

**NOWATA PUBLIC SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting

High School Commons Area
707 West Osage
Nowata, Oklahoma 74048

January 11, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Rick Reid, President
Debra Fink, Clerk
Rick Holland, Member
Jim Pierson, Member
Fred Bailey, Superintendent
Dee Armstrong, Board Minute Clerk

Member Absent: Bill Maddux, Vice-president

Posting of Agenda:
Date: January 6, 2010
Time: 5:08 p.m.
Person: Fred Bailey
Location: Office of the Superintendent
Office of Nowata County Clerk
Municipal Office

- Item 1. The president called the meeting to order in the high school commons area and noted those who were present and absent.
- Item 2. Michelle Miller, Kathy Berry, Bron Williams, Doug Boughner and a number of patrons were also present at the meeting. A copy of the list of patrons present will be attached.
- Item 3. The board recognized Charles Steigerwald and Eddie Curran, representing the Nowata Quarterback Club. Mr. Steigerwald and Mr. Curran spoke in support of Coach Eric Walkingstick. The board thanked them for their input.
- Item 4. Mr. Holland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Fink, to approve the following items on the consent agenda:
- A. Minutes of the December 10, 2009, Special Meeting
 - B. Minutes of the December 14, 2009, Regular Meeting
 - C. Treasurer's Report for December 2009
 - D. General Fund Expenditure Comparison Analysis for December 2009

The motion carried (4-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Reid-yes. A copy of the documents will be made part of the permanent board file.

Item 5. Mrs. Fink made a motion to approve encumbrances #595 through #608 in the amount of \$47,621.57 from the General Fund. Mr. Pierson seconded and the motion carried, (4-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Reid-yes. A copy of the encumbrance register and change order listing will be made part of the permanent board file.

Item 6. Mr. Holland made a motion to approve the Student Activity Fund Custodian's Report and transfers for the month of December 2009, seconded by Mrs. Fink. The motion carried (4-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Reid-yes. A copy of these documents will be made part of the permanent board file.

Item 7. The superintendent reported the following:

- 1) We have missed five days of school because of snow and ice. We are covered, however because there are five days built into the calendar for inclement weather. Also, we are only required to be in class 1,080 hours and our schedule is such that we will exceed that amount by several days.
- 2) There are ongoing cuts in the State's budget. If schools have the same percentage of cuts at the beginning of the 2010-2011 term, Nowata will have approximately \$475,000 less than we had at the beginning of the 2009-2010 school year. We are considering additional budget cuts here at the school by shortening the number of days school is in session which would save approximately \$4,200 per day. On a temporary basis, we are also considering cutting the number of support employees and shortening the number of days other support employees work.

Item 8. Michelle Miller, Elementary Principal:

- 1) There will be no classes on January 18, 2010. That date will be a Professional Development day. The teachers will be working on curriculum alignment with their content area teams.
- 2) Report cards go out on Friday.

Item 9. Kathy Berry, Middle School Principal:

- 1) Mr. Bennett's eighth grade class won the Christmas food drive, but sixth grade was very close. Mrs. Berry is very proud of her students for their efforts.
- 2) Middle School is getting back into the swing of things and report cards will go out this week.

Item 10. Bron Williams, High School Principal:

- 1) The Dewey basketball game has been rescheduled for February 16, 2010.
- 2) Report cards will go out Friday.

Item 11. Mr. Pierson made a motion to adjourn to an executive session to discuss the following:

- A. The Personnel Report
- B. A reduction in Personnel for the remainder of this fiscal year, 25 O.S. Section 307 (B)(1)
- C. The Superintendent's evaluation and contract for the 2010-2011 school term. 25 O.S. Section 307 (B)(1)

Mrs. Fink seconded and the motion carried (4-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Reid-yes.

- Item 12. Mr. Holland made a motion to acknowledge that the board had returned to open session. Mr. Pierson seconded and the motion carried (4-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Reid-yes.
- Item 13. The president reported that during the executive session, the board discussed the Personnel Report, a reduction in Personnel for the remainder of this fiscal year, and the superintendent's evaluation and contract for the 2010-2011 school term.
- Item 14. Mr. Pierson made a motion to approve the items on the Personnel Report. Mrs. Fink seconded and the motion carried (4-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Reid-yes. A copy of the Personnel Report will be made part of the permanent board file.
- Item 15. Mr. Pierson made a motion to approve a reduction in personnel, seconded by Mrs. Fink. The motion carried (4-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Reid-yes.
- Item 16. Mrs. Fink made a motion to approve a contract with the Superintendent for the 2010-2011 school term. Mr. Holland seconded and the motion carried (4-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Reid-yes.
- Item 17. Mr. Pierson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Fink. The motion carried (4-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Reid-yes. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education

Member

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