

**SOPER BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Monday, March 22, 2021  
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Angella Dancer.

*Members present: Robert Spaulding, Angella Dancer, Arlis Young, Bruce Roebuck, Gaylen Branton.*

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

It was determined that the agenda for this meeting was posted in due time.

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for the Soper School Board for February 22, 2021, was tabled for the next meeting.

Visitor Nathan Jeffreys was welcomed by all.

Dr. Scotty Van Worth offered the Superintendent's report, at which time he stated that many of the teachers and staff have taken their second Covid-19 shots and that reports of Covid illness have shrunk exponentially. He does not want to continue virtual learning for the following year if in-school learning is possible. The board unanimously agree.

Dr. Van Worth also reported that the 2021-2022 school year will continue with the 4-day school week. Options for virtual Friday are being considered.

In other business, Dr. Van Worth reported that the new cafeteria was used this day with only a few glitches. Currently, it is being used in a grab-and-go capacity but full-time in-house lunches will soon be served. Dr. Van Worth plans to wax the floors in the coming week.

Also, awning construction is being considered in detail. Nathan Jeffreys suggested bar joist construction and advised the board that steel prices are currently unstable and soaring. He suggested that the board should expect the awning price could be in the vicinity of \$20,000. No bids for this construction have been submitted at the time of the meeting.

Concrete and asphalt bids are actively being sought. After the awning is built, there will still be money in the building funds for other improvements. Collections are not complete at this time, so funds are being estimated conservatively.

The water bill has seen improvement. The Verizon expenditures have been necessary this year because of distance learning, but a grant will be coming in to handle it. Keystone Food Services, trash pick-up, and electricity, and the final invoice from the architect for the recent building construction are all presented, as well as the National Board Certified bonus for Speech Pathologist, Jenna Phipps. The athletic and FFA accounts are still healthy, along with Yearbook and Senior Class accounts, thanks to fundraising efforts of those groups.

New security cameras are being installed over the entire campus, thanks to grant money. Dr. Van Worth reports these cameras as “a huge improvement” over current security, expecting advanced clarity in pictures to the degree that license plates can be read. Tables and chairs and any other cafeteria furnishings needed will also be covered by the grants.

There is still no applicant for the maintenance position.

Dr. Van Worth told the Board that he is trying to decide whether it is feasible to repair the old mower or if money might be better spent purchasing a new one. The price to repair has been estimated at \$5,000, while a new Bush Hog mower from Davidson would be about \$7,000. Robert Spaulding suggested that the purchase will be a better expenditure of funds. Arlis Young moved to make the purchase. Gaylen Branton seconded the motion. Bruce Roebuck—Aye, Gaylen Branton—Aye, Angella Dancer—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, and Arlis Young—Aye.

A motion was made by Robert Spaulding and seconded by Arlis Young to approve the general fund encumbrances 242-268 & 70121-70122 and checks. Robert Spaulding—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye, Gaylen Branton—Aye, Angella Dancer—Aye, and Bruce Roebuck—Aye.

Tina Jeffreys, in her Principal’s Report, said that there will be summer school and is optimistic that it will benefit many students who were negatively impacted from this difficult year of distance learning. A meeting is planned with the Choctaw Nation’s POSSE Program coordinators. Two of Soper’s teachers are

signed up to participate in the summer school efforts: Gina Van Worth and Misty Weathers. Summer school will run from mid-May through June.

In other business, Bruce Roebuck moved to approve the ADPC (accounting program) contract. Gaylen Branton seconded the motion. Angella Dancer—Aye, Gaylen Branton—Aye, Bruce Roebuck—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye.

Gaylen Branton 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 for the 2021-2022 school year. Arlis Young seconded the motion. Bruce Roebuck—Aye, Gaylen Branton—Aye, Angella Dancer—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, and Arlis Young—Aye. Visitors were dismissed.

In executive session, the following topic was discussed: consideration and discussion on extending contracts of certified and non-certified contracts. Upon returning to open session, a motion was made by Robert Spaulding and seconded by Arlis Young to extend the contracts of certified and non-certified staff as listed on the agenda. Angella Dancer—Aye, Bruce Roebuck—Aye, Gaylen Branton—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, and Arlis Young—Aye.

Bruce Roebuck moved to approve the contract of Scotty Van Worth as Superintendent of Soper School for 2021/2022 School Year through the 2023/2024 School Year. Robert Spaulding seconded the motion. Gaylen Branton—Aye, Bruce Roebuck—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, Angella Dancer—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye.

A motion was made by Gaylen Branton and seconded by Arlis Young to approve the contract of Tina Jeffreys as Elementary Principal for the 2021/2022 school term. Angella Dancer—Aye, Bruce Roebuck—Aye, Gaylen Branton—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, and Arlis Young—Aye.

A motion was made by Robert Spaulding and seconded by Gaylen Branton to approve the contract of Parker Harless as High School Principal for the 2021/2022 school term. Angella Dancer—Aye, Bruce Roebuck—Aye, Gaylen Branton—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, and Arlis Young—Aye.

Angella Dancer moved to extend all extra duty contracts as listed for the 2021/2022 school year. Gaylen Branton seconded the motion. Robert

Spaulding—Aye, Gaylen Branton—Aye, Bruce Roebuck—Aye, Angella  
Dancer—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye.

There was no new business to discuss.

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

Meeting was adjourned.

Bruce Roebuck

Angella Dancer

Gaylen Branton

Robert Spaulding

Arlis Young ✓