

**NOWATA PUBLIC SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting**

High School Commons Area  
707 West Osage  
Nowata, Oklahoma 74048

February 8, 2010

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

Member Absent:

Posting of Agenda:  
Date: February 5, 2010  
Time: 10:30 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 and noted that all members were present.
- Item 2. Michelle Renfro, 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 to these minutes.
- Item 3. The board recognized Richard Dobson and Patrick Hagerman. Both Mr. Dobson and Mr. Hagerman spoke in support of Coach Eric Walkingstick. The board also recognized Carissa Pierce, who spoke regarding the school board election on Tuesday.
- Item 4. Mr. Holland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pierson to approve the following items on the consent agenda:
- A. Minutes of the January 11, 2010, Regular Meeting
  - B. Treasurer's Report for January 2010
  - C. General Fund Expenditure Comparison Analysis for January 2010

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 5. Mr. Holland made a motion to approve encumbrances #609 through #645 in the amount of \$65,174.53 from the General Fund, #33 in the amount of \$111.95 from the Child Nutrition Fund, and #16 in the amount of \$50.00 from the Gifts Fund. 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 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 January 2010, seconded by Mr. Maddux. The motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-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) Our legislators have convened and plan on dipping into the State Rainy Day Fund. I'm not sure how much this means for public education. We don't know if that means there will be no additional cuts for this year, or that we might get part of our \$500,000 back. We don't know how much of the Rainy Day Fun they will use for next year's budget.
- 2) We have missed seven days of school due to weather. There were three days built into our calendar plus we will have ten fewer days this year. This leaves six extra days that we will use for bad weather days or take off at the end of the school year.
- 3) Tulsa Public Schools will vote on a three hundred million-dollar bond issue this year. Pawhuska just passed an eight million dollar bond issue. The superintendent has contacted an architect, a bond company, and is consulting with another bond company to find out how much we can spend and what we can build. He hopes to have some tentative numbers by our march meeting.
- 4) Tuesday, February 9, 2010, is our annual school board election. We have two candidates running for the at-large board position. They are Mrs. Carissa Pierce, and Dr. Patrick Hagerman. The poles will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. All regular voting precincts will be open.

Item 8. Michelle Miller, Elementary Principal:

- 1) No classes will be in session on Monday, February 15. This will be a professional day for teachers. Ann Fiala will be here to train teachers on the use of Differentiated Instruction.
- 2) Fifth grade is busy practicing for the state writing test that will take place on February 24, 2010.

- 3) Spring pictures will be taken on February 25, 2010.
- 4) Read Across America is March 1 through March 5. We will be having fun activities, guest readers, etc., to encourage reading to our young people.
- 5) The elementary book fair will also be held during this week.
- 6) We are concentrating on getting everything covered before testing in April.

Item 9. Kathy Berry, Middle School Principal:

- 1) Basketball season is about to wrap up. Our last game will be next Thursday with Pawhuska.
- 2) Progress reports were sent out Friday, February 5, 2010.
- 3) We offer tutoring before and after school and need more students to take advantage of this opportunity.
- 4) The eighth grade writing test will be February 24, 2010.

Item 10. Bron Williams, High School Principal:

- 1) Tuesday night will be senior night at the basketball game.
- 2) Our varsity teams will play on Friday at Sperry. That night is Sperry's Homecoming so our boys will play the first game. Homecoming is Saturday, February 13, at 3:30 p.m. The boys will play at 4:00 p.m. and the girls will play immediately after.
- 3) Mr. Osborn and staff members are working on the End of Instruction schedule. We will have EOI study session as we did last year.
- 4) Mr. Williams thanked the Booster Club for upgrading the gym. They have done a great job.

Item 11. The superintendent recommended that the board approve a joint agreement with Tri County Tech for a TECHWORKS Academy. Mr. Holland made a motion to approve the superintendent's recommendation. 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 contract will be made part of the permanent board file.

Item 12. Mrs. Fink made a motion to adjourn to an executive session to discuss agenda items IX-A through C. Mr. Pierson seconded and the motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-yes.

- Item 13. Mr. Pierson made a motion to acknowledge that the board had returned to open session. Mrs. Fink seconded and the motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-yes.
- Item 14. The president reported that during the executive session the board discussed the Head Football coaching position, the Principals' evaluations and possible personnel and program cuts for the 2010-2011 school term.
- Item 15. Mrs. Fink made a motion to approve an extra-duty contract with Eric Walkingstick as Varsity Head Football coach for the 2010-2011 school term. Mr. Pierson seconded and the motion carried (4-1) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Reid-yes, Maddux-no.
- Item 16. Mr. Pierson made a motion to approve a contract with Bron Williams as High School Principal for the 2010-2011 school term. Mrs. Fink seconded and the motion carried (4-1) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-no, Fink-yes, Reid-yes, Maddux-yes.
- Item 17. Mr. Maddux made a motion to approve a contract with Kathy Berry as Middle School Principal for the 2010-2011 school term. Mr. Holland seconded and the motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-yes.
- Item 18. Mr. Holland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pierson, to approve a contract with Michelle Renfroe as Elementary Principal for the 2010-2011 school term. Motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-yes.
- Item 19. Mrs. Fink made a motion to approve a contract with Tana Haas as Elementary Assistant Principal/Curriculum Director for the 2010-2011 school term. Mr. Holland seconded and the motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-yes.
- Item 20. With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Maddux made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Pierson. Motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**President, Board of Education**

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**Clerk, Board of Education**

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