

## COMMERCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION August 14, 2006

The Commerce Board of Education met in regular session Monday, August 14, 2006 in the High School Library. Those present were Dan McMain, Gene Langston, Jim Cossairt, Paula Tedlock and Steve Hartman. A quorum being established, the meeting was called to order by Steve Hartman at 6:44 p.m. The invocation was given by Dan McMain.

#### **3. Consent Agenda:**

**All of the following items, which concern reports and items of a routine nature normally approved at board meetings, will be approved by one vote unless any board member desires to have a separate vote on any or all of these items. The consent agenda consists of the discussion, consideration, and approval of the following items:**

- a. Minutes of the July 10, 2006, regular board meeting.**
- b. Approval of the monthly financial report of activity funds.**
- c. Approval of the monthly treasurer's report.**
- d. Approval of the list of General Fund warrants and claims for June encumbrances.**
- e. Approval of the list of General Fund warrants and claims for July payroll (\$77,579.51).**
- f. Approval of the list of General Fund warrants and claims for August bills.**
- g. Approval of the list of Co-op Fund encumbrances and warrants for July Payroll (\$105.81).**
- h. Approval of the list of Building Fund warrants and claims for June encumbrances.**
- i. Approval of the list of Building Fund warrants and claims for August bills.**
- j. Approval of the list of Child Nutrition Fund warrants and claims for June Encumbrances.**
- k. Approval of the list of Child Nutrition Fund warrants and claims for August bills.**
- l. Approval of the list of substitute teachers for SY 2006-2007.**
- m. Approval of the list of substitute cooks for SY 2006-2007.**
- n. Approval of the additional list of fundraisers for SY 2006-2007.**

**3. Consent Agenda: (cont)**

Motion by Tedlock, second by McMMain to approve the consent agenda, items "a" through "n" as presented. Vote: Tedlock-yes, McMMain-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes (attachments: b.#1, c, #2, d.#3, e.#4, f.#5, g.#6, h.#7, i.#8, j.#9, k.#10, l.#11, m.#12, n.#13).

**4. Recognition of guests**

Steve thanked the guests for attending (attachment #14).

**5. Public communications, if any**

No Public communications.

**6. Written communications:**

**a. Thank you note from the Glenn Scantlin family**

Mr. Haynes said he included in the packets a copy of the note from Darlene and her family for the flowers that was sent on behalf of the board.

**b. State aid allocation**

Mr. Haynes said he included a copy of the state aid allocation in the packets. The actual beginning dollar amount versus the ending dollar amount we actually got. In state aid last year was about \$50,000.00. The state aid is based on the higher of 3 Numbers. We use October 1<sup>st</sup> Child Count, last school years or the year before.

**c. Southwestern Bell Telephone tax protest**

Mr. Haynes said Southwestern Bell has filed their annual tax protest.

**7. Superintendent's Report:**

Mr. Haynes said he included a copy of the ACT Scores in the packets. They did come up compared to last year but they are still not where we would like them to be.

Mr. Haynes said a maintenance report was included in the packets from Bobby Arms and a couple of the new buildings have arrived and are being set up.

**8. Elementary Principal's Report:**

Mr. Wade said he really didn't have anything unless the board would like to talk about the projects at the elementary.

Paula asked if there were enough books for all of the new students?

Mr. Wade said we are enrolling new students but we are also getting requests for records so it is evening out. We maybe have 20 more than last year.

Mr. Wade said they are still waiting on some new desks.

**9. Middle School Principal's Report:**

Mr. Logan said we are about ready to go. The science books are in and the new desks should be here tomorrow

**10. High School Principal's Report:**

Mr. Buttram said he is really flustered that everything is not ready to go.

Mr. Buttram said Paula Bliesath, FCA Sponsor, asked if we could have student led prayer at the ball games. Mr. Buttram told her he would ask and knows that our kids want to do it.

After much discussion Mr. Buttram said he will try to do this until someone objects.

**11. Athletic Director's Report:**

Mr. Haynes said Rusty is at the softball game.

**12. Presentation of Accreditation Report for 2006-2007 school year.**

Mr. Haynes said a copy of the accreditation was included in the packets. We have been on a plan of improvement here at the high school because of graduation drop out rate.

We have been trying to find ways to keep kids in school.

**13. Vote to approve or not approve a resolution authorizing the School District Treasurer to invest monies from one fund into another.**

Mr. Haynes said this allows us to spend money that is appropriated that we are going to receive. Mr. Haynes recommended approval.

Motion by McMMain, second by Cossairt to approve resolution authorizing the School treasurer to invest monies from one fund to another (attachment #15). Vote: McMMain-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, Langston-yes, Hartman-yes.

**14. Discussion and possible vote to co-op alternative education with Picher-Cardin Public Schools.**

Mr. Haynes said Bob Walker had asked if Commerce would be interested in Co-oping the alternative education with Picher.

