

**MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2022 REGULAR MEETING – 6:00 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

Elizabeth Parker, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Vice President Parker called roll to establish the following members present: Daryl Crusoe, Assistant Clerk; Pamela Matherly, Clerk and Janice Modisette, Member. President James Alsup was absent.

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

Mr. Crusoe moved and Ms. Matherly seconded to approve the March 7, 2022 regular board meeting minute, March 23, 2022, March 24, 2022 (a.m.), March 24, 2022 (p.m.), March 25, 2022 and April 7, 2022. The vote was unanimous.

Under student recognitions, Superintendent Reid stated that there were three students present for recognition. Mr. Reid stated that Paula Sendall emailed him and said that we had an All-Stater in the area of Academic Bowl. Mr. Reid stated that the academic team finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the state this year. He added that to make All-State in their area is extremely hard to do. Mr. Reid asked that CHS student, Cayman Ross come forward and asked Mrs. Sendall to say a few words. Mrs. Sendall stated that this is really hard to obtain in the State of Oklahoma. Only 36 students are chosen from all students nominated in the State across all classes. Mrs. Sendall stated that her awards activities were last weekend and added that Cayman was the first female player from Choctaw High School to receive All-State recognition. Cayman was presented a certificate of achievement by Vice President Elizabeth Parker. Mr. Reid added that we have two more students present this evening and asked CHS Counselor Kelly Collins to say a few words. Ms. Collins stated that Ana Dewey and Shaun Sumrell were both National Merit Finalist and Academic All-Staters and were present this evening. Mr. Reid asked Ana and Shaun to come forward. Dr. Collins stated that for National Merit, every year the preliminary scholastic aptitude test is given during the junior year and student can qualify for the National Merit Scholastic test. Approximately 1.5 million juniors take this test. Fifty thousand are selected to be semi-finalist based on their overall scores. Out of those 50,000, only 15,000 nationwide move forward to be National Finalist and Choctaw High School has two of those. Dr. Collins added that in her years at Choctaw High School, she doesn't believe we have ever had two finalists simultaneously. In addition to this, Dr. Collins stated that Academic All-State is awarded by the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence. Choctaw High School was blessed to have 15 students qualify for this award. Students are based on ACT scores of 30 or above, SAT of 1520 or higher and National Merit Semi-Finalist recognition and or National Hispanic recognition. The Top 100 are selected based on the application, essays and letters of recommendation and again we have two amazing students. We are thrilled at Choctaw High School to have Ana and Shaun as part of our senior class. Each were both presented certificates from Vice President Elizabeth Parker.

Next, the Choctaw Alumni Association board members came forward to make a presentation of the Choctaw Alumni Association Scholarship. President Judy Warren, Class of 1967, stated that she would like to introduce the board members that are present. Ms. Warren introduced Bob Whitaker, Sharon Taylor, BJ Christopher, Don Jernigan. Bob Whitaker stated that 3 years ago, they formed the mission of the Alumni Association. Their mission is what they consider the four P's: partnership with CNP Schools, Preservation of the Past, Promotion of the Present, and Pursuit of the Future. Of all the things the Alumni Association has done in the past 3 years, through this presentation tonight, Mr. Whitaker stated that he feels that will check off all of these boxes. Mr. Whitaker stated without the partnership with Superintendent Reid and his leadership and assistance in connecting them with the high school counselors, they couldn't have done this. Preservation of the past is accomplished because this scholarship is set up to honor the memory and legacy of one teacher that many of the alumni were honored to have been taught by, Ms. Ruth Elaine Shaw. She was the mathematics teachers and sponsor from the early 1950's to the late 1960's at Choctaw High School. Mr. Whitaker stated that Ms. Shaw was a class act. She knew her subject matter and was well respected and loved by all of those privileged to be under her tutelage. Mr. Whitaker stated that he felt this is very evident because of the donations received in her honor for this memorial scholarship. The promotion of the present and pursuit of the future by the very fact that we are investing in the current students at CHS and those who will be our future alumni. Mr. Whitaker asked that Cayman Ross and her parents come forward for this scholarship presentation. Mr. Whitaker added that Cayman will be attending Oklahoma State University and will be majoring in biology/pre-med focus. The Choctaw Alumni Association made a presentation of a \$2,000 check to Cayman as the recipient of the Ruth Shaw Memorial Scholarship.

