

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2015 REGULAR MEETING – 7:00 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

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. Ms. Matherly moved and Mr. Crusoe seconded to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved and Ms. Parker seconded, to approve the August 10, 2015 board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Dr. McCharen stated that four (4) community partners had been nominated by Kelli Hosford, JGI Principal. Dr. McCharen introduced the first community partner, the Jeff Hogan Family. Ms. Hosford stated that Mr. Hogan and his family do a lot for our school district. Most recently, Ms. Hosford stated that she received a call from Ms. Hogan stating that her family would like to provide breakfast for the staff of JGI upon their return in August. The Hogan's supplied breakfast for the JGI staff as well as served the breakfast. The second community partner to be recognized was Chris Whorton. Ms. Hosford stated that after adding additional classrooms, the students needed a covered awning to pass under during inclement weather. Ms. Hosford reported that Mr. Whorton built and awning and also reconfigured the stair cases so they would function more effectively. The third community partner nominated by JGI was Tyler Hand. Ms. Hosford stated that Mr. Hand had been very helpful re-stripping lines in the parking lot and crosswalk at JGI. Most recently, Mr. Hand re-stripped the new road and JGI. The final community partner nominated and recognized by JGI was Ashley Pugh. Ms. Hosford stated that Ms. Pugh is extremely talented and she recently recovered a countertop in a classroom with contact paper and sealed it. Ms. Hosford stated that it looks like a granite countertop. On behalf of the school board and Dr. McCharen each of the community partners were presented with a certificate for their contributions to JGI and our school district.

Teri Gray, ACT President, stated that everyone is glad to be back and it has been a very smooth beginning to the school year. She is pleased that the ACT has ratified this year's contract and it will be presented to the board this evening for approval.

There were no comments from ESPO.

There were no comments from the floor on agenda items.

Dr. McCharen reported on the following:

- We are off to a really good start to the school year. Four weeks are already in the books and students have settled in to a productive routine. All of our schools had excellent open houses and parent nights to welcome parents and provide them with expectations for the year. The Yellowjacket football team has won their first two games and that always puts most everyone in a good mood. The CHS softball and volleyball teams also continue to do quite well along with our middle school athletics. The week of September 28th is homecoming week culminating with the football game on Friday, October 2nd. Also, the band is gearing up for their marching contest season and CHS Drama is working on their fall one-act play to defend their State Championship.
- Congratulations to Janice Modisette again for being named an Oklahoma All-State Board member. She was honored at the annual OSSBA/CCOSA Conference a couple of weeks ago. Our district also received \$400 because she was an all-state board member.
- Speaking of honors, next Tuesday, September 22nd, all six of our elementary schools will be recognized for being named "Great Expectations" Model Schools at the annual GE conference at UCO.
- Kevin Berry will present the 2015-16 budget this evening. It will be a very tight budget year. Our district and staff are going to do our part to make the budget work but now we are concerned about a potential state revenue shortfall which could result in school districts not receiving all of their allocated money. This would create a real challenge for us. We'll just have to see what happens.

There were no comments from board members.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve a contractual agreement for School Resource Officers with the City of Choctaw for the 2015/16 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve an out of state trip for CHS JRROTC to attend Cadets-In-Action Drill Competition in Denton, TX on September 26, 2015. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve an out of state trip for CHS Pom to perform during halftime of the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, LA from December 29, 2015 to January 2, 2016 (noted: correction on date listed on agenda from January 2, 2015 to 2016). The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve an out of state trip for CHS Competitive Debate to attend an out of state debate tournament in Chicago, IL on November 20-24, 2015. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup, to approve an out of state trip for CHS band to attend the Bands of America Super Regional contest in St. Louis, MO on October 16-18, 2015. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Director of Finance reported that he has been busy finalizing and certifying the state OCAS Data. Additionally, the Child Nutrition staff has been meticulously reviewing the free and reduced applications. With an increase in students that qualify for free and reduced meals, we are hoping that it will help us with the midterm funding. Mr. Berry stated that this evening he would be presenting the budget during the budget hearing.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – No's 337--474 - \$255,735.29; Fund 21 – No's 085-091 - \$5,246.50; Fund 22 - No's 055-061 - \$449.45; Fund 31 – No's 009-012 - \$9,174.05; Fund 32 – No's 026-028 - \$3,545.08; Fund 33 – No's 011-019 - \$9,575.73 and Fund 35 – No's 003-004 - \$10,328.69. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to open the 2015-16 Budget Hearing. Mr. Berry provided information to the board members and also copies for all attendees. He explained that our budget is \$650,000 lower than last year's budget and it is \$900,000 less than what we spent last school year. He reported that a lot of cuts had been made this year with the majority pertaining to staffing. Mr. Berry explained the content of the financial documents in the booklet provided to the board members and stated that he is hoping for a little growth at mid-term. Ms. Modisette opened the budget hearing up for comments from the public. With no comments or questions, Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to close the budget hearing. The vote was unanimous.

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

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve a Vehicle Lease Agreement between the City of Nicoma Park and Choctaw/Nicoma Park Schools. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Cooper, Executive Director of Student Services/Instruction stated that we recently received the results from the 2014-15 ACT scores for Choctaw High School students. She reported that she was very pleased with the results. With 232 participants, the students had an average of 21.3 which is above both the state and national averages. Ms. Cooper also explained the results on our state accreditation reports which are the next agenda item.

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

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

At 7:32 p.m. with a motion made by Ms. Parker, and seconded by Mr. Crusoe, the board voted to meet in executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 8:00 p.m., Ms. Matherly moved to return to open session, seconded by Ms. Parker. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup, to approve support resignations of: Karen McClure, effective 8/17/15; Stacia Barton, effective 8/7/15; Jennifer Patterson, effective 8/10/15; Peggy Vinyard-Routh, effective 8/10/15; Jessica Gilbert, effective 8/10/15; Kristen Breslin, effective 8/10/15; Melissa Jarvis, effective 8/10/15; Brandi Thomas, effective 8/10/15; Rose Ashley, effective 8/10/15; Thomas Rougeux, effective 8/17/15, Darlene Bechtold, effective 8/18/15 and Rachel Heilaman, effective 8/19/15. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve support recommendations of: Gail Stearman, effective 8/5/15; Judith Rutherford, effective 9/1/15; Mike Womack, effective 8/6/15; Jessica Nichols, effective 8/6/15; Dusti Gann, effective 9/1/15; Melissa Summervill, effective 9/11/15 and Christina Seagreaves, effective 9/7/15. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the ACT contract for the 2015/16 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup, too approve the Central Office Support Staff contract for 2015/16 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve Administrator/Director/Supervisor contract for 2015/16 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve the ESPO contract for the 2015/16 school year. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further business, the board meeting adjourned upon unanimous consent of the members at 8:04 p.m. following a motion made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Mr. Crusoe. The vote was unanimous.

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