**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING – February 28, 2018**

The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 30 of Washington County, Bartlesville, Oklahoma met at the Bartlesville Community Center, 300 SE Adams Boulevard, in said City on February 28, 2018, at 5:30 PM.

Members Present: Mr. Scott Bilger, President; Mr. Rick Boswell, Vice President; Ms. Nikki Benson, Clerk; Mr. Randy Herren; Mrs. Alison Clark; and Mr. Kevin Sitton

Members Absent: Mr. Tyler Vaclaw

Staff Present: Mr. Chuck McCauley, Superintendent; Mr. David Boggs, Executive Director of Financial Services; Mrs. Dianne Martinez, Executive Director of Elementary and Middle School Instruction; Mr. Jason Langham, Executive Director of High School Instruction and Special Services; Dr. Stephanie Curtis, Director of Federal Programs and Personnel; Mr. Granger Meador, Director of Communications; Ms. Laci McClintock, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent and Minutes Clerk; Mr. Roger Doty, Director of Plant Services and Transportation; Ms. Lori Patterson, Directory of Technology Services;

Guests Present: Kerry Ickleberry, Safe and Healthy Schools Coordinator; Marsha Fouts, Bartlesville High School Assistant Principal; Chanda Myers, Ranch Heights Elementary Principal; Shelly White, Richard Kane Elementary Principal; Jon Beckloff, Sodexo; Joey Eidson, Madison Middle School Principal; Keri Gardner, Central Middle School Principal; Rene Burns, Hoover Elementary Principal; Laura Salzyn, Technology Training Coordinator/Teacher Specialist of Student Assessment & Accountability; LaDonna Chancellor, Bartlesville High School Principal; Angie Linthacum, Teacher Specialist of Supplemental Services; Tammie Krause, Woodrow Wilson Elementary Principal; Ken Copeland, Wayside Elementary Principal; Kevin Brown, Jane Phillips Elementary Principal; Heather Boyle, BEA President, teacher; Taylor Adams, teacher; Susan Staats, teacher; Lea Burke, teacher; Sherry Campbell, teacher; Marjorie Green, teacher; Tamara Walker, teacher; Sarah Stevens, teacher; Elizabeth Hindman, teacher; Ashleigh Callahan, teacher; Janey Dunlap, teacher; Tara Hendrickson, teacher; Kay Walker, teacher; Angela Harris, teacher; Jennifer Spina, teacher; Lana Bell, teacher; Rachel Gurule, counselor; Amy Viele, teacher; Allen Godwin, teacher; Richard Martinez, teacher; Debra Wailes, teacher; Amanda Powell, teacher; Kathy Hixon, teacher; Lauri Pollock, teacher; John Hammack, teacher; Mark Villines, teacher; Shannon Henley, teacher; Julie Anderson, teacher; Jennifer McCauley, teacher; Theresa Merrifield, teacher; Julie Reeves, teacher; Tanya Williams, teacher; Kylee Armstrong, teacher; Emily Voelkers, teacher; Laura Coulter, teacher; Emma Hamilton, teacher; Dana Curran, teacher; Karen Gerth, teacher; Theresa Keller, teacher; Kealy Johnson, teacher; Angela Babb Reinsager, teacher; Holly Null, teacher; Zack Michel, teacher; Rene Toulouse, teacher; Gary Layman, teacher; Kirby Lowry, teacher; Cheryl Fentress, teacher; Jerry Gray, teacher; Catherine Gilbert, teacher; Sophia Bevard, teacher; Mandy Lumbley, teacher; Christy Allgood, teacher; Chris Van Steenvoort, teacher; Tarah Gailey, teacher; LeAnn