

**NOWATA PUBLIC SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting**

High School Commons Area  
707 West Osage  
Nowata, Oklahoma 74048

August 10, 2009

7:00 p.m.

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

Date: Posting of Agenda:  
August 7, 2009  
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. Doug Boughner, Kathy Berry, Michelle Renfroe, and Bron Williams, were also present at the meeting.
- Item 3. Mr. Maddux made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Fink, to approve the following items on the consent agenda:
- A. Minutes of the June 8, 2009 Regular Meeting
  - B. Minutes of the June 22, 2009 Special Meeting
  - C. Minutes of the July 10, 2009 Special Meeting
  - D. Minutes of the July 31, 2009 Special Meeting
  - E.. Treasurer's Report for June 2009
  - F. Treasurer's Report for July 2009
  - G. General Fund Expenditure Comparison Analysis for July 2009

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

Item 4. Mr. Holland made a motion to approve encumbrances #187 through #274 in the amount of \$82,895.26 from the General Fund, #1 through #9 in the amount of \$175,834.55 from the Child Nutrition Fund, #1 in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the Construction Bond-2009 Fund, and #5 through #8 in the amount of \$24,748.00 from the Gifts Fund. Mr. Pierson seconded and the motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-yes. A copy of the encumbrance registers and change order listings will be made part of the permanent board file.

Item 5. Mr. Maddux made a motion to approve the Student Activity Fund Custodian's Report for the month of June 2009. Mr. Holland seconded and the motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-yes. A copy of the report will be made part of the permanent board file.

Item 6. Mrs. Fink made a motion to approve the Student Activity Fund Custodian's Report for the month of July 2009. Mr. Pierson seconded and the motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-yes. A copy of the report will be made part of the permanent board file.

Item 7.

Superintendent's Report:

- 1) Our "Back to School" breakfast was held Monday morning, August 10, provided by Regent Bank. The bank also presented the superintendent with a check for \$5,000 to be used as is needed for the school.
- 2) Teachers at the elementary have moved into the new classrooms.
- 3) The Stimulus funds have provided classrooms with Smart Boards, Mimeo Boards and a portable computer cart to begin our new school year.
- 4) A.P.I. scores are significantly higher at the high school, the middle school scores have improved, and the elementary scores have dropped a little.
- 5) A gas leak has been discovered at the high school between the commons area and the school.
- 6) The school received no cuts in funding from the State Department of Education, instead, we will have \$788.00 more. The cost of operations continues to increase, however.
- 7) As a result of professional negotiations, the faculty will receive a salary step increase.
- 8) Lincoln Christian School has donated new goal posts for our football field.
- 9) Classes begin Thursday. We should see by Friday how many students have enrolled.

- 10) Coach Walkingstick has held his first football meeting. Two-a-days will begin at 6:00 a.m.

Item 8. Kathy Berry, Middle School Principal's Report:

- 1) There will be a pool party for 9th grade students on Tuesday, August 11, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- 2) "Back to School" night at the middle school will be Monday, August 17, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Parents and guardians are invited to come and meet their students' teachers.
- 3) Middle school softball games next week will be Tuesday, August 11, and Thursday, August 13, both home games. The schedules are on the school website and the calendar is on the website as well.

Item 9. Michelle Renfroe, Elementary School Principal's Report:

- 1) "Back to School" night at the elementary will be Tuesday, August 11, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- 2) The new classrooms are occupied. The K-4 classrooms are now housed inside the main building. The majority of teachers have moved to different classrooms.
- 3) The all school carnival and silent auction next Friday, August 21, will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- 4) Thanks to the Richardson Foundation and six scholarships from the State Department of Education, twenty-one staff members attended Great Expectations Summer Institute. Those staff members are excited and motivated about the benefits to our students that Great Expectations will provide for them.
- 5) Teachers and staff are ready for school to start on Thursday.

Item 10. Bron Williams, High School Principal's Report:

- 1) The new goal posts for the football field are up and ready for the first game.
- 2) There will be a softball game Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. The rain date for the game will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday.
- 3) The Vocation Agriculture students are showing their animals at the Coffeyville Interstate Fair.
- 4) A new rolling computer lab is now in place at the high school with thirty laptops. This was provided by stimulus funds.

Item 11. There was no status report from the Nowata Classroom Teachers' Association.

- Item 12. Mr. Pierson made a motion to approve a list of complimentary athletic passes for the 2009-2010 school year. Mr. Holland seconded and the motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-yes. The list will be made part of the permanent board file.
- Item 13. Mr. Maddux made a motion to approve those listed on the Personnel Report for August. Mrs. Fink seconded and the motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-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 all city bus routes have changed and there are now fewer routes.
- Item 15. Mr. Maddux made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Pierson. Motion carried (5-0) as follows: Pierson-yes, Holland-yes, Fink-yes, Maddux-yes, Reid-yes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**President, Board of Education**

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**Clerk, Board of Education**

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