

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
COMMERCE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 11, 2009
6:30 P.M.
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING
217 COMMERCE STREET
COMMERCE, OKLAHOMA**

1. President Paula Tedlock called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Board Members present were Tedlock, Steve Hartman, Gene Langston Kenny Smith, and Jim Cossairt. Superintendent Jim Haynes was also present.
2. The invocation was given by Cossairt.
3. The Board recognized Commerce Public Schools' teacher of the year, Kim McLain.
4. The Board recognized Jim Fields, Alexander Elementary School volunteer. Tedlock presented a certificate of appreciation to Mr. Fields for his volunteer work at Alexander Elementary School.
5. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Minutes of the April 13, 2009 regular board meeting.
 - b. Approval of the monthly financial report of activity funds. (Attachment #1)
 - c. Approval of the monthly treasurer's report. (Attachment #2)
 - d. Approval of the list of General Fund encumbrances and warrants for April payroll (\$392,322.08). (Attachment #3)
 - e. Approval of the list of General Fund warrants and claims for May bills. (Attachment #4)
 - f. Approval of the list of General Fund (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) warrants and claims for May bills. (Attachment #5)
 - g. Approval of the list of Co-op Fund encumbrances and warrants for April payroll (\$4,647.10). (Attachment #6)
 - h. Approval of the list of Co-op Fund warrants and claims for May bills. (Attachment #7)
 - i. Approve the list of Building Fund warrants and claims for May bills. (Attachment #8)
 - j. Approval of the list of Child Nutrition encumbrances and warrants for April payroll (19,915.82). (Attachment #9)
 - k. Approval of the list of Child Nutrition warrants and claims for May bills. (Attachment #10)
 - l. Approval of the additional list of fund raisers for SY 2008-2009. (Attachment #11)

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

Motion by Hartman, second by Langston to approve items “b-l” of the consent Agenda as recommended by Haynes. Vote: Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Smith-yes, Tedlock-yes.

6. Tedlock thanked the guests for attending the board meeting. (Attachment #12)
7. Motion by Langston, second by Hartman to give a stipend of \$150.00 to the district's teacher of the year, Kim McLain, Commerce High School, and a stipend of \$75.00 to the other two buildings teacher of the year, Rochelle Crawford, Alexander Elementary School, and Willie Ng, Commerce Middle School.
8. There were no public communications.
9. Haynes provided the maintenance report from Maintenance Director, Bobby Arms, and the School District's Report Card in the Board packets.
10. Administrator's Reports:
 - a. Haynes reported on the law change permitting the school year to be computed in hours instead of days to allow the school to make up days missed due to bad weather. Haynes reported on discussions that the administration has had about removing the stage in the high school gym so the weight room and locker room can be expanded and a new coaches' office and storage constructed. Haynes also reported on the stimulus funds and progress on the Picher-Cardin School District annexation into the Commerce and Quapaw Public School Districts. The Board request reports on the progress of the annexation and stimulus funds at the monthly Board meetings.
 - b. Elementary Principal Kevin Wade reported of the good turn out for the kindergarten screening, pre-k graduation, awards assembly, track meet and summer reading program.
 - c. Middle School Principal Herb Logan reported on the AR reward trip, lock in at the fitness center in Joplin and 8th grade promotion on May 15th.
 - d. High School Principal Jim Buttram reported on the up and coming semester tests, band coronation, awards assembly, STUCO Dance, baccalaureate and graduation on the 17th.
 - e. Athletic Director Rusty Barker was absent. He was at his daughters' softball games.
11. A hearing was held to take public input on the Comprehensive Local Education Plan. There were no comments.