Ambra Smith, ACT President stated that we have 27 days of school left and it is going very fast. Ms. Smith congratulated Mr. Alsup for his reelection. Ms. Smith stated that SB 1647 did not pass. She stated that it was voted on during spring break and thankfully it didn't pass. She added that we had one of our Senators voted against it (Senator Stanley) and one voted for it (Senator Jett). This was the bill that would have allowed students in private schools to receive public funding. At the last minute, they changed it where the money wouldn't come out of the formula for public schools but they came

up with 188 million dollars. Ms. Smith stated that she is curious where this money came from and why we can't put it toward public schools. She added that they are still working out a few issues with technology issues but everyone is very happy with the new technology. She added that ACT is giving out a scholarship at the high school awards ceremony and also two teachers will be receiving a scholarship to continue their education.

Don Alsup, Board President, entered the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

There were no comments from the floor regarding agenda items.

Superintendent Reid made the following comments:

- Congratulations to each of our elementary schools for once again achieving GE Model School status. This is quite an achievement and takes much work and preparation. The basic principles of the program are: high expectations for students, a learning climate based on mutual respect between student and teacher, student self-esteem, a belief that all students can learn, positive teacher attitude, and highly skilled and knowledgeable teachers who inspire and enable students to achieve success. Over 40,000 educators have been trained in the GE Methodology. Currently, there are only 105 GE Model Schools in Oklahoma, Texas, and Kansas and six of those our elementary schools in the Choctaw-Nicomac Park Schools District.
- The final quarter of the school year is moving rapidly. Including this week, we have only six weeks of school before summer break. During that time, we will have many assemblies at all grade levels, state testing, prom (April 23), Graduation (May 16), etc. It will be a busy yet productive time.
- School will be out this Friday for an unused inclement weather day.
- Congratulations to the CHS Winter Guard for finishing 13<sup>th</sup> at the WGI Scholastic Open held at the University of Dayton. There was only one school from the entire region, which was from Texas, that placed higher than the CHS Winter Guard.
- Congratulations to the Choctaw Concern Percussion Ensemble on their great performance at the WGPO State Championships.
- Spring athletics are in mid-season form. They will be winding down towards the end of April and beginning of May with post season tournaments.
- Construction update: Our architects continue meeting with each of our groups. The CHS main building project and the new elementary on the west side of the school district are moving along at a good rate. The building layout for each is getting closer as well as working on finalizing standards for the classroom additional district wide. The IME/JGI project is also moving along nicely. Superintendent Reid stated that they were able to see first renditions of the new office layout, media center, and PreK-Kindergarten wing this week.
- Superintendent Reid stated that Kelli Hosford, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services is absent this evening but left the following report: Over 80 Olympians represented CNP Schools in Putnam City last Thursday and Friday. OOAP testing has started. ESY preparations are rolling along. We have an excellent group of educators giving their time for ESY and this includes paraprofessionals and transportation. State testing begins April 20. Our counselors are taking care of business with testing preparation. Mrs. Hosford is inputting data on students that are new to the district since precode is closed. ACT testing went well. The ACT was given on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. SEARCH testing for next year is almost complete. District psychometrists are in process of completing any initial referrals that were submitted by March 11. District principals are still searching for special education teachers to fill posted positions.

Under board member comments, Janice Modisette stated that she had the pleasure of watching the percussion perform online. She stated that they are phenomenal and absolutely superb.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve renewal of membership with Oklahoma State School Boards Association. The vote was unanimous.

