview of the 2016/17 budget and all of the revenues/expenditures that are listed in the budget. Following his presentation on the budget, Mr. Berry stated that the hearing is opened for public comments. With there being no comments from the public on the budget hearing, Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to close the budget hearing. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Ms. Modisette, to approve the Estimate of Needs. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve the facility use request for CE Warren Fieldhouse on September 18 (incorrectly listed on agenda as 12th), September 25, and October 2, 2016. The vote was unanimous.

Donna Cooper, Assistant Superintendent of Special Services/Instruction stated that we have had a very busy group of teachers that have been working on our standards. She added that we also have had Math groups working on curriculum. They have also been busy changing the report cards so that they match the standards at the elementary level.

Ms. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve the State Department of Education Accreditation Report. The vote was unanimous.

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

At 7:27 p.m., Mr. Crusoe made a motion, seconded by Ms. Modisette to meet in executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 8:01 p.m., Ms. Matherly moved to return to open session, seconded by Ms. Crusoe. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve certified recommendation of: Sheila Hartman, effective 7/1/16. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve support recommendations of: Stacie Barton, effective 8/29/16; Christina Ceron, effective 8/18/16; McKinzie Chisum, effective 8/17/16; Cynthia Dilley, effective 8/15/16; Sue Peyton, effective 8/18/16; Jennifer Rich, effective 8/12/16; Cassandra Russell, effective 8/23/16; Ricky Snavelly, effective 8/4/16; and Tami Hernandez, effective 8/31/16. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve support resignations of: Judy Plummer, effective 8/26/16; Jamie Mosely, effective 9/2/16; Ramona Chartney, effective 8/31/16; and Mindy Mobly, effective 9/2/16. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve the Central Office Support Staff contract for 2016/17 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve the Administrator/Director/Supervisor contract for 2016/17 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve the ESPO Contract for the 2016/17 school year. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the board meeting adjourned upon unanimous consent of the members at 8:07 p.m. following a motion made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Ms. Modisette. The vote was unanimous.

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