

COMMERCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION MARCH 10, 2008

1. The Commerce Board of Education met in regular session Monday, March 10, 2008 in the Board of Education Building. Those present were Jim Cossairt, Paula Tedlock, Steve Hartman, Gene Langston, and Rick Brown. Superintendent Jim Haynes was absent. A quorum being established, the meeting was called to order by Cossairt at 6:31 p.m.
2. Tedlock gave the invocation.
3. Cossairt thanked the guests for attending (Attachment #1).
4. Brook Stevenson, Alexander Elementary School Champion Speller, and Madison Moss, Commerce Middle School Champion Speller, were unable to attend the meeting.
5. There were no Public communications.
6. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Minutes of the February 11, 2008, regular board meeting.
 - b. Minutes of the March 3, 2008, special board meeting.
 - c. Approval of the monthly financial report of activity funds. (Attachment #2).
 - d. Approval of the monthly treasurer's report. (Attachment #3).
 - e. Approval of the list of General Fund encumbrances and warrants for February payroll (\$401,532.28) (Attachment #4).
 - f. Approval of the list of General Fund warrants and claims for March bills. (Attachment #5).
 - g. Approval of the list of Co-op Fund encumbrances and warrants for February payroll (\$10,328.09) (Attachment #6).
 - h. Approval of the list of Co-op Fund warrants and claims for March bills. (Attachment #7).
 - i. Approval of the list of Building Fund warrants and claims for March bills. (Attachment #8).
 - j. Approval of the list of Child Nutrition encumbrances and warrants for February payroll (\$20,912.40). (Attachment #9).
 - k. Approval of the list of Child Nutrition warrants and claims for March bills. (Attachment #10).

- l. Approval of the additional list of fund raisers for SY 2007-2008.
(Attachment #11).
- m. Approval of the additional list of substitute teachers for SY 2007-2008.
(Attachment #12).

Motion by Hartman, second by Langston to approve item “a” of the consent agenda.
Vote: Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes, Brown-abstained.

Motion by Hartman, second by Langston to approve item “b” of the consent agenda.
Vote: Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-abstained, Brown-abstained.

Motion by Hartman, second by Langston to approve items “c”-“l”. Vote: Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Tedlock-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes.


7. Written communications included a request from the Commerce Education Support Personnel to enter into negotiations for the 2008-2009 school year
(Attachment #13).
8. Administrator’s Report:
 - a. Superintendent Jim Haynes was absent due to illness.
 - b. Alexander Elementary School Principal Kevin Wade reviewed the up and coming events, Dr. Seuss Read Across America, GT Students will go to Tulsa to the Air and Space Museum, 4th graders have been invited to NEO, Red Wheel Sale begins after Spring Break, and Kindergarten going to Sesame Street Live.
 - c. Middle School Principal Herb Logan reviewed the up and coming events, Kelsey Williams is the 2007/08 Middle School valedictorian and Tyler Barnes is the 2007/08 Middle School salutatorian, cheerleading tryouts are March 26th, students that achieved the AR reading goal were treated to pizza and bowling, the students at the Middle School were treated to a presentation by Josh Brecheen that worked as a field representative for Oklahoma House Senator Tom Coburn and the annual Shanna Miller meal and auction Fund Raiser was held on March 8th.
 - d. High School Principal Jim Buttram passed out an invitation to the board members for the prom which is March 14th, a mock crash was held for the students to in hopes of preventing drinking and driving, a basketball game will be held on April 5th with the police versus firemen and the coaches will officiate , had a lot of students sick at the high school.
 - e. Rusty Barker, athletic director at ball game.
9. There were no students and their parents present to address the board concerning the development of vocational education program.

