

**SOPER BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Monday, July 17, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Angella Dancer at 7:00 p.m. Parker Harless offered prayer.

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

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

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

There were no visitors.

Dr. Scotty Van Worth began his superintendents report by discussing the upcoming in-service plans as well as the OSSBA conference. Several board members expressed interest in going so he will begin the preparations. He reported that the building fund is at an all-time high. They used some of the funds to lay fresh asphalt behind the new cafeteria and down by the gym. Plans to pour concrete under the awning and some small projects around the playground will also come from the building fund. The general fund looks great and everyone reviewed the beginning of the year encumbrances.

Angella Dancer made a motion to approve the General Fund encumbrances 1-105 and checks, as well as payroll encumbrances 70001-70017, Building Fund encumbrances 1-4 and Sinking Fund encumbrance 1. Gaylon Branton seconded the motion. Angella Dancer-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye, Gaylon Branton-Aye

Tina Jeffreys reported that since Cassie Campbell was moved to the front desk secretary position, Chelbi Snow would be taking her place as an aide. Summer school went really well, with very good feedback from Boswell students and parents too. POSSE has not sent any testing results yet, but they should soon. New carpet has been laid in three elementary classrooms and it looks great. They

chose carpet tiles which offer a bit more cushion as well as easy access to repair or replace as needed. Mrs. Jeffreys stated that she would love to fix up some areas on the playground and have a covered sidewalk installed. The sidewalk would lead from the elementary building to the little gym so kids can still get there even in the rain. However, there are drainage issues in that area that need to be fixed before any kind of project can begin.

Parker Harless began by saying that he enrolled two transfer students earlier in the day and that baseball and softball practice had started too. He is waiting on the call to go pick up the busses in El Reno and is looking forward to seeing everyone return on August 2<sup>nd</sup> for in-service. Mr. Harless also stated his intent to coach high school and junior high girls' basketball for the 2023-2024 school year. The other administrators believe they can fill in while he is down at the gym holding practice.

Gaylon Branton made the motion approve the contracts with WPS & OSAG. Arlis Young made the second motion. Angella Dancer-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye, Gaylon Branton-Aye

Arlis Young moved to approve a 30 cent per hour raise for support employees, as well as increasing anyone making under \$12 up to \$12.50 *and* also increasing starting support salaries to \$12 per hour. This proposed change is for the 2023-2024 school year only; any further raises will still need to be approved on a year-to-year basis. Gaylon Branton seconded the motion. Angella Dancer-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye, Gaylon Branton-Aye

Angella Dancer moved to approve student activity fund account transfers. Arlis Young seconded the motion. Angella Dancer-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye, Gaylon Branton-Aye

Arlis Young made the motion to approve the payroll dates for the 2023-2024 school year. Gaylon Branton seconded the motion. Angella Dancer-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye, Gaylon Branton-Aye

Arlis Young moved to approve the following fundraisers as well as allow superintendent approval for further fundraisers on an as needed basis:

- FFA Shop Projects
- FFA Rodeo

- FFA Rodeo Program Ad Sales
- FFA Rodeo Queen Contestant
- Blue & Gold Sausage and other sales
- Donkey Ballgame
- Candy, Jewelry, Candle, Donut, Pizza and Etc. Sales
- T-Shirt & Jacket Sales
- Fireworks Sales
- Yearbook Ad Sales
- Favorite Picture Sales for Yearbook
- Fall Festival
- Elementary Basketball Game
- Basketball, Baseball, Volleyball, and Golf Games
- Meals by Ball Teams and/or Other Organizations
- Valentine Fundraiser
- School Dances
- Car Wash
- Top Shoot
- Chances
- Superintendent can approve other fundraiser on an as-needed or emergency basis.

Angella Dancer seconded the motion. Angella Dancer-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye, Gaylon Branton-Aye

There were no new purchase requests.

There was one item to discuss under new business. Tim Harless turned in his letter of resignation after the agenda had been posted. Angella Dancer made a motion to approve the resignation letter for Tim Harless. Gaylon Branton seconded the motion. Angella Dancer-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye, Gaylon Branton-Aye

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

Adjourned 7:53 p.m.

*Lyndee Lane*

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