

**SOPER BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 22, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Angella Dancer at 7:01 p.m.

Members present: Arlis Young, Angella Dancer, Bruce Roebuck, Gaylen Branton, Robert Spalding. 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. Arlis Young moved to approve the minutes from the December 2023 Soper School Board meeting. Gaylen Branton seconded the motion. Gaylen Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

There were no visitors.

Dr. Scotty Van Worth began his report by sharing that all of the Choctaw County school superintendents had started a group chat, which comes in handy when bad weather happens. Some had discussed the idea of delayed starts instead of missing an entire day at times, but ultimately no one went with the idea. The Board agreed that this wasn't something they were interested in at this time. Dr. Van Worth moved on to the finances, pointing out that our balances look outstanding and that the building fund appears to be at an all time high. We did get a boost in State Aid this month and though it will go down some in the subsequent months, it will still be a little more than it has been. He concluded by informing everyone that he will be heading to a legislative conference for the following two days.

Robert Spalding made a motion to approve the General Fund encumbrances 291-318, and checks, as well as one Building Fund check. Arlis Young seconded the motion. Gaylen Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Tina Jeffreys reported that it was quiet on the Elementary side at the moment. So far, no teachers have submitted their intent to leave after this school year

concludes although there is still time for this to happen. Lastly, she had just been notified by Choctaw Nation that they have approved us for summer school for this coming summer.

Parker Harless reported that he recently had to send one student to alternative school. Basketball playoffs begin in the next few weeks. After that ag shows and spring sports will be here before we know it. One high school teacher will be out for the next couple of weeks due to her husband having organ transplant surgery. He plans on everyone doing the best they can to help cover her classes.

Gaylen Branton made a motion to approve Tomahawk Construction for the work for the USDA grant building project. Arlis Young seconded the motion. Gaylen Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Bruce Roebuck motioned to approve the IK Solutions contract. Arlis Young seconded. Gaylen Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Robert Spalding motioned to approve the K12 internet filtering contract. Gaylen Branton seconded. Gaylen Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-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 it was seconded by Gaylen Branton. Gaylen Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Adjourned 7:41 p.m.

Lynda Allen

Geoffrey

Bruce Roehuck

Eugene Branton

Robert Spall

