

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CHICKASHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 12, 2019**

The Board of Education of Independent School District I-001, Grady County, Oklahoma, met in regular session Tuesday, March 12, 2019, in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, 900 W. Choctaw Ave., Chickasha, Oklahoma.

**Board Members Present**

Doug Brown  
Ginny Howell  
Shawna Covington  
Zack McGill  
Dr. Jack Herron, Superintendent

**Board Members Absent**

Julie Hibbard

**Non-Members Present**

Christal Bates, board clerk  
Dr. Kim Haney, Executive Director of Curriculum  
Jennifer Stegman, Asst. Superintendent/CFO  
Pam Ladyman, Director of Special Education  
Angie Morgan, Lincoln Asst. Principal  
Rhonda Snow, CHS Principal  
Tressia Meeks, BWECC Principal  
Vicki Gassaway, Treasurer  
Debby Davis, CMS Principal  
Dereeth Harrison, Grand Principal  
Dan Turner- Director of Maintenance & Facilities  
Michael Wynne, CHS Asst. Principal

**Item 1. Call Meeting to Order.**

Board President Doug Brown opened the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Brown acknowledged that notice of the meeting had been properly announced and posted in compliance with the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Oklahoma.

**Item 2. Roll Call to establish quorum.**

Members present: McGill, Brown, Howell, Covington; Members absent: Hibbard

**Item 3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

**Item 4. Swearing in of Cara Gerdes for Board Office #1**

Administration of the oath of office to Cara Gerdes for Board Office #1 by Clerk, Christal Bates; Following the oath of office Mrs. Gerdes took her seat on the Board.

**Item 5. Swearing in of Laurie Allen for Board Office #2**

Administration of the oath of office to Laurie Allen for Board Office #2 by Clerk, Ms. Bates; Following the oath of office Mrs. Allen took her seat on the Board.

**Item 6. Recognition of CMS Cheer Team – State Runner-Up**

Mrs. Turner introduced and recognized the CMS Cheer Team – They won class 5A State Runner-Up at the Jeff and Craig Junior High State championships. Mrs. Turner explained that the competition is for the younger girls to get a sense of what the actual state competition for OSSAA high schools is all about. They were ONE point from the first place finisher. The amazing thing is all of the teams in their division had 20-25 members on their teams and CMS only had 12 girls. The girls did an amazing job

representing Chickasha. Last year they won the State Title and this year they were runner-up. Not a bad two year run for these ladies. The CMS Cheer team members are: Monica Mills, Clara Duncan, Avery Jones, Madison Mabry, Jacie Ketchum, Raia Collier, Jaedyn Brown-Adams, Emery Butler, Savannah Rivera, Brooklyn Resendez, Brooke White, & Hailey Thompson

**Item 7. Chicken Express presentation to CMS teacher, Greg Gibson and CMS support employee, Rosalind Alexander**

Kelly Wilkerson, owner of Chickasha Express, presented CMS employees, Greg Gibson (certified) and Rosalind Alexander (support) with \$50 cash, a gift certificate, plaque, and a free drink card for the month.

**Item 8. Public Comments-** None

**Item 9. Consent Agenda.** The following items, which concern items of a routine nature normally approved at board meetings, were considered by the Board.

- a. Minutes of the February 12, 2019 regular meeting;
- b. Addition to Purpose of Account for Grand School Picture Acct. #882;
- c. General Fund Change Order #44-46;
- d. Finance report;  
**2018-2019** General Fund Nos. 494-530; Building Fund Nos. 69-78; 2010 Bond #31 Nos. None; 2008 Bond #38 Nos. None; Sinking Fund Nos. None; Gifts #81 Nos. None; BJ Clack Nos. None; Athletic Fund Nos. 568-622; Activity Fund Nos. 5198-5288

Board Member Laurie Allen requested Item 9 b. be pulled from the consent agenda for separate discussion, stating the addition to the purpose of account could not be verified. There was discussion involving all board members and questions of Jennifer Stegman.

