

**SOPER BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Monday, February 20, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Angella Dancer at 7:02 p.m.

*Members present: Gaylon Branton, Bruce Roebuck, Angella Dancer, Arlis Young. It was determined there were enough members present for a quorum.*

*Administration present: Tina Jeffreys, Parker Harless, Scotty Van Worth*

It was determined that the agenda for this meeting was posted in due time, and Gaylon Branton moved to approve the minutes from the January 2023 Soper School Board meeting. Bruce Roebuck seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Visitor Angela Martin was welcomed by all.

The superintendent's report was given by Dr. Scotty Van Worth. He reported that more work and repairs had been done to the roof and the coming rain later in the week will help determine if they got it all or if there are still leaks. He announced that we had been approved for, and had already received, a \$5,000 grant from USDA to purchase beef for the lunchroom. Dr. Van Worth briefly went over a few state bills that are on the docket for the current legislative session. The activity bus alarm had been fixed and on the subject of busses, the idea to purchase a 14 passenger bus was brought up, it will be discussed in more detail later down the road though. Lastly, he went over the finances and the state of all of the school funds. Money is looking outstanding and it will be nice to have a cushion considering we don't know what the future holds.

Bruce Roebuck moved to approve the General Fund encumbrances 295-321 and payroll encumbrance 70132 as well as checks. Gaylon Branton seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Tina Jeffreys gave the elementary principals report. She informed the board that there was a parent/teacher conference coming up later this week and that summer school preparations were underway. This year Boswell has decided to

join us, which will bring in more students in grades kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Summer school will be funded through Choctaw Nation with the intentions of funding a pre-k class with ESSER money. Lastly, state testing starts in April.

Parker Harless gave the high school principals report. He reported that March kicks off a really busy time of the year for athletics and FFA alike. Ball games begin next week and discipline issues are continuing to decrease. First United Bank has offered to re-do our gym floor over the summer as well. Angella Dancer inquired about senior graduation. Mr. Harless confirmed the time and date and all agreed that they enjoy holding the ceremony in the mornings.

Arlis Young made a motion to convene in executive session with regard to the rehiring/approving contracts for next year for Certified and Non-Certified personnel. Gaylon Branton seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye. Visitors were dismissed and executive session began at 7:43 p.m.

Angella Dancer acknowledged the Board's return to Open Session at 8:18 p.m. and stated that in executive session the following topic was discussed: In the executive session, the contracts of Certified and Non-Certified were discussed.

Arlis Young moved to approve the contracts of Certified and Non-Certified staff for the 2023-2024 school year. Gaylon Branton seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Angella Dancer made a motion to approve the SEES/OKTLE contract. Bruce Roebuck seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Angella Dancer made a motion to approve the school calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. Gaylon Branton seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Gaylon Branton motioned to approve ADPC Contract. Arlis Young seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Angella Dancer made a motion to approve Miller's Office Equipment contract. Arlis Young seconded. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Gaylon Branton motioned to approve the letter of resignation for Sarah Ferguson due to medical reasons. Bruce Roebuck seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Arlis Young moved to approve the hiring of a cafeteria staff member. Gaylon Branton seconded. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Gaylon Branton made a motion to table the vote for the building bids for the USDA Grant. Angella Dancer seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Arlis Young motioned to approve the contract from SDE to audit public schools. Gaylon Branton seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

There were no new purchase requests.

There was no new business to discuss.

A motion to adjourn was made by Arlis Young and was seconded by Gaylon Branton. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Adjourned 9:49 p.m.

Bruce Roebuck

Gaylon Branton

Angella Dancer

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