Nicholson, teacher; Allie Lewis, teacher; Maria M. Serrano; Melissa Bonham, teacher; Twila Divine, teacher; Sherry Langham, teacher; Lisa Tennell, teacher; Bryan Gardner, teacher; Diana Cole, teacher; Jessica Strain, teacher; Lindsay Hammond, teacher; Kris Zorn, teacher; Kelsey Bridges, teacher; Monica Britt, teacher; Rhonda Layman, counselor; Andrea Jacobs, counselor; Mitsuye Conover, teacher; Belinda Buoy, teacher; Kirsten Minton, teacher; Carol Porter, teacher; Cindy Schwermer, teacher; Julie Eide, teacher; Leah Dennis, teacher; Brandyn Sullivan, teacher; Angela Byars, teacher; Alex Claussen, teacher; Megan Dean, teacher; Karie Duncan, teacher; Jay Chaffin, teacher; Lance Miller, teacher; Stephen Walden, teacher; Carol Seals, Secretary; Lindsey Stuart, teacher; Joanna Cotton, teacher; Tina Ewing, teacher; Julie Counterman, teacher; Jennifer Clarkson, teacher; Taylor Howard, teacher; Jacquelyn Smith, teacher; Kristi Gantenbein, teacher; Vanessa Wallace, teacher; Amy Hamilton, teacher; Denise Remington, teacher; Gwen Sally, teacher; Theresa Miller, teacher; Karla Cunningham, teacher; Sherry Lavery, teacher; Brian Davis, teacher; Lisa Hight, teacher; Dana Lyle, teacher; Lauren Vysotsky, teacher; Gail Stone, teacher; Kristina Tupper, teacher; LaChelle Speaker, teacher; Terry Reynolds, teacher; Sandra Cloud, teacher; Mike Dodson, teacher; Larry Eide, BPS; Heather Davis, teacher; Erica Dennis, teacher; Patty Waldorf, teacher; Erin Perry, teacher; Kimberly Takahashi, teacher; Delaney Chidester, teacher; Steven Graham, teacher; David Ayres, teacher; Brenda Weeter, teacher; Jeremy Williams, teacher; Debbie Brashear, teacher; Debbie Noble, teacher; Ellie Sanborn, teacher; Jodi Beffer, teacher; Jeanne Ruddick, teacher; Maureen McQuillen, teacher; Cheryl Herard, teacher; Johnathon Knopfel, teacher; Marsh Boomer, teacher; Traci Bottorff, teacher; Adam Dorris, teacher; Debbie Garland, teacher; Diana Mims, teacher; Kristie Eason, teacher; Josh Waddell, counselor; Rebecca Cox, parent; Wahlea Davis, parent; Savannah Cox, student; Lukas Hammack, student; Callie Krause, student; Elizabeth Hine; Gabby Burke, student; Robert Boyle, student; Chris Cauthen, parent; Rosemary Davis, student; Sophie Walker, student; David Biddinger, parent; Allison Biddinger, student; Matthew Coordsen, student; Jolene Bryant, parent; Paisley Bryant, student; Anela Takahashi, student; Margaret Drummond, student; Kandis Alsup, parent; Aleeyah Dean, student; Irene Chang, parent; Jozi Curran, parent; Jessica Butler, parent; Sara Willis, student; Rebekah Dorris, parent; Markus Klawun, student; Meth Klawun, parent; Dana Martinez, parent; Keeli Droege, parent; Paul Stuart, parent; Chase Deibert, student; Ella Goodwin, student; Kale bottorff, student; Jenni McKinney, parent; Jeremy McKinney, parent; Michelle Sitton, parent; Kimberly Cauther, parent; Brock Dodson, student; Chris Neumann, student; Chloe Cunningham, student; Anushka Sukhadia, studentl Jennifer McMurran, parent; Eli Winter, student; Ryan Bevard, parent; Madison Chaffix, student; Gary Downey, parent; Linda Moore, parent; Sovan Banozea, parent; Archisha Banerjee, student; Rylee Reese, student; Zach Nicholson, student; Tamra Winter, parent; Tosha