The next agenda item was election of board officers. President Alsup opened up nominations for the office of President. Mrs. Modisette nominated Elizabeth Parker and Mr. Crusoe seconded. The vote was unanimous. Next newly nominated President, Elizabeth Parker opened nominations for Vice President. Mr. Crusoe nominated Pamela Matherly, seconded by Mrs. Modisette. The vote was unanimous. President Parker opened nominations for the office of Clerk. Pamela Matherly nominated Daryl Crusoe, seconded by Don Alsup. The vote was unanimous. President Parker opened nominations for the office of Assistant Clerk. Mr. Alsup nominated Janice Modisette, seconded by Pamela Matherly. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin Berry, Chief Financial Officer, reported that it is quarter 4 and the Business Department is starting to work on closing everything out for this fiscal year. He added that they are working on closing out several federal monies that were

received for covid relief. We have a couple million dollars left of our ARP money that we will be carrying over for next year, which will be needed. The staff is working hard to close out purchase orders and get all of the bills paid by June 30<sup>th</sup>. We did have a special board meeting to sell our bonds. They were rated by Standard & Poors with an A+ rating on the bonds. This is very good for school districts in Oklahoma. It will help us with our interest rate and helps our patrons with saving a little money on interest. There is another wave of emergency connectivity funding which is part of our E-Rate program. This allows us to buy chrome books and laptop. Chrome books are purchased at basically no cost and we receive \$400 for each laptop. Mr. Berry added that he is unsure on how much money is available yet but there is a couple of billion dollars left. With round 1 of the funding, we received \$1,000,000 to purchase chrome books, laptops, etc. and round 2 we received a little less than \$800,000 and we purchased hot spots and more chrome books and laptops. With wave 3, we will look into purchasing more of these items. The deadline to apply is April 26<sup>th</sup> so we will be submitting that application soon. The way the process works with these connectivity funding, a quote is received from Dell and we submit that paperwork to the federal government. Dell will send the items directly to us and the federal government pays the invoice. We do not have to worry about purchase orders and payment. This is good for us because it saves a lot of paperwork on our end. Mr. Berry stated that he is in the process of hiring two positions to fill the position of employees (Payroll Specialist and Activity Fund Custodian) who are retiring. Once these are filled, we will be fully staffed in the Business Department for the beginning of the new school year. Mr. Berry reported that we received a federal grant in the amount of \$108,000 in Child Nutrition Services for covid point of sale. This helps with supply chains during covid. It allows us to purchase food and milk for our students and frees up others funds to allow us to do other things. Mr. Berry closed by stating that we are also looking at a new software system. The new software system was recommended to us by the State Department – Child Nutrition Services and it will better track meals and creates menus and more nutritional information is provided. This is something that was suggested after our audit so we will probably bring an agenda item to you next board meeting to approve this new software system. The system will fully integrate with PowerSchool.

Ms. Matherly moved and seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve encumbrances. Approved were the following: Fund 11 – #'s 852 -957 - \$327,323.95; Fund 21 – #'s 158-167 - \$33,240.00; Fund 31 - # 12 - \$2,213.62; Fund 33 - #'s 5 -7 \$14,097.34; Fund 36 - #'s 6 –11 - \$12,70130; Fund 39 - #4 - \$4,022.59 and Fund 86 -# 29-31 - \$5,319.99. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Mr. Alsup to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office to provide a School Resource Officer for the 2022-23 school year. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Mr. Crusoe to approve the contract renewal of PowerSchool for the 2022-23 school year. The vote was unanimous.

