

**NOWATA PUBLIC SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting

High School Commons Area
707 West Osage
Nowata, Oklahoma 74048

September 13, 2010

7:00 p.m.

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

Member Absent: Bill Maddux, Member

Posting of Agenda:

Date: September 10, 2010
Time: 2:00 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 that all members were present.
- Item 2. Tina Hubert, Cristel Miller, Darla Wright, 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 August 9, 2010, Regular Meeting
 - B. Treasurer's Report for August 2010
 - C. General Fund Expenditure Comparison Analysis for August 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 #212 through #284 in the amount of \$76,859.29 from the General Fund, #12 through #17 in the amount of \$10,270.54 from

the Child Nutrition Fund and #4 through #6 in the amount of \$472.06 from the Gifts Fund. Mrs. Fink seconded and the motion carried (4-0) as follows: Holland-yes, Fink-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 August. Mr. Holland seconded and the motion carried (4-0) as follows: Holland-yes, Fink-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) The superintendent distributed Special Election Dates for calendar year 2011. He asked that the board consider the time line and make a decision by November. He will discuss architects and other issues regarding the proposed bond election at the October meeting. The elementary, middle school and high school are putting together bond issue committees.
- 2) Test scores will be discussed at the October meeting. Our scores dropped in comparison to other schools of our size.
- 3) As of this year, we will be required by law to adopt a policy requiring national background checks including fingerprints from all of our new employees and substitute teachers. Prospective employees will be required to obtain their fingerprints from the Bartlesville sheriff's office. The prints will be sent to the State Department of Education and then to O.S.B.I., who will in turn return the results to our school.
- 4) Oklahoma State Department of Education has received 119 million to be disbursed to school districts throughout the state. We will know by the end of September what our portion will be. Nowata should receive approximately \$100,000.
- 5) We are working with O.S.S.B.A. to get our Policy Manual updated and online.

Item 7. Michelle Miller, Elementary Principal:

- 1) The elementary has completed the beginning of the year assessments for Math and Reading.
- 2) Teachers have been doing a wonderful job teaching students the procedures for day-to-day operations of the school.
- 3) Parent/Teacher Conferences have been changed to Wednesday, September 22, and Thursday, September 23, rather than Thursday and Friday. Teachers feel parents need to know about grades at progress time (4 ½ weeks) rather than at the end of nine weeks.
- 4) We are spending more staff meeting time doing professional development. Student Engagement was our topic for today.

Item 8. Kathy Berry, Middle School:

- 1) Everything is going very smoothly at the Middle School. There are lots of students using before and after school tutoring.
- 2) Softball season will be wrapping up this week. We won our game last week.
- 3) We are into our third week of football. Our eighth grade has won two games. The seventh grade is trying very hard.
- 4) Bonnie Matheson, Counselor, and Mrs. Berry will be calling to set up conferences for teachers and parents.

Item 9. Bron Williams, High School Principal:

- 1) Our coaches are very good about helping kids with their school work, putting academics ahead of sports.
- 2) Austin Medford broke his hand at last Friday night's football.
- 3) This is Homecoming week. We will induct three members into Nowata's Athletic Hall of Fame. A committee consisting of Bob Nunnallee, Justin Pugh, and others has selected Trey Schwab and Mike Hessong, who were athletic trainers here at Nowata and went on to be trainers at the college level and Roy Bruce Campbell, who played on the NHS state championship football team.
- 4) The bond committee visited Adair high school to look at their gymnasium for ideas for our proposed new gym. They will travel to Cleveland and Oklahoma Union for ideas as well. All three principals are in the process of getting bond committees together.

Item 10. Tina Hubert representing Nowata Classroom Teachers Association:

- 1) New officers were elected at our meeting August 16, 2010. Officers are: President, Tina Hubert, Vice-president, Cristal Miller, Secretary, Crystal Jones, and Treasurer, Darla Wright.
- 2) Jeff Savage, OEA Communications advisor attended the Nowata Classroom Teachers Association luncheon August 17. He spoke about State Question 744 and answered questions about changes in legislation should Senate Bill 2033 pass.

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

Item 12. Mr. Hagerman made a motion to approve the Personnel Report for August 2010, seconded by Mrs. Fink. The motion carried (4-0) as follows: Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Hagerman-yes, Reid-yes. A copy of the Personnel Report will be made part of the permanent board file.

- Item 13. Mr. Hagerman made a motion to declare fifteen sewing machines as surplus property. Mrs. Fink seconded and the motion carried (4-0) as follows: Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Hagerman-yes, Reid-yes.
- Item 14. There was no new business to come before the board.
- Item 15. Mr. Holland made a motion to convene in an executive session to discuss negotiations. Mr. Hagerman seconded and the motion carried (4-0) as follows: Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Hagerman-yes, Reid-yes.
- Item 16. Mr. Holland made a motion to acknowledge that the board has returned to open session, seconded by Mr. Hagerman. The motion carried (4-0) as follows: Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Hagerman-yes, Reid-yes.
- Item 17. The president stated that during executive session, the board discussed teacher bonuses.
- Item 18. 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 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education

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