Van Voorst, parent; Carrie Miller, parent; Isabell Snell, student; Stacy Gerth, parent; Becky Olsen, parent; Stacy Hubb, parent; Kendall Hubb, student; Brook Langham, student; Rachel Brown, student; Mary Wiley, student; Cathy Tennell, parent; Greta Olsen, student; Kassidy Quillin, student; Jesse Tavernia, student; Jennifer Galvin, parent; Stevie Williams, parent; Sabra Reese, parent; Jacob Rawlings, student; Mirena Takahaski, student; Chloe Maye, student; Lisa Maye, parent; Erich Minton, parent; Gretchen Chaffin, parent; Hadley David, student; Kennedy Franks, student; Katie Claussen, student; Abby Kahler; Aaron Goodwin, parent; Angela Kitts, parent; Laura Halcom, student; Russell Halcom, parent; Christina Halcom, parent; Aarya Ghonasgi, student; Archana Sapre, parent; Amy Tavernia, parent; Ellie Benson, student; Halle Martin, student; Kaylee Cromwell, student; Cameron Clark, parent; Tracey Johnson, parent; Susan Steward, parent; Michael Wray, parent; Kelly Cromwell, parent; Mitchell Takahashi, parent; Jordan Ihrig, parent; Ashley Massara, parent; Kimberly Doenges, parent; Bode Doenges, student; Kade Doenges, student; Jennifer McMurian, parent: Jennifer Rainbolt, parent; Haylee Doxey, student; Melanie Delon, student; Liam Wisner, student; Amanda Thomas, parent; Alan Rainbolt, parent; Kourtney Craig, parent; Vanessa Drummond, parent; Rev. Stephen Hood, parent; Sarah Gonzales, student; Reland Herman, parent; Brock Gonzales, student; Cathy Riner, parent; Michal Lindblom, parent; Terry Gerth, parent; Laura Birk; Jeff Birk; Ginger Griffin; John Means; Tom Dunlap; Ed Wallace; Bobbi Sexson; Lynn Wallace; Carol Green; Clarice Olsen; Randi Olsen; Jim Reali; Hauny Basso; Lori Armstrong; James Rutherford; Deborah Rutherford; Margaret McDonald; Jo Tucker; Mike Henley; Christy Gerak; Kim Harris; Christian Mitchell; Kyle Minninga, Copan Public Schools; Kelley Becker; Matt Coulter; Tim Hamilton; Ron Adams; Mini Vasudevan; Gopi Vasudevan; Tom Tate; Jim Douthat, Union Public Schools; Marilyn Blumer; Mark Blumer; Fran Stallings; Mark Allgood; Stacy Hopkins; Dorothy Sommer; Janice Harrison; Jessica Davis; Marta Manning; Hilary Kamplain; Tom O’Connor; Peggy O’Connor; Mike Wallace; Joe Williams; Barbara Williams; Shawn Ewing; Cindy Smith; Jennifer Stahl; Jan Dreiling; Jacob Chidester; Rachel Stockton; Leslie Farr; Jimmy Berg; Mitch Gailey; Tim Kilpatrick; Teri Thomas; Jaclynn Thomas; Teresa Garrity; David Blumer; Kathleen Rutledge; Rich Rutledge; Jim Burke; Matt Garrity; Debbie Speer; Linda Thomas; Phil Blender; Jerrie Nicholson; Chris Smith; Larry Miller; Janice Maczko; Richard Skinner; Sandra Skinner; Mary Deathe; Harry Deathe; Kathy Willis; Dean Dobyns; Linda Dobyns; Janice Lee; Mikala Garrett; Curt Cloud; Kurt Bottorff; Heidi Dodson; Cindy Graham; Mark Watts; Deborah L. D.; Karen Lowe-Alton; George Halkiades; Susan Lauffer; Laura Walton; Shirley Martin; Beth Dennis; Charlie Taraboletti, Bartlesville Radio; Emily Droege, Bartlesville Examiner Enterprise; Ryan Cannonie, District Attorney’s Office District 11; Kim Jackson, Channel 8 News; Bud Sexson, Nowata Principal; Dan Droege, PEAK; Kevin Ickleberry, Bartlesville Police Department; Emily Wendler, KOSU Radio;

