

**NOWATA PUBLIC SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Regular Meeting

High School Commons Area
707 West Osage
Nowata, Oklahoma 74048

May 10, 2010

7:00 p.m.

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

Posting of Agenda:
Date: May 7, 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, Kathy Gagan, Darla Wright, Sandy Ulfarsson and Doug Boughner were also present at the meeting.
- Item 3. The elementary principal introduced Sandy Ulfarsson, Teacher of the Year for Nowata Public School. The superintendent commented that Mrs. Ulfarsson is an excellent teacher and he is happy to have her on staff. The board thanked Mrs. Ulfarsson for attending.
- Item 4. Mr. Holland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Fink to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- A. Minutes of the May 10, 2010, Regular Meeting
- B. Treasurer's Report for May 2010
- C. General Fund Expenditure Comparison Analysis for May 2010

The motion carried (5-0) as follows: Maddux-yes, Hagerman-yes, Fink-yes, Holland-yes, Reid-yes. A copy of the documents will be made part of the permanent board file.

Item 5. Mr. Hagerman made a motion to approve encumbrances #738 through #770 in the amount of \$10,287.89 from the General Fund, and #19 through #21 in the amount of \$55,775.00 from the Gifts Fund. Mrs. Fink seconded and the motion carried (5-0) as follows: Maddux - yes, 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 6. Mr. Holland made a motion to approve the Student Activity Fund Custodian's Report and transfers for the month of May 2010, seconded by Mr. Maddux. The motion carried (5-0) as follows: Maddux-yes, Hagerman-yes, Fink-yes, Holland-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) After checking with several pool repair companies that told us they couldn't repair the aluminum pool, the Harmon Foundation contacted the company that originally built the pool in 1982, Chester Pools from New Albany, Indiana. They agreed to come to Nowata and fix the leaks by the end of May and then make more major repairs in September. The Harmon Foundation has agreed to pay for all of the repairs in full, at a cost of about \$87,000. On behalf of the school and Nowata community, I want to give a big thanks to the Harman Foundation.
- 2) Next years budget will be very similar to last year. Without stimulus money which was all earmarked, I'm guessing a 5% reduction in State funds which will be about \$300,000. We will have a better idea by the end of May after our legislative session has adjourned. The good news is the fact that state collections in March did not see a drop for the first time in about sixteen months. I hope everything has bottomed out and we can look forward to increases.
- 3) I would like to invite all of the board members to our "End of School" service award breakfast next Monday, May 17, at 8:30 a.m.

Item 8. Michelle Renfroe, Elementary School:

- 1) I would like to congratulate Sandy Ulfarsson, Nowata Public School Teacher of the year.
- 2) We will have the lower elementary assembly today and the upper elementary assembly tomorrow. We also have several field trips planned for this week.

- 3) Friday is our second annual All School Field Day, but, it is looking like rain so we are working on an alternative plan.
- 4) Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week and our PTO treated the staff all week! We are very appreciative to them for their generosity.
- 5) The elementary held a Volunteer Reception last week to honor the many generous people who give their time volunteering in our building. If I remember correctly, we have had between one hundred to one hundred-twenty volunteers throughout the entire school year.

Item 9. Kathy Berry, Middle School:

- 1) One of our students, Jameson Westphal is undergoing chemotherapy and his parents are having a lot of expenses related to his illness. We held a Walk-A-Thon for Jameson on Thursday, April 29 during Home Base.
- 2) There will be a large send off for our Special Olympics athletes on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. Sponsors attending will be Patty Gregston, Renee Smith, Rick Thayer, a number of student helpers and some members of the community.
- 3) Thursday at 1:00 p.m. is our Middle School Awards Ceremony. Eighth grade graduation will take place at 6:00 p.m. with a dance following at 7:00 until 9:00 p.m.
- 4) Friday is our last day of school. We are planning a sixth and eighth grade cookout.
- 5) Fifth grade orientation has been going on and will wrap up on Wednesday.

Item 10. Bron Williams, High School Principal:

- 6) We just held the All Sports Banquet last Tuesday at the Hillside Christian Church and the Special Olympics athletes were recognized.
- 2) Kate Nesbitt qualified for #1 Singles in the State Tennis Tournament. Samie Ketchum qualified for #2 singles and Kim Shults and Andi Ladd were alternates to compete at State.
- 3) William Wilson qualified to compete in the State Golf Tournament.
- 4) Austin Beck has committed to play football for Arkansas University.

- 5) Mr. Holdredge's English class will present a class play during Home Room on Tuesday, May 11, 2010.
- 6) Baccalaureate will be held Thursday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium and commencement exercises will be Friday, May 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

Item 11. The board recognized Tina Hubert, representing the Nowata Classroom Teachers' Association. Mrs. Hubert reported that an NCTA scholarship will be awarded at the High School Awards Assembly on Wednesday. Carolann Stinnett will present the award.

- 1) NCTA hosted a reception for Sandra Ulfarsson on April 14, 2010.
- 2) NCTA is trying to get the word out about State Question 744.
- 3) We will begin negotiations when school is out.
- 4) We are winding down the year with field trips and reward parties.

Item 12. Mr. Hagerman made a motion to approve an Application for Temporary Appropriations for the 2010-2011 school year. Mrs. Fink seconded and the motion carried (5-0) as follows: Maddux-yes, Hagerman-yes, Fink-yes, Holland-yes, Reid-yes. A copy of the document will be made part of the permanent board file.

Item 13. Mr. Maddux made a motion to approve the purchase of property across the street south from the high school on Ross Street. Mrs. Fink seconded and the motion carried (5-0) as follows: Maddux-yes, Hagerman-yes, Fink-yes, Holland-yes, Reid-yes.

Item 14. The superintendent recommended that the board not approve the Personnel Report. Mr. Holland made a motion not to approve the Personnel Report. Mr. Maddux seconded and the motion carried (5-0) as follows: Maddux-yes, Hagerman-yes, Fink-yes, Holland-yes, Reid-yes.

Item 15. With no further business to come before the board, Mr. Hagerman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Maddux. The motion carried (5-0) as follows: Maddux-yes, Hagerman-yes, Fink-yes, Holland-yes, Reid-yes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education

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