

**SOPER BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 21, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Dr Scotty Van Worth, and Mr Parker Harless opened the meeting with prayer.

Members present: Robert Spaulding, Arlis Young, Gaylen Branton.

Administration present: Scotty Van Worth, Parker Harless.

It was determined that the agenda for this meeting was posted in due time. Robert Spaulding moved to approve the minutes of the February 2022 Soper School Board Meeting. Gaylen Branton seconded the motion. Gaylen Branton—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, and Arlis Young—Aye.

Visitor Angela Martin was welcomed by all.

Dr. Scotty Van Worth offered the Superintendent's report, at which time he stated that Covid-19 outbreaks have been quiet for now and that his hope is that the virus stays in the rearview mirror. Dr Van Worth informed the Board that March 2022 testing was on the horizon.

Then Dr Van Worth went over the financial statements which show the General Funds and all other accounts to be in healthy balances. This time of year does not draw in much in the way of ad valorem monies, but enough State funds would be in to cover payroll. Federal funds are light for this year so far, but the bills are paid. May will require funds to meet three payrolls, but this is expected.

The electric bill is elevated, which Dr Van Worth is looking into, but all other expenditures are reasonable. Dr Van Worth plans to get an audit from PSO to figure out what is going on with the electric bill.

The new air conditioner work is under way and will be reimbursed with ESSER funds. Jason Carlile with Dave's Air is working on weekends in order to stay out of the way of regular school activities. After the air conditioning units are installed, then the roofing work will go forward.

Arlis Young made a motion to approve the general fund encumbrances 308-335 and checks. Gaylen Branton seconded the motion. Robert Spaulding—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye, and Gaylen Branton—Aye.

Tina Jeffreys had a storm-related emergency and could not attend the meeting. Parker Harless delivered the Principal's report for the high school, at which time he acknowledged that testing would begin in a couple of weeks.

The new activities bus would be available to bring home any day. The hope is that it will be in time to use for several activities which are planned for the remaining eight weeks of school.

Robert Spaulding moved to approve the ADPC contract, which is the accounting program used by the office staff for such needs as financial reports. Arlis Young seconded the motion. Gaylen Branton—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye.

Arlis Young moved to go into executive session 25 O.S. Sec 307 (B) (1) to discuss and consider extending the contracts of certified and non-certified staff, as well as extra duty contracts for the 2022-2023 school year. Gaylen Branton seconded the motion. Gaylen Branton—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, and Arlis Young—Aye.

After the executive session, Arlis Young made a motion to return to open session. Gaylen Branton seconded the motion. Robert Spaulding—Aye, Gaylen Branton—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye. In executive session, the following topic was discussed: consideration and discussion on extending contracts of certified, non-certified, and extra duty contracts.

A motion was made by Robert Spaulding and seconded by Arlis Young to extend the contracts of current certified staff. Gaylen Branton—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, and Arlis Young—Aye.

Gaylen Branton moved to rehire the contracted non-certified staff for the 2022-2023 school year. Arlis Young seconded this motion. Gaylen Branton—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye.

Robert Spaulding then made a motion to extend the extra duty contracts for the 2022-2023 school year. That motion was seconded by Arlis Young. Gaylen Branton—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, and Arlis Young—Aye.

A motion was made by Gaylen Branton and seconded simultaneously by Robert Spaulding and Arlis Young to approve the transfer number update for April 2022. This approval is to keep the same capacity (25) per grade. Gaylen Branton—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, and Arlis Young—Aye.

There was no new business to discuss and no purchase requests.

A motion was made to adjourn by Arlis Young, and it was seconded by Gaylen Branton. Gaylen Branton—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye.

Meeting was adjourned.

Gaylen Branton 

Robert Spaulding 

Arlis Young 

