MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2020 REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 P.M.
CHOCTAW/NICOMA PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION
Ind. Dist. 4, Oklahoma County, Oklahoma

Place of Meeting
Choctaw Elementary, 14663 N.E. 3rd, Choctaw, OK 73020

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

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

Ms. Parker moved and Ms. Matherly seconded, to approve the November 9, 2020 regular board meeting minutes and the December 2, 2020 special board meeting minutes. The vote was unanimous.

Amber Spradlin, ACT President, reported that as she thought about what to say at this evening’s meeting, she found herself speechless. Whenever she thought about 2020 the best words that came to mind were Covid, frustration, anxiety, strength, flexibility, growth, and technical expertise. She stated that she hopes 2021 will be more of a normal year for everyone. Mrs. Spradlin closed by wishing the board members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

There were no comments from board members.

Superintendent Reid made the following comments:

- Thank you to Cheryl Lidia and her staff for hosting our school board meeting this evening.
- Congratulations and thank you to Janice Modisette for filing to be a CNP school board member for five more years.
- We are in the final week of the first semester of the school year. Students will be wrapping of academic obligations and taking nine weeks and semester tests.
- Unfortunately, we used one of our inclement weather days today. This was done out of caution of black ice that was predicted for the metro area. This day will be made up on Friday, April 9, 2021. We have used three of the inclement weather days so far. The first was April 30th. The second was during the ice storm and will be made up on April 23rd. The third was used for today’s inclement weather day. We have three inclement weather days left in the calendar.
- Congratulations to Coach Corbin and the football team for making it to the state finals for the first time since 1960. It was a tremendous season. We saw the team progressively get better each week. We thank the seniors who will be graduating, but we are excited for a strong group of starters who are underclassmen and will lead an exciting CHS football season in 2021.
- We have transitioned into winter activities and sports. There are winter/holiday programs, concerts, and activities going on at our schools. These aren’t as numerous as most years due to the pandemic, but our administrators, athletic directors, and fine arts instructors are striving to make these opportunities available in a safe environment for students and patrons. This includes reducing attendance at events and requiring mitigating procedures such as wearing masks.
- Our sites are finalizing their voting for the Site Teacher of the Year and will have this completed by this Friday.
- Our schools and central office will be closed for winter break from Monday, December 21st until we come back on Monday, January 4th. This is typically a professional development day but we moved those all to the beginning of the school year so this will be a normal school day.

There were no comments from board members.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve an out of state trip request for CHS Varsity Cheer to attend NCA National High School Nationals on March 4-7, 2021 in Orlando, Florida. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to approve an out of state trip request for CHS Varsity Dance to attend NDA High School Nationals on March 4-7, 2021 in Orland, Florida. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to elect the following as new members of the board of directors of the Oklahoma Public Investment Interlocal Cooperative (55K001): Position No. 1: Pam Deering (CCOSA), Executive Director of Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administration, to a 2021-2023 term. Position No. 2: Don Ford
(OROS), Executive Director of Organization of Rural Oklahoma Schools, to a 2021-24 term. Position No. 3: Sean McDaniel (CCOSA), Superintendent of Oklahoma City Public Schools, to a 2021-23 term. Position No. 5: Matt Gindhart (OKASBO), Director of Finance of Metro Technology Center, to a 2021-2023 term. Position No. 12: Don Tice (OSSBA), Board Member of Oologah-Talala Public Schools, to a 2021-20203 term. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer, reported that at this time of the school year the business office is just sitting back and waiting to see how the revenues come in. He reported that he is anticipating a mid-term loss of $500,000-$600,000. Mr. Berry reported that it is not just our school district that is suffering, it is all school districts. Mr. Berry stated that there is good news regarding the school lunches. They will remain free throughout the remainder of this school year. He added that the Child Nutrition Department has been working hard to deliver meals to bus stops.

Mr. Crusoe moved and seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s 496 - 564 - $225,811.03; Fund 21 – #’s 116-121 - $14,120.87; Fund 22 - #’s 83 -86 - $124.10; Fund 36 - #’s 002-003 - $8,050.00; and Fund 86 - #’s 38-39 - $9,744.00. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker, to approve a three-year lease from Midwest Bus Sales on fourteen – 71 passenger buses and three – 45 passenger lift buses at an annual cost of $256,000. The vote was unanimous.

Ms. Parker moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup, to approve a lease with Midwest Bus Sales for an additional lift bus at an annual cost of $17,500. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve a rescheduled date for the Choctaw High School Tip-In Club for facility use requests for Choctaw High School, Choctaw Middle School, and Nicoma Park Middle School Gymnasiums on December 13-16, 2020. The vote was unanimous.

Kelli Hosford, Executive Director of Student Services reported that it has been very busy over the past few weeks. She reported that Rosetta Stone, a tutoring program, has been purchased for high school students and staff are currently in the process of completing training videos. Imagine Learning has been purchased for the elementary and middle schools and training for this program will be held on January 11th. Mrs. Hosford added that she would like to thank the site principals, teachers and paraprofessionals that were able to work quickly to get special education students back in class during the recent transition to distance learning. Mrs. Hosford closed by stating that we recently received results from our Compliance Report for Special Education from the Oklahoma State Department of Education. The report scores are from 0-50 with a goal of 0. We came in at a 3. She closed stating that she has met with a group of principals regarding the report and came up with a plan to resolve the few issues that were found.

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, stated that as expected, and with no great surprise, everyone is grateful to see 2020 leaving in a few short weeks. Dr. Gaona added that our curriculum councils have been developing goals for their departments as our district moves forward. Our meetings have been flexible this school year with in-person and Zoom combinations to allow those unable to meet in person the opportunity to participate.

Science teachers across the district have started receiving sample textbooks for this adoption year, but we have still not received information from the OSDE regarding if a traditional textbook caravan, a virtual textbook caravan or no textbook caravan will be available for teachers on the textbook adoption committee to see formal presentations from publishers. Principals received lists of their most at-risk students last month and I will include their plans for addressing these students in the annual Curriculum and Instruction Report next month. Dr. Gaona introduced Cheryl Lidia, CE Principal, to show off Choctaw Elementary’s music program. Mrs. Lidia played a video by CE music teacher, Jo Knoble. The video explained the changes that were made to the music program this year. Due to Covid, the students were not able to sing in large groups for precautionary measures. Mrs. Knoble explained the contents of the music packets, which she made over 350 packets, that were given to each student. She demonstrated the different items in the packets which are used by the students during music class. Mrs. Lidia closed by stating that this is just one example of the changes that have been implemented in an effort to keep students and staff safe this year.

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

At 6:32 p.m., Ms. Matherly moved and Ms. Parker seconded to enter executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:09 p.m., Ms. Matherly moved, seconded by Ms. Parker to return to open session. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the following support recommendations: Ruth Allsebrooke, effective 11/9/20 and Loydia Barnhart, effective 12/1/20. The vote was unanimous.
Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the following support resignations: Caroline Cooper, effective 12/2/20; Tassie Burke, effective 12/18/20 and Charles Tennison, effective 12/21/20. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the following certified resignations: Jean Giles, effective 12/18/20. The vote was unanimous.

There being no new business, at 7:11 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Ms. Parker to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

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