

COMMERCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 14, 2007**

1. The Commerce Board of Education met in regular session Monday, May 14, 2007 in the High School Library. Those present were Steve Hartman, Jim Cossairt, and Dan McMMain. Paula Tedlock and Gene Langston were absent. A quorum being established the meeting was called to order by Steve Hartman at 6:35 p.m.

Paula Tedlock arrived at 6:36 p.m.

2. McMMain gave the invocation.
3. Superintendent Jim Haynes recognized Commerce Public Schools' and Commerce Middle School's teacher of year, Steve Moss; Alexander Elementary School's teacher of the year, Misty Hailey; and Commerce High School's teacher of the year, Floyd McKibben.
4. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Minutes of the April 9, 2007, regular board meeting.
 - b. Minutes of the April 30, 2007 special board meeting.
 - c. Approval of the monthly financial report of activity funds. (Attachment #1)
 - d. Approval of the monthly treasurer's report. (Attachment #2)
 - e. Approval of the list of General Fund encumbrances and warrants for April payroll (\$395,858.51). (Attachment #3)
 - f. Approval of the list of General Fund warrants and claims for May bills. (Attachment #4).
 - g. Approval of the list of Co-op Fund encumbrances and warrants for April payroll (\$6,149.28). (Attachment #5).
 - h. Approval of the list of Co-op Fund warrants and claims for May bills. (Attachment #6).
 - i. Approve the list of Building Fund warrants and claims for May bills. (Attachment #7)
 - j. Approval of the list of Child Nutrition encumbrances and warrants for April payroll (\$18,882.13). (Attachment #8).
 - k. Approval of the list of Child Nutrition warrants and claims for May bills. (Attachment #9).
 - l. Approval of the additional list of fund raisers for SY 2006-2007. (Attachment #10).
 - m. Approval of the additional list of substitute teachers for SY 2006-2007. (Attachment #11).

Motion by Tedlock, second by McMMain to approve the consent agenda as presented as recommended by Haynes. Vote: Tedlock-yes, McMMain-yes, Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent.

5. Hartman thanked the guests for attending the board meeting. (Attachment #12).
6. Motion by Cossairt, second by McMMain to approve giving a stipend of \$150.00 to the district's teacher of the year and a stipend of \$75.00 to the other two buildings' teacher of the year as recommended by Haynes. Vote: Cossairt-yes, McMMain-yes, Tedlock-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent.
7. No Public Communications.
8. Haynes reported that last month the board voted on the fast pitch softball in the spring. This was voted on by a referendum of the OSSAA and failed 148 for and 200 against so the seasons will remain as they were. Haynes passed out the maintenance reports from Bobby Arms.