Motion by Mrs. Allen, seconded by Mrs. Gerdes, to table Item 9.c., change order #44 & #46 and Item 9.d. Finance Report and requested point of information to include itemized invoices on PO. #14 and #15 to include encumbrance #517 and payment #3319 and #3872 for Workman Forensics and Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold. Voting AYE: Brown, McGill, Gerdes, Allen

This action was rescinded. Motion by Mrs. Allen, seconded by Mrs. Gerdes, to table Item 9.c., change order #44 & #46 and **approve Item 9.d. Finance Report**, with the following exceptions: pull PO #14 & #15 and requested point of information to include itemized invoices on PO. #14 and #15 to include encumbrance #517 and payment #3319 and #3872 for Workman Forensics and Rosenstein, Fist & Ringold. Voting AYE: McGill, Brown, Gerdes, Allen

Motion by Zack McGill, seconded by Mrs. Allen, to approve Item 9.a. and Item 9.b. change order #45, and to address items tabled at the April 9 board meeting. Voting AYE: Gerdes, Brown, McGill, Allen

**Item 10. Motion and vote to approve or not approve Category 1 and Category 2 E-Rate bids.**

Motion by Mr. McGill, seconded by Mrs. Allen, to approve Category 1 and Category 2 E-Rate bids. Voting AYE: Brown, Gerdes, Allen, McGill

**Item 11. Discussion and possible board action on Board Policy CW, Naming Buildings and/or Facilities.**

Motion by Mrs. Allen, seconded by Mrs. Gerdes, to table this item due to only receiving one page of the proposed policy and needing additional time to review. Voting AYE: McGill, Brown, Gerdes, Allen

**Item 12. Discussion and possible action to authorize the recording and/or video taping of all public sessions of board meetings.**

Motion by Mr. McGill, seconded by Mrs. Allen, to authorize CPS to record and videotape all public sessions of board meetings. Voting AYE: Brown, Gerdes, Allen, McGill

**Item 13. Presentation of 2017-2018 annual school audit by Steve Blasingame of Angel, Johnston & Blasingame with questions and discussion of board.**

No board action

**Item 14. Presentation of Forensic Audit by Leah Wietholter of Workman Forensics with questions and discussion of board.**

Motion by Mrs. Allen, seconded by Mrs. Gerdes to table indefinitely the presentation of the report of the forensic auditor. Considerable discussion ensued.

Motion by Mrs. Allen, seconded by Mrs. Gerdes to table report until 3<sup>rd</sup> board member (Robyn Morse) sworn in to office in April, 2019. No board action. There was discussion regarding a new board member not being seated until April. Board members Gerdes and Allen wanted Ms. Morse to be seated before the audit presentation. They contended that she is elected and should be able to be included in questions and discussion. In response to questions, Karen Long stated that Ms. Morse was elected, however, she would not be sworn in until the April 9 board meeting; Ms. Morse was not an official board member for purposes of the March Board meeting. There was discussion of the forensic audit as a public record and of possible avenues for allowing Ms. Morse, who was present for the meeting, to ask questions regarding the forensic audit. The suggestion was made that Ms. Morse and other members of the public could submit questions to individual board members who could use their discretion in asking questions concerning the forensic audit.

Motion by Mrs. Allen, seconded by Mrs. Gerdes, to table until April 9 Regular Board Meeting presentation of the forensic audit when all board members are seated. During roll call of voting, Mr. McGill and Mr. Brown voted nay. Mrs. Gerdes stopped the roll call vote prior to voting to ask for clarification of Ms. Morse's role during the presentation of the forensic audit. Initial options were repeated. Ms. Morse could submit questions to board members and, because the audit was public record, Ms. Morse could be permitted a copy of the audit for reference during the meeting. Mr. Brown indicated the board needed to complete the roll call of votes. Voting continued with the following votes cast:

Voting NAY: McGill, Brown, Gerdes Voting AYE: Allen

Mr. Brown announced a 10 minute break at 9:10 p.m., returned at 9:21 p.m.

**Item 15. Proposed Executive Session for the following business:**

- a) Employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of individual salaried public officers or employees. Executive Session Authority: Okla. Stat. Tit. 25, §307(B)(1) and (7). The Board discussed:
  - 1. Hiring of individuals listed on Exhibit A, posted with the Agenda;
  - 2. Transfer/Re-assignment/workday adjustment of personnel listed on Exhibit A, posted with the Agenda;
  - 3. Resignation(s) of personnel listed on Exhibit A, posted with the Agenda;
  - 4. Termination of personnel listed on Exhibit A, posted with the Agenda;

**Item 16. Motion and vote to convene in executive session.**

Motion by Mr. McGill, seconded by Mrs. Allen, to convene in executive session at 10:49 p.m. Voting

AYE: Brown, McGill, Gerdes, Allen

**Item 17. Motion and vote to acknowledge the board's return to open session.**

Motion by Mrs. Gerdes, seconded by Mrs. Allen, to return to open session at 11:56 p.m. Voting AYE: Brown, McGill, Gerdes, Allen

**Item 18. Board President's statement of executive session minutes.**

Mr. Brown stated the minutes of the executive session: All Board members, except Julie Hibbard, were present for the executive session. Only matters listed for discussion in executive session were discussed. The Board was joined in the executive session by Dr. Jack Herron and Dr. Kim Haney. No votes were taken during the closed session.

