

MINUTES

**SPECIAL MEETING
COMMERCE BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 20, 2009
6:00 P.M.
PICHER-CARDIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
JAMES H. SPOON
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING
715 WEST A STREET
PICHER, OKLAHOMA**

1. Jim Cossairt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Cossairt, Paula Tedlock, Steve Hartman, Gene Langston, and Rick Brown. Also present were superintendent, Jim Haynes; Picher-Cardin Board of Education members John Garner, Steve Garrett, George Blalock, Danny Blevins, and Todd Barnes; Picher-Cardin superintendent, Don Barr; Quapaw Board of Education members Randy Burnett, John Stasell, Troy Thompson, and Bryan Quick; and Quapaw superintendent, Dennis Earp.
2. A discussion with representatives from the Picher-Cardin Public School District and Quapaw Public School District with respect to a voluntary annexation resolution and agreement was held. Barr welcomed the superintendents and members of the boards of education of the Commerce and Quapaw Public School Districts. Barr, Haynes, and Earp provided information regarding various aspects related to a proposed voluntary annexation. Items discussed included; the division of land, property, assets, liabilities, responsibility for educational records, transfer of students, disposal of surplus property, and legal requirements.
3. Proposed executive session to discuss the employment status for certified and non-certified employees and possible severance compensation related to a proposed voluntary annexation with no action taken until the board returns to open session, pursuant to Oklahoma Statute, Title 25, Section 307 B (1).
4. Motion by Tedlock, second by Brown to convene in executive session. Vote: Tedlock-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes, Langston-yes. Time: 6:12 p.m.
5. Motion by Brown, second by Hartman to return to open session. Vote: Brown-yes, Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-yes, Langston-yes. Time: 7:02 p.m.
6. Cossairt announced, "Only the item listed on the executive session agenda was discussed and no votes were taken. Those present in executive session were the five board members, Mr. Haynes, the five Picher-Cardin board members, Mr. Barr, the four Quapaw board members, and Mr. Earp."
7. Motion by Hartman, second by Tedlock to adjourn. Vote: Hartman-yes, Tedlock-yes, Cossairt-yes, Langston-yes, Brown-yes. Time: 7:04 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 8:00 a.m. on the 16th day of January, 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)

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