10. Motion by Hartman, second by Langston to authorize Jim Haynes to submit application to Vocational Education program (Technology Education and Family and Consumer Sciences) and upon approval, to request reimbursement on an annual basis. Vote: Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Tedlock-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes.
11. Motion by Brown, second by Tedlock to table action on the 2008-2009 school calendar. Vote: Brown-yes, Tedlock-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes.
12. Motion by Brown, second by Hartman to authorize Jim Haynes to sign the license agreement with Mantle IP Holdings, Ltd when completed. Vote: Brown-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes.
13. Motion by Langston, second by Tedlock to approve Contract for Audit of Public Schools for School Year 2007-2008 with Archambo & Mueggenborg, PC, (Attachment #13). Vote: Langston-yes, Tedlock-yes, Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes.
14. Motion by Hartman, second by Tedlock to approve one or more board member(s) and/or staff to attend the OSSBA A Day at the CAPITOL, to be held Wednesday, March 12, 2008 in Oklahoma City.
15. Motion by Hartman, second by Tedlock to approve any or all board member(s) and/or staff to attend the SDE/OSSBA New School Board Member Workshop, to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 11-13, 2008 at the Clarion Meridian Hotel and Convention Center in Oklahoma City. Vote: Hartman-yes, Tedlock-yes, Brown-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes.
16. Motion by Hartman, second by Tedlock to appoint board member Jim Cossairt to the district teacher of the year committee. Vote: Hartman-yes, Tedlock-yes, Langston-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes.


17. Proposed executive session:
 - a. for the purpose of confidential communications between the Board of Education and its attorney concerning Great Plains Coca-Cola Bottling Company v. Independent School District No. 18 of Ottawa County, Oklahoma County District Court Case No. CJ-2007-10788, the board having been advised by its attorney that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the board to conduct the pending litigation, pursuant to OKLA. STAT. tit. 25, Section 307(B)(4).
 - b. to discuss the reemployment status of all teachers listed on "Schedule A" so that the board may return to open session and vote to reemploy, or table the reemployment of, teachers, or set a hearing for teachers not recommended for reemployment by the Superintendent. 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1).
 - c. to discuss the tendered resignation of Melissa Botts, Alexander Elementary School cook, so that the Board can return to open session and vote to accept or not accept the tendered resignation of Melissa Botts, Alexander Elementary School Cook. 25 O.S. Section (307)(B)(1).
 - d. to discuss 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).
18. Motion by Brown, second by Hartman to convene in executive session. Vote: Brown-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes. Time: 7:32 p.m.
19. Motion by Brown, second by Langston to acknowledge the board's return to open session. Vote: Brown-yes, Langston-yes, Tedlock-yes, Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes. Time: 9:47 p.m.
20. Cossairt said "While in executive session the board had confidential communications with its attorney regarding the Great Plains Coca-Cola Bottling Company versus Independent School District Number 18 of Ottawa County Oklahoma, County District Court Case Number CJ 2007-10788. The board having been advised by its attorney that disclosure would seriously impair the ability for the board to conduct the pending litigation pursuant to Oklahoma Statue 25 Section 307(B)(4). In addition the board also only discussed the other items on the executive session agenda and no votes were taken. Those present in executive session were the 5 board members, Mr. Buttram, Mr. Logan, Mr. Wade and Mr. Brough."
21. Motion by Brown, second by Hartman to table the reemployment of teachers listed on "Schedule A" as recommended by Haynes. Vote: Brown-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes.

22. There were no teachers recommended by the Superintendent for nonreemployment at this time to set a time, date and place for due process hearing.
23. There were no teachers recommended by the Superintendent to deliver all appropriate notices, as required by law to any teachers recommended for nonreemployment.
24. Motion by Tedlock, second by Langston to accept the tendered resignation of Melissa Botts, Alexander Elementary School cook (Attachment #14). Vote: Tedlock-yes, Langton-yes, Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes.
25. Motion by Tedlock, second by Hartman to accept the tendered resignation of Betty Maupin, Commerce Middle School Teacher, due to retirement and to accept the tendered resignation of Linda Bachman, Commerce Middle School Secretary, due to retirement (Attachments #15 and #16) which were received after agenda was posted. Vote: Tedlock-yes, Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes.
26. Motion by Tedlock, second by Hartman to adjourn. Vote: Tedlock-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes. Time: 9:51 p.m.

(ATTEST)



President-Board of Education



Deputy Clerk



Vice-President




Member



Clerk

Date: 04/14/2008



Minutes Clerk

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