

**NOWATA PUBLIC SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting

High School Commons Area
707 West Osage
Nowata, Oklahoma 74048

March 7, 2011

6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Rick Reid, President
Patrick Hagerman, Vice-president
Clint Hallett, Clerk
Rick Holland, Member
Fred Bailey, Superintendent
Dee Armstrong, Board Minute Clerk

Member Absent: Bill Maddux, Member

Posting of Agenda:

Date: March 4, 2011
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 and noted those present and absent.
- Item 2. Tana Haas, Tina Hubert, Darla Wright, Stacey Kempton, Renee Stone, Jon Stone, Laurinda Boultinghouse, Gina Thompson, Deedee Hewitt, Ty Hewitt, Carolann Stinnett, Tammie Lewis, Cathy McFarland, Kevin Holdredge, and Tracy Hester were also present at the meeting.
- Item 3. Mr. Hagerman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hallett to approve the following items on the consent agenda:
- A. Minutes of the February 14, 2011, Regular Meeting
 - B. Treasurer's Report for February 2011
 - C. General Fund Expenditure Comparison Analysis for February 2011

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

- Item 4. Mr. Hagerman made a motion to approve encumbrances #532 through #564 in the amount of \$14,500.84 from the General Fund, #6 in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the Building Fund, and #10 in the amount of \$47.00 from the Gifts and Endowments Fund. Dr. Reid seconded and the motion carried (4-0) as follows: Holland-yes, Hallett-yes, Hagerman-yes,

Reid-yes. A copy of the encumbrance register and change order listing will be made part of the permanent board file.

Item 5. Mr. Hagerman made a motion to approve the Student Activity Fund Report for the month of February. Mr. Hallett seconded and the motion carried (4-0) as follows: Holland-yes, Hallett-yes, Hagerman-yes, Reid-yes. A copy of the report will be made part of the permanent board file.

Item 6. The Superintendent reported the following:

- 1) We have no new information from State Department of Education on next year's budget. I am still expecting a \$30,000 to \$40,000 cut. However we are hoping for a large carry-over this year and that will help us through next year.
- 2) We have seen an increase in student count this past month. We are up eight students at the elementary, one at the middle school and two at the high school.
- 3) We had major damage at the pool during the last snow storm. One of the water lines burst and we had to hire a plumber at a cost of \$1,000. The water pressure from the broken pipe caused some concrete blocks in the wall to be blown out and the repair bill was approximately \$1,000. The water ran for some time before the damage was discovered and our water bill for the pool was \$5,700. We are hopeful that our school insurance will reimburse us for most of the cost.
- 4) Several architectural engineers were here to discuss a new bond issue and while they were here I had them look at the old Middle School building. They reported that the steel support beams under the bleachers and the stage have deteriorated from standing water so much that it would be unsafe to allow anyone in the bleachers or on the stage. There are also parts of the ceiling that are falling and the bleachers are pulling away from the wall. This will cause a scheduling problem for our middle school basketball practice and games.
- 5) We will have a special board meeting on Wednesday, March 9, or Thursday, March 10, to introduce a proposed resolution for another bond election.

Item 7. Michelle Renfroe, Elementary Principal:

- 1) Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday, March 8, from 3:30 until 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 9, from 3:30 until 5:30.
- 2) State writing tests will be given on Wednesday, March 9.
- 3) The elementary book fair took place last week.
- 4) We have finished our last quarter benchmark assessments. We will use the results to fine-tune our focus for the math and reading tests.

Item 8. Kathy Berry, Middle School Principal:

- 1) Middle School Parent/Teacher Conferences will be Tuesday, March 8, from 3:30 until 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday, March 9, from 3:30 until 5:30.
- 2) We will have our State writing tests Wednesday, March 9.
- 3) Middle School students last Benchmark assessments will take place over the next three days.

Item 9. Bron Williams, High School Principal:

- 1) Basketball season is over for the high school. Zach Truesdell and Greg Renfroe played in the boys all-star game and Sammie Ketcham played in the girls' all-star game. Spring sports are beginning with Tennis, Golf, Baseball, and Track.
- 2) We are calling parents in preparation for Parent/Teacher conferences.
- 3) ACT tests went well. We had thirty-six students along with several walk-ins whose ACT testing dates had changed because of the weather.

Item 10. Tina Hubert, representing the Nowata Classroom Teacher Association reported that they will have an NCTA meeting Wednesday, March 23, at 3:30 p.m. OEA communications consultant, Jeff Savage, will be there to discuss proposed bills that will affect education.

Item 11. After discussion regarding a proposed policy concerning academic eligibility, the agenda item was withdrawn and no action was taken.

Item 12. Mr. Hagerman made a motion to approve a resolution to ban corporal punishment in our school. Dr. Reid seconded and the motion carried (3-1) as follows: Hallett-No, Reid-yes, Hagerman-yes, Holland-yes.

Item 13. Mr. Hagerman made a motion to approve a revised school calendar for the 2010-2011 school term. Dr. Reid seconded and the motion carried (4-0) as follows: Hallett-yes, Reid-yes, Hagerman-yes, Holland-yes. A copy of the calendar will be made part of the permanent board file.

Item 14. Mr. Hagerman made a motion to approve a contract with Jack H. Jenkins, CPA to conduct the 2010-2011 fiscal year audit. Mr. Hallett seconded and the motion carried, (4-0) as follows: Hallett-yes, Reid-yes, Hagerman-yes, Holland-yes. A copy of the contract will be made part of the permanent board file.

Item 15. After discussion, the board set the date for a Special Meeting for Thursday, March 10, at 11:00 p.m.

Item 16. With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Hagerman made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Holland seconded and motion carried (4-0) as follows: Holland-yes, Hallett-yes, Hagerman-yes, Reid-yes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education

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