

**NOWATA PUBLIC SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting

High School Commons Area
707 West Osage
Nowata, Oklahoma 74048

October 12, 2009

7:00 p.m.

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

Date: Posting of Agenda:
October 9, 2009
Time: 10:00 a.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..
- Item 2. Doug Boughner, Kathy Berry, Michelle Renfro, and Bron Williams, were also present at the meeting.
- Item 3. Mr. Maddux made a motion, seconded by Mr. Holland, to approve the following items on the consent agenda:
- A. Minutes of the September 14, 2009 Regular Meeting
 - B. Treasurer's Report for September 2009
 - C. General Fund Expenditure Comparison Analysis for September 2009

The motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-yes. A copy of the documents will be made part of the permanent board file.

- Item 4. Mr. Maddux made a motion to approve encumbrances #400 through #485 in the amount of \$69,169.58 from the General Fund. Mrs. Fink seconded and the motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-yes. A copy of the encumbrance register and change order listings will be made part of the permanent board file.

- Item 5. Mr. Holland made a motion to approve the Student Activity Fund Custodian's Report and transfers for the month of September 2009. Mr. Maddux seconded and the motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-yes. A copy of the reports will be made part of the permanent board file.
- Item 6. Superintendent's Report:
- 1) Oklahoma is in a State budget crises. In July and August, general revenue collections were down 275.3 million or 29.1 percent, from the same period last year, and 209.7 million or 23.1 percent below the 2010 estimate. This month we were cut 4.35 percent or \$14,485. We are okay at this time, but if these cuts continue or grow we will need to make some personnel cuts. We will go into executive session later to discuss this possibility.
 - 2) Last week we sent a note home with every student notifying parents that we had a confirmed case of H1N1. Since then we have had one case in the high school, and six in the elementary. Our absenteeism has been about seven to eight percent last week and ten percent today. I understand that some surrounding schools have been as high as fifteen to seventeen percent. This week is Fall Break, and I hope by next Monday we won't have as many absent.
 - 3) A reminder to everyone that one week from Wednesday, we will have our Board Workshop, Wednesday, October 21, at the Regent Bank Community Room. The workshop will address the "Roles and Responsibilities of School Board Members."
 - 4) Our API reports are in and our district score was 1330. We are now above state average and climbing.
- Item 7. Bron Williams, High School Principal, told the board that Parent/Teacher Conferences will begin tomorrow from 3:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday, October 14, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
- Item 8. The superintendent distributed a report on the district's API scores with graphs and charts for each individual school. Bron Williams, Kathy Berry, Middle School Principal, and Michelle Miller, Elementary School Principal, each discussed their site's scores and responded to questions from the board.
- Item 9. There was no status report from the Nowata Classroom Teachers' Association.
- Item 10. Mr. Pierson made a motion to approve a request from the Nowata High School Cheerleaders to attend the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, December 30, 2009 through January 3, 2010. Mrs. Fink seconded and the motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-yes.
- Item 11. Mr. Maddux made a motion to convene in an executive session to discuss Agenda Item IX-A. Mr. Holland seconded and the motion carried as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-yes.

- Item 12. Mr. Maddux made a motion to acknowledge that the board had returned to open session, seconded by Mr. Holland. The motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-yes.
- Item 13. The President reported that during executive session, the board discussed a possible reduction in staff due to the possibility of budget cuts.
- Item 14. There was no new business to come before the board.
- Item 15. Mr. Maddux made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Holland. The motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education

Member

Member

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