

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

Place of Meeting
Choctaw High School – Media Center, 14300 N.E. 10th, 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, Pamela Matherly, Assistant Clerk and Daryl Crusoe, member. Elizabeth Parker, Clerk, was absent.

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

Mr. Alsup moved and Mr. Crusoe seconded, to approve the December 14, 2015 board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. McCharen introduced the Senior CHS football players that were in attendance at the board meeting. Dr. McCharen stated that the CHS football team was named 6A Academic State Champions for the second year in a row. Dr. McCharen and the school board members congratulated the players on their accomplishment.

Dr. McCharen reported that several members of the Choctaw High School Class of 1965 were present this evening to make a special presentation. Dr. McCharen introduced Andy Thompson, Glendia Warren, Barbara Shaw and Mary Ramer. These alumni stated that they had recently learned of a vision that Dr. McCharen had shared regarding the creation of a CNP museum. This alumni group stated that they would like to make a donation to this project in hopes that it would help this vision become a reality. A check in the amount of \$3,200 was presented to Dr. McCharen to be used for the museum. Additionally, Glendia Warren presented Dr. McCharen with a brick from the original Choctaw High School Building.

The Choctaw High School One Act State Champion Drama students were in attendance this evening. Each of the students and teachers were presented a certificate of achievement from Board President, Janice Modisette. CHS Drama has won the 6A State One Act State Championship 11 of the past 15 years.

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:

- January is School Board Recognition Month so I would like to take a minute to recognize each of our board members and their years of service as CNP School Board Members.
- Hopefully everyone voted today for the EOC Tech Center Technology Bond Issue. This bond issue will not only continue our internet service but also improve our service at no cost to our district. We appreciate EOC Tech for running this bond issue every 5 years to help our school district. We have saved a lot of money over the last fifteen years by not having to pay for all of our internet service.
- We are at full speed ahead with middle school and high school winter sports. Congratulations to our CHS Girls' basketball. Over the last two weeks they won the Tournament of Champions Tournament in Tulsa and last weekend they won the Ada East Central Tournament. They have won all three Invitational Tournaments they have entered this year and are currently ranked #3 in the state in 6A. And the CHS wrestling team is having a great season and are currently ranked #2 in the state in 6A.
- The legislative session begins on Monday, February 1st and obviously the main topic is going to be the State's revenue disaster that is occurring. Education along with all state agencies took a mandatory 3% cut last week for this fiscal year and has been told to prepare for an additional 5 to 6% cut for next fiscal year. These total cuts for CNP School will be over a million dollars and this is on top of us cutting a million dollars out of our budget at the beginning of this year. Our state is in a very big financial mess, most of it self-inflicted combined with the continued decline of oil and gas prices. Crafting next year's next budget is going to be a huge challenge.
- Not to end on a negative note, our nine schools have chosen their site Teacher of the Year and we will honor them and name our district teacher of the year at a dinner and celebration in April. The date for this celebration has yet to be determined.
- We will be out of school next Monday for Martin Luther King Day.

There were no comments from board members.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve an out of state trip for CHS Varsity Winter Guard to attend Winter Guard International Qualifying Regional in Kansas City on February 13, 2016. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve an out of state trip for CHS Varsity Winter Guard to attend WGI Championships in Dayton, OH on April 7-9, 2016. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Director of Finance, stated that we received good news that we had gained \$578,000 at mid-term. This was quickly followed by the announcement that we would receive a 3% budget cut resulting in \$292,000. Mr. Berry stated that we could possibly receive even more budget cuts this year. He stated that it hasn't been pretty but we will make it through this tough year.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – No's 702-734 - \$31,208.97; Fund 21 – No's 123-125 - \$2,000.00; Fund 22 - No's 78-79 - \$34,000; Fund 33 – No's 36-37 - \$3,145.00 and Fund 35 – No. 007 - \$1,303.90. The vote was unanimous.

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

Donna Cooper, Executive Director of Student Services/Curriculum, gave a brief report on district testing.

At 7:37 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 8:47 p.m., Ms. Matherly moved to return from open session, seconded by Mr. Crusoe. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve support resignations of: Allison Widener, effective 1/1/16 and Alma Goines (retire), effective 2/29/16. . The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup, to approve the evaluation and reemployment of Dr. Jim McCharen as Superintendent of Schools 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 8:51 p.m. following a motion made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Mr. Crusoe. The vote was unanimous.

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