

**NOWATA PUBLIC SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting**

High School Commons Area  
707 West Osage  
Nowata, Oklahoma 74048

April 12, 2010

7:00 p.m.

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

Member Absent: Bill Maddux

Posting of Agenda:

Date: April 9, 2010  
Time: 1:30 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 present and absent.
- Item 2. Michelle Renfroe, Kathy Berry, Bron Williams, Tina Hubert, and Doug Boughner were also present at the meeting.
- Item 3. Mr. Holland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Fink to approve the following items on the consent agenda:
- A. Minutes of the March 5, 2010, Special Meeting
  - B. Minutes of the March 8, 2010, Regular Meeting
  - C. Treasurer's Report for March 2010
  - D. General Fund Expenditure Comparison Analysis for March 2010

The motion carried (4-0) as follows: Hagerman-yes, Fink-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 #693 through #737 in the amount of \$58,203.10 from the General Fund, #36 through #38 in the amount of \$732.51 from the Child Nutrition Fund, and #18 in the amount of \$41.96 from the Gifts Fund. Mrs. Fink seconded and the motion carried, (4-0) as follows: Hagerman-yes, Fink-yes, Holland-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. Holland made a motion to approve the Student Activity Fund Custodian's Report and transfers for the month of March 2010, seconded by Mr. Hagerman. The motion carried (4-0) as follows: Hagerman-yes, Fink-yes, Holland-yes, Reid-yes. A copy of these documents will be made part of the permanent board file.
- Item 6. The Superintendent reported the following:
- 1) This is the first month since August we have not had a budget reduction notice from the State which is very good news for the school. The state is using stimulus money to fund schools this month only. We will have to wait to see how much we are cut next month.
  - 2) We are working on our upcoming bond election and are in the process of forming three bond committees, elementary, middle school, and high school. Regarding the bond election, there are three main issues to be considered. We need to update the elementary heating and air conditioning as well as the flooring, update the middle school heating and air conditioning, and build a new gymnasium for the high school. I have spoken with Adair's superintendent about their gym. He said he would like for us to come and look it over. He has an old set of plans. Their gymnasium seats 1600 people.
  - 3) I have also contacted FEMA to request an application for a SAFE Room Grant. FEMA pays 75% of the cost and the school pays 25%. The new middle school addition could be built as a safe room. Muskogee and Oklahoma Union have used FEMA funds for this purpose.
  - 4) If any board members are willing to serve on the bond committee, please let me know.
- Item 7. Michelle Renfroe, Elementary School:
- 1) The Teacher of the Year Reception will be held Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Elementary Library to honor elementary teacher Sandy Ulfarsson. Sandy was selected by her peers to represent Nowata school at the state level.
  - 2) State testing begins next Tuesday. The third, fourth, and fifth grades will be tested Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for the next two weeks. After the testing is completed, we will have only two weeks of school left which will have us running at warp speed to get the end of year activities finished

- 3) Two of our teachers have volunteered to serve on the bond committee as representatives of the elementary staff. PTO is also putting together a committee of parents for the bond issue as well.

Item 8. Kathy Berry, Middle School:

- 1) State testing begins today. All grades will test tomorrow. Eighth grade will continue to test Reading and Math on the computer Wednesday and Thursday.
- 2) The sixth grade will have Fun Friday on April 13, the eighth grade on May 7th and the seventh grade on May 14, 2010.
- 3) Eighth grade graduation will be May 13 at 6:00 p.m. with a dance following from 7:15 until 9:00 p.m.
- 4) The middle school awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, May 13 at 1:00 p.m.
- 5) I will meet with fifth grade students' parents and guardians on Thursday, May 6, 2010 to discuss the students transition to middle school.
- 6) The middle school is in the process of forming a committee for the Bond issue.

Item 9. Bron Williams, High School Principal:

- 1) Mr. Williams extended an invitation to all board members to attend the prom and the after-prom. The after-prom committee has done an excellent job of planning, organizing, and raising funds.
- 2) In preparation for the bond issue, Mr. Williams will go to Adair to meet with their Athletic Director and tour their gym.
- 3) The high school will begin state testing this week.
- 4) Spring sports are in full swing including baseball, golf, and tennis. Vocational Agriculture activities are keeping Mr. Harrington busy as well.
- 5) We have seven applicants for the Band/Vocal Music position

Item 10. The board recognized Tina Hubert, representing the Nowata Classroom Teachers' Association. Mrs. Hubert reported that Sandy Ulfarsson has been chosen as Teacher of the Year for Nowata Public School. A reception will be held at 3:30 on Wednesday in the Elementary Library.

Item 11. Mrs. Fink made a motion to approve a school calendar for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Hagerman seconded and the motion carried (4-0) as follows: Hagerman-yes, Fink-yes, Holland-yes, Reid-yes. A copy of the contract will be made part of the permanent board file.

Item 12. No action was taken on the proposed executive session.

Item 13. With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Hagerman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Fink. The motion carried (4-0) as follows: Hagerman-yes, Fink-yes, Holland-yes, Reid-yes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**President, Board of Education**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Clerk, Board of Education**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Member**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Member**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Member**