Paula asked how many students we have now?

Mr. Butttram said not very many. We are putting more students in the class for some credit recovery.

Mr. Haynes recommended approval.

Motion by Cossairt, second by McMMain to co-op alternative education with Picher-Cardin Public Schools. Vote: Cossairt-yes, McMMain-yes, Tedlock-yes, Langston-Yes, Hartman-yes.

**15. Vote to approve or not approve extending the present contract with Great Plains Coca-Cola.**

Mr. Haynes said last year we extended our contract another year. Next year will be the last year that we can have the kind of contract we presently have because the healthy kids plan goes into effect next year.

Dan asked if they offer any incentive to do it for another year?

Mr. Haynes said several years ago they did offer some thing for using Coke.

Mr. Buttram said they do not keep the machines full and no change.

Dan suggested making a call to Pepsi and asking them if they can beat what Coke offers.

Motion by Tedlock, second by Cossairt to table item #15 at this time. Vote: Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes, McMMain-yes, Langston-yes, Hartman-yes.

**16. Discussion and possible action regarding school credit cards.**

Steve said we will skip item #16 at this time.

**17. Discussion and possible action regarding the purchase of a pickup.**

Discussion followed on the type of pickup that is needed by the school district.

Motion by McMMain, second by Tedlock to give Mr. Haynes authorization to purchase a new pickup with whatever options Bobby Arms and Mr. Buttram come up with. Vote: McMMain-yes, Tedlock-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes.

**18. Vote to appoint or not appoint Local Advisory Committee on Gifted Education members.**

Mr. Haynes recommended approval.

Motion by Tedlock, second by Cossairt to appoint Local Advisory Committee on Gifted Education members (attachment #16). Vote: Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes, McMMain-yes, Langston-yes, Hartman-yes.

**19. Vote to approve or not approve the personnel evaluation team for school year 2006-2007.**

- a. Food Service Support Personnel-Linda Foster**
- b. Maintenance and Custodial Support Personnel-Bobby Arms**
- c. Elementary Teachers and Support Personnel-Kevin Wade and Trevor Brough**
- d. Elementary Assistant Principal-Kevin Wade**
- e. Middle School Teachers and Support Personnel-Herb Logan**
- f. High School Teachers and Support Personnel-Jim Buttram**
- g. Principals, Alternative Education Director/Teacher, and Support Personnel-Jim Haynes**

Motion by McMMain, second by Tedlock to approve the list as presented. Vote: McMMain-yes, Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes, Langston-yes, Hartman-yes.

**20. Vote to assure Civil Rights compliance with:**

- a. Title VI of the Civil rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d et seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in an program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.**
- b. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended, 20 U.S.C., 1681 et seq., which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.**
- c. Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 794, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap in any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.**
- d. The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6101 et seq. which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.**
- e. If applicable, the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. 7905, which requires equal access for the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups to meet at public schools. This law applies to any public elementary school, public secondary school, local educational agency, or state educational agency that has a designated open forum or limited public forum and that receives funds made available through the United States Department of Education.**
- f. All regulations, guidelines, and standards lawfully adopted under the above statues by the United States Department of Education.**

Mr. Haynes recommended approval.

Motion by Cossairt, second by Tedlock to assure Civil Rights compliance as listed. Vote: Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, McMMain-yes, Langston-yes, Hartman-yes.

**21. Vote to approve or not approve Jim Buttram, Civil Rights Coordinator for Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, The Age Discrimination Act of 1975, and the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act of 2001 for school year 2006-2007 and authorize him to submit the ASSURANCE OF COMPLIANCE-CIVIL RIGHTS CERTIFICATION to the United States Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.**

Mr. Haynes recommended approval.

Motion by Cossairt, second by Langston to approve item #21 (Attachment #17). Vote:

Cossairt-yes, Langston-yes, Tedlock-yes, McMMain-yes, Hartman-yes.

**22. Vote to approve or not approve Jim Haynes and/or Herb Logan as authorized representative(s) for Title I, Title II, Title III, Title IV, Title V, Title VI, Carl Perkins, and Johnson-O'Malley funds for school year 2006-2007.**

Motion by McMMain, second by Cossairt to approve item #22 (attachment #18). Vote:

McMMain-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, Langston-yes, Hartman-yes.

**23. Vote to approve or not approve Jim Haynes and/or Herb Logan as authorized representative(s) for Title VIII "Impact Aid" for school year 2006-2007.**

Motion by McMMain, second by Tedlock to approve item #23 (attachment #19).

Vote: McMMain-yes, Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes, Langston-yes, Hartman-yes.

**24. Vote to approve or not approve Jim Haynes and/or Linda Foster as authorized representative(s) for Child Nutrition Programs for school year 2006-2007.**

Motion by Tedlock, second by Langston to approve item #24 (attachment #20). Vote:

Tedlock-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes, McMMain-yes, Hartman-yes.

