

## MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING  
COMMERCE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2008 - 6:30 P.M.  
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING  
217 COMMERCE STREET  
COMMERCE, OKLAHOMA**

1. President Jim Cossairt called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.. Board Members Present were Cossairt, Steve Hartman, and Rick Brown. Paula Tedlock and Gene Langston were absent.

2. The invocation was given by Hartman.

3. Consent Agenda:

Motion by Brown, second by Hartman to approve items “a-m” of the consent agenda as recommended by Superintendent Jim Haynes. Vote: Brown-yes, Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-absent, Langston-absent.

- a. Minutes of the August 11, 2008 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 August payroll (\$149,150.11) (Attachment #3).
- e. Approval of the list of General Fund warrants and claims for September bills (Attachment #4).
- f. Approval of the list of General Fund warrants and claims for June encumbrances (Attachment #5).
- g. Approval of list of Coop. Fund encumbrances and warrants for August payroll (\$5,276.61) (Attachment #6).
- h. Approval of the list of Coop Fund warrants and claims for September bills (Attachment #7).
- i. Approval of list of Building Fund warrants and claims for September bills (Attachment #8).
- j. Approval of the list of Child Nutrition Fund encumbrances and warrants for August payroll (\$2,913.64) (Attachment #9).
- k. Approval of the list of Child Nutrition warrants and claims for September bills (Attachment #10).
- l. Approval of the additional list of substitute teachers for SY 2008-2009 (Attachment #11).
- m. Approval of the additional list of fundraisers for SY 2008-2009 (Attachment #12).

4. Cossairt thanked the guests for attending the board meeting.

5. There were no public communications.
6. Administrator's Reports:
  - a. Superintendent Haynes reported school started August 14 and that everything was going okay at all three sites.
  - b. Elementary Principal Kevin Wade reported the new teachers were doing well and the Red Wheel fund raiser was over. The G/T students went to the Coleman to see the Beauty and the Beast play. He also mentioned that Progress Reports go out on Friday, September 12, and that on October 1 they will be having an evacuation drill. They will evacuate to the old football field.
  - c. Middle School Principal Herb Logan was absent due to supervising at the middle school home football game. However, Mr. Haynes advised that Team Thunder visited the middle school.
  - d. High School Principal Jim Buttram advised that Crystal Bolles, the new Consumer Science teacher, is doing real well. Also, Tammy Rogers is doing real well with the 4-H students. He also informed the board that they will be serving Beans & Cornbread on Thursday night, September 18, during Parent-Teacher Conference.
  - e. Athletic Director Rusty Barker was absent due to supervising at the middle school and JV home football games. Mr. Haynes advised that the first home football game will be on Friday, September 12.
7. Motion by Hartman, second by Brown to approve the School District 2008-2009 Estimate of Needs and Financial Statement of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 as recommended by Haynes (Attachment #13). Vote: Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-absent, Langston-absent.
8. A hearing was held for the purpose of taking public comment on financial matters, including past and future expenditures, of the district in compliance with 70 O.S. §5-134.1. There were no comments.
9. Motion by Brown, second by Hartman to approve the Alternative Education Plan as recommended by Haynes. Vote: Brown-yes, Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-absent, Langston-absent (Attachment #14).
10. Motion by Hartman, second by Brown to approve the Gifted Educational Program Annual update as recommended by Haynes (Attachment #15). Vote: Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-absent, Langston-absent.
11. Motion by Brown, second by Hartman to approve the Gifted and Talented Summary Budget as recommended by Haynes (Attachment #16). Vote: Brown-yes, Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-absent, Langston-absent.

12. Motion by Hartman, second by Brown to approve the request by Baker Martial Arts to hold a tournament on November 8, 2008 in the Commerce High School gymnasium as recommended by Haynes. Vote: Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-absent, Langston-absent.
13. Motion by Brown, second by Hartman to approve twelve month pay period policy as recommended by Haynes (Attachment #17). Vote: Brown-yes, Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-absent, Langston-absent.
14. A discussion was held concerning school colors, school logo, and approval process. Cossairt asked for an explanation as to why the Missouri tiger logo was used on the baseball caps again after it was made clear that the Missouri Tiger logo is not to be used. He also stated that the cover on the new annual should be blue not black. Cossairt stated for years we have struggled trying to maintain a level of conformity with school colors and logos. It seems that different organizations persist wanting to deviate from what the Board has tried to establish and maintain as the Commerce traditional blue and white colors and the Bengal Tiger logo.

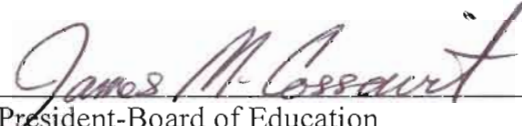
Motion by Cossairt, second by Hartman that all items involving school colors and logos be submitted to and approved by administration inclusive of all clubs and organizations under the umbrella of school authority as recommended by Haynes. Vote: Cossairt-yes, Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Tedlock-absent, Langston-absent.

15. Proposed executive session to discuss:
  - a. the employment of a new middle school social studies teacher so the board can return to open session and vote to hire or not hire a new middle school social studies teacher. 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1).
  - b. the employment of a new bi-lingual teacher's assistant so the board can return to open session and vote to hire or not hire a new bi-lingual teacher's assistant. 25 O.S. § (307)(B)(1).
  - c. 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)
16. Motion by Brown, second by Hartman to convene in executive session. Vote: Brown-yes, Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-absent, Langston-absent. Time: 7:26 p.m.
17. Motion by Hartman, second by Brown to acknowledge the board's return to open session. Vote: Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-absent, Langston-absent. Time: 8:06 p.m.
18. Cossairt announced, "Only the items listed on the executive session agenda were discussed and no votes were taken. Those present were the three Board Members, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Buttram, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Brough."

19. Motion by Brown, second by Hartman to hire Raye Anne Barnes on a temporary one year contract as a new middle school social studies teacher as recommended by Haynes (Attachment#17). Vote: Brown-yes, Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-absent, Langston-absent.
20. Motion by Hartman, second by Brown to hire Alba Perez as a new bi-lingual teacher's assistant as recommended by Haynes (Attachment #18). Vote: Hartman-yes, Brown-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-absent, Langston-absent.
21. A brief discussion was held concerning the duties of new adjunct football coach. No action was taken.
22. There was no new business.
23. Motion by Brown, second by Hartman to adjourn. Vote: Brown-yes, Hartman-yes, Cossairt-yes, Tedlock-absent, Langston-absent. Time: 8:08 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2008, and notice of this regular meeting was given to the Ottawa County Clerk prior to December 15, 2007.

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President-Board of Education

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Date: 10/13/2008

  
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