9. Administrator's Reports:
 - a. Haynes said he had nothing to report at this time.
 - b. Elementary Principal Kevin Wade reported on the many activities and trips at the end of school, 2nd grade will go to the zoo, no theft party for students that did not steal, 5th grade assembly on the 16th, career day May 17th, elementary track meet on the 18th, 5th grade pay day program to teach students about writing checks, savings account and paying bills.
 - c. Middle School Principal Herb Logan reported on Career Day at Grove for the GT students, the 5th graders will come up to the middle school tomorrow, Wednesday the 8th graders will come up to the high school to pre-enroll, the middle school promotion is Friday and the awards assembly is May 29th.
 - d. High School Principal Buttram reported on the student council election, graduation practice with a cook out after the practice, after the awards assembly there will be a cook out for the students and employees and the students will check out starting with the seniors on May 29th.
 - e. Athletic Director Rusty Barker reported that the year is winding down, the baseball and track teams were very successful this year and getting started with summer activities.
10. There were no comments regarding the Comprehensive Local Education Plan.
11. Motion by Cossairt, second by McMMain to approve the District Improvement Plan as recommended by Haynes. (Attachment #13). Vote: Cossairt-yes, McMMain-yes, Tedlock-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent.
12. Motion by McMMain, second by Tedlock to approve the annual update of the Comprehensive Local Education Plan as recommended by Haynes. (Attachment #14). Vote: McMMain-yes, Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent.
13. There was no action on the Cheerleading Constitution.
14. Motion by Tedlock, second by Cossairt to adopt a policy on the high school graduation requirements as recommended by Haynes. (Attachment #15). Vote: Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes, McMMain-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent.
15. Motion by Cossairt, second by Tedlock to approve participation in the Northern Ottawa County Special Education Cooperative for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended by Haynes. Vote: Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, McMMain-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent.
16. Motion by McMMain, second by Cossairt to approve the contract with Northeast Oklahoma Community Action Agency, Inc. (Head Start Program) to provide early childhood education as recommended by Haynes. (Attachment #16). Vote: McMMain-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent.
17. Motion by Tedlock, second by Cossairt to renew property and casualty insurance policy with OSIG, Oklahoma Schools Insurance Group, through Bomford, Couch & Wilson Insurance and to authorize payment of the premium (\$48,161.00) as recommended by Haynes. Policy period July 1, 2007 to July 1, 2008. Vote: Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes, McMMain-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent.
18. Motion by Cossairt, second by Tedlock to approve contract with Pearson School Systems for PowerSchool student information system software for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended by Haynes. Vote: Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, McMMain-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent.
19. Motion by Tedlock, second by Cossairt to renew contract with Municipal Accounting Systems for financial accounting software for the 2007-2008 school year as recommended by Haynes. Vote: Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes, McMMain-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent.

20. Motion by McMMain, second by Cossairt to approve use of the Sick Leave Sharing Program by Alba Perez as recommended by Haynes. (Attachment #17). Vote: McMMain-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent.
21. Proposed executive session to discuss:
 - a. coaching assignments for SY 2007-2008 so that the Board can return to open session and vote to employ or not employ individual coaches. 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1).
 - b. the employment of two new elementary school teachers so the board can return to open session and vote to hire or not hire two new elementary school teachers. 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1).
 - c. the purchase of real property. 25 O.S. § (307)(B)(3).
 - d. 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).
22. Motion by Tedlock, second by McMMain to convene in executive session. Vote: Tedlock-yes, McMMain-yes, Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent. Time: 7:25 p.m.
23. Motion by Cossairt, second by Tedlock to acknowledge the board's return to open session. Vote: Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, McMMain-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent. Time: 8:59 p.m.
24. Hartman said, "Only the items listed on the executive session agenda were discussed and no votes were taken. Those present during executive session were the four board members, Haynes, the principals, Barker and Coach Michael Wilson."
25. Motion by McMMain, second by Cossairt to employ individual coaches SY 2007-2008 as listed as recommended by Haynes. (Attachment #18). Vote: McMMain-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent.
26. Motion by Tedlock, second by McMMain to hire Tamara Morey and Linsey Long as two new elementary school teachers as recommended by Haynes. Vote: Tedlock-yes, McMMain-yes, Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent.
27. Motion by McMMain, second by Tedlock to approve the purchase of the building and property at 217 Commerce Avenue as recommended by Haynes. Vote: McMMain-yes, Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent.
28. Mr. Buttram said he needed to discuss an item under "New Business"

Motion by Tedlock, second by McMMain to convene back into executive session. Vote: Tedlock-yes, McMMain-yes, Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent. Time: 9:03 p.m.

Motion by Cossairt, second by Tedlock to acknowledge the board's return to open session. Vote: Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, McMMain-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent. Time:9:12 p.m.
29. Motion by McMMain, second by Cossairt to adjourn. Vote: McMMain-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-absent. Time: 9:13 p.m.

(ATTEST)



President-Board of Education


Deputy Clerk



Vice-President




Member



Clerk

Date: 06/14/2007



Minutes Clerk

Date: 06/11/2007

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