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

Dr. JeanAnn Gaona, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, reported that she had hoped that tonight the beautiful new presentation system behind the board members would be in place so that we could share our information in a more engaging manner; however, today has definitely been a Monday. Today the screen showed damage in the upper right corner, so it will be exchanged under warranty soon. However, the Smartpanels installed throughout the district continue to be troubleshooted. Dr. Gaona added that Janna Walters is now in the process of preparing the last 1,000 Chromebooks that we received through the last E-rate Grant that Kevin had mentioned. They will be distributed throughout the district replacing outdated technology and buffing up our numbers. We have received a grant for approximately \$75,000 for the education of homeless students. Elementary teachers will soon be voting on textbook adoption for English Language Arts. This adoption will provide reading, spelling and grammar curriculum materials for our teachers in PK-5th grade for the next six years. The OSDE has developed a more rigorous screening process to provide districts with information regarding publishers with materials that meet state standards. In years past, we were given a list of publishers from whom to adopt and we would often then be forced to purchase or create supplemental materials not provided by the publisher. Two publishers, Savvas and McGraw-Hill have materials that meet all criteria as outlined by the OSDE. These are the only two publishers which received an exemplary status. Elementary teachers will have the opportunity to see a presentation from Savvas on Thursday after school. Dr. Gaona stated that she hopes to hear back soon from the McGraw-Hill representative. Dr. Gaona added that she will meet with Elementary principals and reading teachers on Thursday morning to discuss steps moving forward on Phonics materials to support our elementary school classrooms. And finally, Dr. Gaona stated that our first in-person Title VI event will occur on Thursday evening, April 21 with Fancy Dancers and fried bread at Choctaw Middle School. Last year we sent summer learning backpacks home with qualifying students from Title VI. This year, we will fulfill a request of around 60 more of these instructional backpacks for students. She stated that she and Debbie Worley are working to finalize plans for our July three week summer school which includes a course and credit recovery program for middle school and high school students. This will be funded using American Rescue Plan funds. In closing, Dr. Gaona stated that the items from Attachment C in the packets are surplus inventory which includes old and damaged material from Choctaw High School's media center. These items must be approved as surplus by the board of education so that they can be donated, sold or discarded.

Mrs. Modisette moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly, to approve library books as listed on Attachment as surplus items. The vote was unanimous.

At 6:40 p.m., Ms. Matherly made a motion, Mr. Alsup seconded, to enter into executive session. The vote was unanimous.