**25. Vote to renew or not renew membership in Grand Gateway Economic Department Association for Fiscal Year 2007 (July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007) (\$240.00).**

Mr. Haynes recommended approval.

Motion by McMMain, second Tedlock to renew membership in Grand Gateway Economic

Department Association. Vote: McMMain-yes, Tedlock-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes,

Hartman-yes.

**26. Vote to declare or not declare for sale property no longer needed for district purposes the items listed and to set a procedure for selling the property no longer needed for district purposes.**

Mr. Haynes recommended approval.

Motion by Tedlock, second by Cossairt to declare for sale property no longer needed and to set a procedure for selling items (attachment #21). Vote: Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes, McMain-yes, Langston-yes, Hartman-yes.

**27. Proposed executive session to discuss:**

- a. **status of current negotiations with the Commerce Association of Classroom Teachers with no resulting vote to be made. 24 O.S. Section (B)(2).**
- b. **status of current negotiations with the Commerce Education Support Personnel of Oklahoma with no resulting vote to be made. 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(2).**
- c. **the tendered resignation of Chris Cawyer, teacher/coach, so that the Board can return to open session and vote to accept or not accepted the tendered resignation of Chris Cawyer, teacher/coach. 25 O.S. Section (307)(B)(1).**
- d. **the tendered resignation of Lenny Windle, bi-lingual teacher's assistant, so that the Board can return to open session and vote to accept or not accepted the tendered resignation of Lenny Windle, bi-lingual teacher's assistant. 25 O.S. Section (307)(B)(1).**
- e. **the employment of a new Mathematics teacher/coach so the Board can return to open session and vote to hire or not hire a new Mathematics teacher/coach. 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1).**
- f. **additional coaching assignments for SY 2006-2007 so that the board can return to open session and vote to employ or not employ additional individual coaches for SY 2006-2007. O.S. Section 307(B)(1).**
- g. **employing, hiring, appointing, promoting, demoting, disciplining, or receiving the resignation of an employee, with no resulting vote to be made. 25 O.S. Section (307)(B)(1).**



**28. Vote to convene or not convene in executive session.**

Motion by Tedlock, second by Cossairt to convene in executive session. Vote: Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes, McMMain-yes, Langston-yes, Hartman-yes. Time: 7:59 p.m.

**29. Vote to acknowledge or not acknowledge the board's return to open session.**

Motion by McMMain, second by Tedlock to acknowledge the board's return to open Session. Vote: McMMain-yes, Tedlock-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes. Time: 10:31 p.m.

**30. Executive Session Minutes Compliance Announcement.**

Steve said only the items listed on the executive session agenda were discussed and No votes were taken. Those present were the 5 board members and Mr. Haynes.

**31. Vote to accept or not accepted the tendered resignation of Chris Cawyer, Teacher/coach.**

Motion by McMMain, second by Langston to accept the resignation of Chris Cawyer (attachment #22). Vote: McMMain-yes, Langston-yes, Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes.

**32. Vote to accept or not accepted the tendered resignation of Lenny Windle, Bilingual teacher's assistant.**

Mr. Haynes recommended approval.

Motion by Cossairt, second by McMMain to accept the resignation of Lenny Windle (attachment #23). Vote: Cossairt-yes, McMMain-yes, Tedlock-yes, Langston-yes, Hartman-yes.

**33. Vote to hire or not hire a new Mathematics teacher/coach.**

Mr. Haynes recommended the board hire Jerry Meyers for that position.

Motion by Cossairt, second by Langston to employ Jerry Meyers as the new Mathematics teacher/coach. Vote: Cossairt-yes, Langston-yes, Tedlock-yes,

**34. Vote to employ or not employ additional individual coaches for SY 2006-2007.**

Mr. Haynes recommended approval of the list provided (attachment #24).

Motion by Cossairt, second by Tedlock to approve the list as recommended by Mr.

Haynes. Vote: Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, Langston-yes, McMMain-yes, Hartman-yes.

Steve said the board would like to ask Rochelle Crawford and Kristy Moudy to supervise the locker room and pay them a stipend to do this.

Steve said we will go back to item #16.

**16. Discussion and possible action regarding school credit cards.**

Motion by Tedlock, second by McMMain to give Mr. Haynes a Visa Card limit of \$15,000.00 and the building principals a Visa Card limit of \$10,000.00. Vote: Tedlock-yes, McMMain-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes.

**35. New Business. "New Business" as used herein, shall mean any matter not Known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the Time of posting.**

No new business.

**36. Vote to adjourn or not adjourn.**

Motion by Cossairt, second by McMMain to adjourn. Vote: Cossairt-yes, yes, Langston-yes, Tedlock-yes, Hartman-yes. Time: 10: 41 p.m.