**Item 19. Motion and vote to approve or not approve the hiring of individuals listed on Exhibit A, posted with the Agenda.**

Motion by Mr. McGill, seconded by Mrs. Allen, to approve the hiring of individuals listed on Exhibit A, posted with the Agenda and attached to the Minutes. Voting AYE: Gerdes, Allen, McGill, Brown

**Item 20. Motion and vote to approve or not approve the transfer/re-assignment/ workday adjustment of personnel listed on Exhibit A, posted with the Agenda.**

Motion by Mrs. Gerdes, seconded by Mr. McGill, to approve the transfer/re-assignment/workday adjustment of personnel listed on Exhibit A, posted with the Agenda and attached to the Minutes. Voting AYE: Brown, Gerdes, Allen, McGill

**Item 21. Motion and vote to approve or not approve the resignation(s) of personnel listed on Exhibit A, posted with the Agenda.**

Motion by Mrs. Gerdes, seconded by Mrs. Allen, to approve the resignation(s) of personnel listed on Exhibit A, posted with the Agenda and attached to the Minutes. Voting AYE: Brown, McGill, Gerdes, Allen

**Item 22. Motion and vote to approve or not approve the termination of personnel listed on Exhibit A, posted with the Agenda.**

Motion by Mr. McGill, seconded by Mrs. Allen, to approve the termination of personnel listed on Exhibit A, posted with the Agenda and attached to the Minutes. Voting AYE: Gerdes, Brown, McGill, Allen

**Item 23. New Business-** This item is limited to any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting this agenda [Okla. Stat. Tit. 25, Section 311 (A)(9)].  
There was no new business.

**Item 24. Superintendent's Report**

**Bill Wallace-** Students from USAO came and read Dr. Seuss books to the students. Also, a student from USAO helped BW with a painting job on the Make a Difference Day.

**Grand Elementary-** Students pass 100 MILLION words read in Accelerated Reader, a mark that they didn't achieve last school year until the last day of school. Students read lots of Dr. Seuss books in honor of his birthday. Grand just purchased a new piece of playground equipment with money donated from several community businesses. It will be installed in June with a ribbon cutting ceremony after school begins next year.

**CMS-** CMS boys competed in the State Powerlifting competition. Kayson Paukei, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Champion in 123 lb. weight class; also nominated for MVP among lightweights for the 320 lb.

deadlift. Ty Rayburn, 8<sup>th</sup> grade State Champion in the 220 lb. class. Others finished in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> place.

**CHS-** 7 Powerlifters qualified for State: Tyron Sanders, Isaac Lee, Devin Stubbs, Ben Bowens, Cale Crawford, Noah Flores, and Lloyd Givens. Malachi Paukei, 9<sup>th</sup> grade State Champion in the 198 lb class. 2 Wrestlers qualified for the State Wrestling Tournament: Colby Resendez and Hobie Stephens. Lloyd Givens signed letter of intent to play football at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Carrie Chavers, our very own HS art teacher and business owner, will be featured in the Chickasha Chamber Facebook video "Successful Women Series." Carrie was also recently accepted into the exclusive Kansas City Art Institute's Summer Program, ArtLab. Only 20 applicants are accepted And she is one of them!

The Archery team competed in State competition as well- Riane Tuthill, 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Drue Gerdes, 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

**Congratulations to each of you!**

**Item 25. Motion to Adjourn**

Motion by Mrs. Gerdes, seconded by Mrs. Allen, to adjourn at 12:05 a.m. Voting AYE: McGill, Brown, Gerdes, Allen

**Confirmation of Agenda Posting/Open Meeting Compliance**

This agenda was posted at 2:54 p.m. on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019, on the east and west doors of the Administration Building, Chickasha Public Schools, 900 W. Choctaw, Chickasha, OK, and emailed to the concerned public. Notice of the meeting was given to the Grady County Clerk at 8:12 a.m. on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

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Christal Bates, Clerk  
Board of Education

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