At 7:18 p.m., by a motion from Ms. Matherly and a second by Mr. Alsup, the board voted to return to open session. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve the following certified recommendations: Hanna Pruegert\*\*, effective 7/1/22; Leslie Bork\*, effective 7/1/22; Lindsay Judd\*, effective 7/1/22; Monica Brown\*, effective 7/1/22; Dalia Jovanovic\*, 7/1/22; Lindsey Hartman\*, effective 7/1/22; Samantha Lane\*, effective 7/1/22; Michele Reinke\*, effective 7/1/22; Tiffany Dowell\*, effective 7/1/22; Corey Hawk\*, effective 7/1/22; Matt McGinley\*, effective 7/1/22; Mitchell Gomez\*, effective 7/1/22; Allison Johnson\*, effective 7/1/22; Bailey Lowe\*, effective 7/1/22; Amanda Baker\*, effective 7/1/22; Marianne Douglas\*, effective 7/1/22; Brennan Hodges\*, effective 7/1/22; Nicolle Savage\*, effective 7/1/22; Katherine Hale\*, effective 7/1/22; Chelsea Truster\*, effective 7/1/22; Lindsay Asher\*, effective 7/1/22; Angela Horton\*, effective 7/1/22; Lindsey Hartman\*, effective 7/1/22; Cynthia Hanna\*, effective 7/1/22; Edwin Tillinger\*, effective 7/1/22; Kendra Mooney\*, effective 7/1/22; Melinda Gundersen\*, effective 7/1/22; Bryan Procter\*, effective 7/1/22; Courtney Shive\*, effective 7/1/22; LaToya Jacobs\*, effective 7/1/22; Rachel Frisbee\*, effective 7/1/22; Kimberly Bonner\*, effective 7/1/22; Terence Carter\*, effective 7/1/22; Crystal Yacko\*, effective 7/1/22; Linda Dugay\*, effective 7/1/22; Holly Foster\*, effective 7/1/22; Christine Sundly\*, effective 7/1/22; Taylor Gutierrez\*\*, effective 7/1/22; Megan Thompson\*\*, effective 7/1/22; Jennifer McEntyre\*, effective 7/1/22; Sarah Carter\*, effective 7/1/22; Mary-Ashley Prothe\*, effective 7/1/22; Patricia Whitbeck\*, effective 7/1/22; Janet Cornsilk\*, effective 7/1/22; Amy Barbee\*, effective 7/1/22; James Horton\*, effective 7/1/22; Melanie Kubitscheck\*\*, effective 7/1/22; Mason Anthony\*\*, effective 7/1/22; Megan DeQuasie\*, effective 7/1/22; Sheridan Starr\*, effective 7/1/22; Travis Irwin\*, effective 7/1/22; Jessica Walker\*\*, effective 7/1/22; Janet Cornsilk\*\*, effective 2/18/22; Ketty Loudenslager\*\*, effective 2/21/22; Haylee Sturdy\*, effective 7/1/22; Stacia Peterson\*, effective 7/1/22; Zoe Kordic\*, effective 7/1/22; Jessica Watson\*, effective 7/1/22; Cody Jones\*, effective 7/1/22; Christie Shea\*, effective 7/1/22; Craig Broughton\*, effective 7/1/22; Alexandria McGhee\*\*, effective 7/1/22; Bradley Tyler-Clark\*\*, effective 7/1/22; Kaitlyn Robison\*, effective 7/1/22; Megan Stump\*, effective 7/1/22; Jake Allee\*, effective 7/1/22; Taryn Weber\*\*, effective 7/1/22; Alarie Davis\*, effective 7/1/22; Chris Caines\*, effective 7/1/22; William Thorpe\*, effective 7/1/22; Natalie Crozier\*\*, effective 7/1/12; Lanesha Long\*, effective 7/1/22; Doris Coleman\*, effective 7/1/22; Karla Joiner\*\*, effective 7/1/22; Katherine Ethridge\*\*, effective 7/1/22; Crystal Young\*\*, effective 7/1/22; Jennifer Greene\*\*, effective 7/1/22; Bree Nelson\*\*, effective 7/1/22; James Dodrill\*, effective 7/1/22; Jermaine Simpson\*, effective 7/1/22; Jennifer Freer\*, effective 7/1/22; Kylie Snyder\*, effective 7/1/22; Chelsi Dotson\*\*, effective 7/1/22; and Timber Hatfield\*\*, effective 7/1/22. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette, to approve the following certified resignations: Melissa Yocum, effective 5/20/22; Glendia Warren, effective 5/20/22; Kimes Gilbert, effective 5/20/22; Jaylynn Carden, effective 5/20/22; Erin Smith, effective 5/20/22; Destiny Corbin, effective 5/20/22; Mari Fenderson (retire), effective 5/20/22; Beverly Woods (retire), effective 6/30/22; Greg Bryant, effective 3/31/22; Jerika Herbert, effective 5/20/22; Heather Carr, effective 5/20/22; Chelsea Zuniga, effective 5/20/22; Justin Mayhew, effective 4/5/22; and Carlene Seutter, effective 5/20/22. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve the following support recommendations: Jessica Guerrero, effective 3/8/22; Tina Lovell, effective 3/9/22; Trina Straub, effective 3/21/22; Dakota Royal, effective 4/4/22; Melody Lewis, effective 3/29/22; Carleigh Woods, effective 7/1/22; and Kellie Meiwes, effective 7/1/22. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Mrs. Modisette to approve the following support resignations: Kerri Moore, effective 3/7/22; Faunda Bryant, effective 3/25/22; Valerie Stiver, effective 3/10/22; Sherry Cheely (abandonment of position), effective 3/10/22; Jan Roper, effective 6/30/22; Michelle Crouch (retire), effective 4/1/22; Brittany Ramirez, effective 5/20/22; Melody Hollman, effective 4/18/22. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Crusoe moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to name Matt McFarland as the Director of Transportation beginning July 1, 2022. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Alsup moved, seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve the reemployment of regular site teachers for the 2022/23 school year as listed on Attachment B – Personnel Report. The vote was unanimous.

There being no further new business, at 7:21 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Modisette and seconded by Ms. Matherly to adjourn. The vote was unanimous.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

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Don Alsup, President

Elizabeth Parker, Vice President

Pamela Matherly, Clerk

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Daryl Crusoe, Asst. Clerk

Janice Modisette, Member