

**NOWATA PUBLIC SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting**

High School Commons Area  
707 West Osage  
Nowata, Oklahoma 74048

April 11, 2011

6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Rick Holland, President  
Clint Hallett, Clerk  
Bill Maddux, Member (Arrived 6:25 p.m.)  
Rick Reid, Member  
Fred Bailey, Superintendent  
Dee Armstrong, Board Minute Clerk

Member Absent: Patrick Hagerman, Vice-president

Posting of Agenda:

Date: April 8, 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. Abigail Singrey, Tina Hubert, Deedee Hewitt, Gina Thompson, Margie Learned, Becky Burch, and Darla Wright were also present at the meeting.
- Item 3. Dr. Reid made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hallett to approve the following items on the consent agenda:
- A. Minutes of the March 7, 2011, Regular Meeting
  - B. Minutes of the March 10, 2011 Special Meeting
  - C. Treasurer's Report for March 2011
  - D. General Fund Expenditure Comparison Analysis for March 2011

The motion carried (3-0) as follows: Hallett-yes, Holland-yes, Reid-yes. A copy of the documents will be made part of the permanent board file

- Item 4. Dr. Reid made a motion to approve encumbrances #565 through #638 in the amount of \$21,553.26 from the General Fund, and #23 through #26 in the amount of \$1,920.77 from the Child Nutrition Fund. Mr. Hallett seconded and the motion carried (3-0) as follows: Holland-yes, Hallett-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. Hallett made a motion to approve the Student Activity Fund Report for the month of March. Dr. Reid seconded and the motion carried (3-0) as follows: Holland-yes, Hallett-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) No changes to the news coming from State Department of Education regarding our budget. We continue to expect cuts of approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000. Our carryover this year should exceed last year's and if that is the case, it will cover the deficit.
- 2) I will conduct meetings at 6:00 p.m., April 19, 6:00 p.m. April 28, and 6:00 p.m. May 3 to provide information on the bond election.
- 3) After consulting with a Structural Engineer, we have been advised to block off the stage and the bleachers at the Boys and Girls Club gymnasium. At this time we are not allowing access to the facility. We will need to remove the dropped ceiling, remove the loose plaster from the old ceiling, replace the dropped ceiling, repair the roof and we will be able to use the floor for practice.
- 4) There are lots of spring activities going on and we are just starting our end of year testing.

Item 7. Michelle Renfroe, Elementary Principal:

- 1) It's crunch time at the elementary. Our teachers are focusing on teaching those last concepts and skills before testing.
- 2) We have two certified reading specialists, two certified staff members and two teacher assistants who do small group interventions throughout the day. We also are having afternoon school tutoring on Tuesday and Thursday.

Item 8. Kathy Berry, Middle School Principal:

- 1) Our seventh and eighth grade academic team went to state competition. This is the third year for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, however, this year's team was out of the competition after the first round.
- 2) We are getting prepared for testing. Regent Bank and Arvest Bank are donating funds to provide snacks for our students.
- 3) Eighth grade graduation exercises will be May 16 with a dance following.

Item 9. Bron Williams, High School Principal:

- 1) Senior Night for winter and spring sports will be Monday, April 18, at the ball field.

- 2) Prom is this Saturday night, April 16. The After Prom will be at the Fair Building and will be similar to last year's After Prom party. Festivities for After Graduation have been taken over by the seniors' parents.
- 3) Tutoring continues to take place on Mondays and Thursdays in preparation for the End of Instruction tests.

Item 10. Tina Hubert, representing the Nowata Classroom Teacher Association reported that NCTA held a meeting on March 23, 2011. OEA representative, Jeff Savage spoke about the education bills in process right now and the importance of contacting our legislators about the bills. He said the future of education funding in our state looks bleak.

NCTA will begin negotiations soon for the 2011-2012 school year. They will also have a meeting May 23, 2011, to elect officers for next year.

Item 11. Dr. Reid made a motion to approve an Application for Temporary Appropriations for the 2011-2012 school term in the amount of \$6,829,600 for the General Fund, \$184,978 for the Building Fund, and \$340,513 for the Child Nutrition Fund. Mr. Hallett seconded and the motion carried (3-0) as follows: Hallett-yes, Reid-yes, Holland-yes. A copy of the Application will be made part of the permanent board file.

Item 12. Dr. Reid made a motion to approve a proposed school calendar for the 2011-2012 school term. Mr. Hallett seconded and the motion carried (3-0) as follows: Hallett-yes, Reid-yes, Holland-yes. A copy of the calendar will be made part of the permanent board file.

Item 13. Mr. Hallett made a motion to approve the Personnel Report for the month of April 2011. Dr. Reid seconded and the motion carried, (3-0) as follows: Hallett-yes, Reid-yes, Holland-yes. A copy of the Personnel Report will be made part of the permanent board file.

Item 14. Under new business, the superintendent told the board that the Lincoln School Scholarship Committee would like to use the old Lincoln School Building for their meetings. The board agreed that they should be allowed to use the building.

Item 15. Mr. Maddux arrived at the meeting, addressed agenda item VIII-B and distributed a Nowata School District Performance Analysis for the years 2003 to 2010. He discussed the content of the analysis and encouraged our teachers and administrators to explore new methods for teaching, discipline and raising test scores for Nowata students.

Item 16. With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Maddux made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hallett seconded and the motion carried (4-0) as follows: Maddux-yes, Holland-yes, Hallett-yes, Reid-yes. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**President, Board of Education**

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**Clerk, Board of Education**

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