12. Motion by Cossairt, second by Hartman to approve the annual update of the Comprehensive Local Education Plan as recommended by Haynes. Vote: Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-no, Tedlock-no, Smith-abstained.
13. Motion by Langston, second by Smith to table the request by Commerce Picher-Cardin Coalition for office space during the 2009-2010 school year. Vote: Langston-yes, Smith-yes, Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes, Tedlock-yes.
14. Motion by Cossairt, second by Hartman to approve the revised school calendar as provided for in the HB 1864 to use the hourly method for the school year 2008-2009 as recommended by Haynes. (Attachment #13) Vote: Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Smith-yes, Tedlock-yes.
15. Motion by Hartman, second by Langston to approve Request for Approval of State Aid and/or Federal Funds for Schools General Fund as recommended by Haynes. (Attachment #14) Vote: Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Smith-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes.
16. Motion by Langston, second by Smith to grant request by Lana Nino, Alexander Elementary School bi-lingual teacher's assistant, for an unpaid leave of absence from August 13, 2009 to November 30, 2009 as recommended by Haynes. (Attachment #14.) Vote: Langston-yes, Smith-yes, Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes.
17. Motion by Langston, second by Hartman to obtain membership in the Oklahoma State School Boards Association for the 2009-2010 school year as recommended by Haynes. (Attachment #15) Vote: Langston-yes, Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes, Smith-yes, Tedlock-yes.
18. Proposed executive session to discuss:
 - a. the tendered resignation of Stacy Sharp, high school social studies/computer teacher, so the board can return to open session and vote to accept or not accept the tendered resignation of Stacy Sharp, high school social studies/computer teacher. 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1).
 - b. the tendered resignation of Danesa Napier, high school social studies teacher, so the board can return to open session and vote to accept or not accept the tendered resignation of Danesa Napier, high school social studies teacher. 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1).
 - c. the employment of support personnel currently employed by the Picher-Cardin Public School District do that the Board can return to open session and vote to give reasonable assurance of employment to support personnel currently employed by the Picher-Cardin Public school District that are recommended for employment by the administration. 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1).

- d. the employment of a new elementary school counselor/special education co-director for the 2009-2010 school year so the board can return to open session and vote to hire or not hire a new elementary school counselor/district special education co-director for the 2009-2010 school year. 25 O.S. § (307)(B)(1).
 - e. the employment of one or two secondary special education teachers on temporary contracts so the board can return to open session and vote to hire one or two secondary special education teachers. 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1).
 - f. coaching assignments for SY 2009-2010 so that the Board can return to open session and vote to employ or not employ additional individual coaches for the 2009-2010 school year. O.S. § 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. § (307)(B)(1).
19. Motion by Hartman, second by Langston to convene in executive session. Vote: Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Smith-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes. Time: 8:45 p.m.
20. Motion by Cossairt, second by Langston to acknowledge the board's return to open session. Vote: Cossairt-yes, Langston-yes, Smith-yes Hartman-yes, Tedlock-yes. Time: 8:45 p.m.
21. Tedlock announced, "Only the items listed on the executive session agenda were discussed and no votes were taken. Those present in executive session were the five board members, Haynes, Buttram, Logan, Wade and Brough."
22. Motion by Langston, second by Hartman to accept the tendered resignation of Stacy Sharp, high school social studies/computer teacher as recommended by Haynes. (Attachment #16) Langston-yes, Hartman-yes, Smith-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes.
23. Motion by Hartman, second by Smith to accept the tendered resignation of Danesa Napier, high school social studies teacher as recommended by Haynes (Attachment #17) Vote: Hartman-yes, Smith-yes, Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes.
24. Motion by Langston, second by Hartman to give reasonable assurance of employment to support personnel currently employed by the Picher-Cardin Public School District as recommended by Haynes. (Attachment #18) Vote: Langston-yes, Hartman-yes, Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes, Smith-yes.
25. Motion by Cossairt, second by Langston to hire Andrea Berry as the new elementary school counselor/district special education director for the 2009-2010 school year as recommended by Haynes. Vote: Cossairt-yes, Langston-yes, Smith-yes, Hartman-yes, Tedlock-yes.

26. Motion by Hartman, second by Cossairt to hire Sylvia Fairman as a severe/profound special education teacher on a temporary contract as recommended by Superintendent Haynes. Vote: Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes, Cossairt-yes, Smith-yes, Tedlock-yes.

Motion by Cossairt, second by Smith to hire Melanie Jasper on a temporary contract as a special education teacher contingent upon proof of Oklahoma Certificate. Vote: Cossairt-yes, Smith-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Tedlock-yes.

27. No action was taken on the employment of additional individual coaches for SY 2009-2010.

28. There was no new business.

29. Motion by Cossairt, second by Langston to adjourn. Vote: Cossairt-yes, Langston-yes, Hartman-yes, Smith-yes. Tedlock-yes. Time: 10:23 p.m.

The agenda was posted on the inside of the front door (visible from outside the building) of the Board of Education building at 2:00 p.m. on the 8th day of May, 2009, and notice of this regular meeting was given to the Ottawa County Clerk prior to December 15, 2008.

(ATTEST)

Paula D. Tedlock
President-Board of Education

Steve Hart
Deputy Clerk

James M. Cossairt
Vice-President

Kenny Smith
Member

Ann Langston
Clerk

Date: 06/08/2009

Darlene Scantlin
Minutes Clerk

Date: 06/08/2009

Seal

