

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
COMMERCE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 26, 2009
6:30 p.m.
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING
217 COMMERCE STREET
COMMERCE, OKLAHOMA**

1. Vice-President Jim Cossairt called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. Board Members present were Cossairt, Steve Hartman, Gene Langston and Kenny Smith. Paula Tedlock was absent. Superintendent Jim Haynes was also present.
2. The invocation was given by Hartman.
3. Cossairt thanked the guests for attending the meeting. (Attachment #1)
4. There were no Public communications.

Paula Tedlock arrived at 6:41 p.m.

5. Motion by Cossairt, second by Hartman to approve the annual update of the Comprehensive Local Education Plan as recommended by Haynes. (Attachment #2)
Vote: Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes, Smith-yes, Langston-yes, Tedlock-yes.
6. A discussion was held on change of hours from 4th/5th to 7th for boys and girls athletics. No action was taken.
7. Haynes, Jim Buttram, high school principal, Herb Logan, middle school principal, Kevin Wade, Alexander Elementary School principal, and Trevor Brough, Alexander Elementary School assistant principal reported on Picher-Cardin School System Annexation of Assets / Status of inventory transfers / Status of assessment of inventory / Liquidation of Assets not desired by Commerce or Quapaw School Districts / Fair Market Value Assessments / etc.
8. Haynes reported our Special Education (\$110,692.97) and Title I (\$116,485.97) stimulus funds were deposited in our bank on May 7, 2009. We are using the special education funds to purchase software to convert text to speech, train teachers to use the text to speech software, to purchase materials for our speech pathologist to use, and to purchase Smart Boards for the classrooms that do not have Smart Boards.

9. A discussion on girls' softball field improvements was held. Tedlock appointed a committee consisting of Langston, Smith, Haynes, Buttram, Logan, Rusty Barker, athletic director, and Jerry Myers, head high school softball coach to make recommendations to the Board. The first meeting was scheduled to be held Thursday May 28, 2009 at the softball field.
10. Motion by Langston, second by Smith to approve request by the 8-Man All Star Committee to use the Commerce Football Field Facilities on Saturday, July 11th for the 2009 All Star Game as recommended by Haynes. (Attachment #3) Vote: Langston-yes, Smith-yes, Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes.
11. Motion by Langston, second by Cossairt to renew subscription to the OSSBA Policy Services for the 2009-2010 school year at the \$500.00 level as recommended by Haynes. (Attachment #4) Vote: Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes, Smith-yes, Hartman-yes, Tedlock-yes.
12. Proposed executive session to discuss:
 - a. the tendered resignation due to retirement of Gay O'Neal, Fourth Grade Teacher, so that the Board can return to open session and vote to accept or not accept the tendered resignation due to retirement of Gay O'Neal, Fourth Grade Teacher. 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1).
 - b. the employment of a new elementary special education teacher on a temporary contract so the board can return to open session and vote to hire or not hire a new elementary special education teacher on a temporary contract. 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1).
13. Motion by Hartman, second by Cossairt to convene in executive session. Vote: Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes, Smith-yes, Langston-yes, Tedlock-yes. Time: 8:11 p.m.
14. 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: 8:40 p.m.
15. 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, Barker, Wade, and Brough.
16. Motion by Hartman, second by Langston to accept the tendered resignation due to retirement of Gay O'Neal, Fourth Grade Teacher as recommended by Haynes. (Attachment #5). Vote: Hartman-yes, Langston-yes, Smith-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes.
17. Motion by Langston, second by Smith to hire Brenton Young as a new elementary special education teacher on a temporary contract as recommended by Haynes. Vote: Langston-yes, Smith-yes, Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes.

18. Motion by Langston, second by Cossairt to adjourn. Vote: Langston-yes, Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes, Smith-yes, Tedlock-yes. Time: 8:42 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 1:00 p.m. on the 22nd day of May, 2009, and notice of this special meeting was given in writing to the Ottawa County Clerk at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to said meeting.

(ATTEST)

Paula D. Tedlock
President-Board of Education

John Smith
Deputy Clerk

James M. Cossairt
Vice-President

Kenny Smith
Member

Aime Langston
Clerk

Date: 06/08/2009

Darlene Scantlin
Minutes Clerk

Date: 06/08/2009

Seal