**I. Call Meeting to Order**

**II. Flag Salute**

**III. Discuss possible District responses to the ongoing budget crisis**

Mr. Chuck McCauley gave an overview of how the meeting will unfold and introduced school board and administrators. McCauley introduced Meador to go over the slideshow.

Mr. Granger Meador reviewed the slideshow found at bps-ok.org and explained the current situation for public education in Oklahoma.

Mr. McCauley announced the other districts across Oklahoma whom are also having this discussion. The number of students that would be involved has so far reached 171,115 out of 694,816 statewide, or about 25% of the total student population.

Mr. Meador reviewed the possible scenarios to suspend school and what it would require.

**IV. Public input on budget crisis and possible District responses**

Bon Bennet, a government teacher and track coach at Bartlesville High School, voiced his support in suspending schools. He voiced how some legislators are starving schools to force consolidation while incentivizing private schools.

Heather Boyle, a Bartlesville Public Schools teacher and BEA president, spoke of her support for the suspension of classes. BEA members have been in contact with local nonprofits for safe places for students while schools are closed. She urged community members to offer to volunteer, register to vote, and make voices heard.

Aarya Ghonasgi, a student at Bartlesville High School, gave credit for her academic achievement to her teachers and stated her support for the suspension of schools.

Tom Tate encouraged community members to research State Question 795 then petitioned for signatures. The measure is designed to levy a five percent tax on gross production of oil and gas from wells during the first 36 months of production. Revenues from the tax would go to a newly created Quality Instruction Fund. The funds would be used to increase the salaries of certified education personnel. However, the funds may not be used toward the salaries of superintendents or assistant superintendents of a school district. The measure also specifies that funds from the tax may not be used to replace or supplant existing education funding.

Eli Winter, a freshman at Bartlesville High School, stated that less and less of his peers are choosing education as a career path.

Dan Droege, a member of Public Education Advocates for Kids (PEAK) expressed his support for the leadership of the Bartlesville Public School District and is confident that decisions will be made in the best interest of our students and schools.

Rebecca Cox, a Bartlesville Public School District graduate and parent of students, voiced her support in the suspension of schools.

Jennifer McMurian, a local business owner and parent, wished to speak to those who are on the fence about the issue. She has become an active member of the PTO and hears firsthand of the needs of the teachers. She voiced her support in the suspension of schools.

Kallie Krause, a Bartlesville High School senior, stated she has been forced to choose not to go to school in Oklahoma to become an educator and voiced her support in the suspension of schools.

Chloe Cunningham, a Bartlesville High School senior, stated students deserve more and a better education. She supports the suspension of school to show representatives students want change.

Sarah Gonzales, a senior at Bartlesville High School, spoke for her teachers who have said this movement is long overdue to get legislators’ attention and stop cuts to public education funding.

Christian Mitchell, a member of the Washington County Democratic Party, voiced his support for public education and stated members of his party are coordinating efforts to develop resources to support the suspension of schools.

Angela Kitts, a parent and substitute for Bartlesville Public Schools, expressed her disappointment in the necessity to this discussion and stated her support in the suspension of schools.

Laura Salzyn, a Technology Training Coordinator and Teacher Specialist of Student Assessment and Accountability, stated she is proud of what Bartlesville is doing by making a choice to lead. As an 18th-year educator, she stated when positions get cut, responsibilities do not disappear and more falls on the teachers. She voiced her support in the suspension of schools.

Heidi Russell, thanked the board and Mr. Meador for the presentation, and insisted the state needs to find a solution.

Joe Williams, a parent of Bartlesville High School students, stated a strong public education is economic development, and that the purpose of good government is to compromise. He encouraged the board to suspend classes, garner national media attention, and pressure legislators.

Paul Stuart, a parent and business owner, stated that our legislators need less education experience than teachers; no degrees or education. He voiced that the priority of legislators is not education; they want to fund private schools with public money. He urged people to vote to overthrow the powers that be in November.

Chloe Maye, a Bartlesville High School senior, expressed that her teachers are professionals and they should be paid as such.

Rachel Brown, a Bartlesville High School senior, stated her disappointment for the state of Oklahoma and urged the board to suspend classes to show legislators that Oklahoma students are worth funding.

Larry Miller, a retired teacher, reminded that community that State Questions put Oklahoma in the situation it is in today, and to proceed with caution. He urged the board to suspend classes to get the attention of legislators because there is nothing left to lose.

Brock Gonzales, a Madison Middle School student, voiced his disappointment in local legislators. He urged the board members to stand up for its teachers just as he is.

Brian Davis, a geography teacher at Central Middle School, stated he is disheartened that local legislators are not paying attention to what the community is telling them. He encouraged Bartlesville to be the spark in this discussion.

Richard Skinner, a resident of Bartlesville, stated legislators are not working hard enough for public schools, and it is up to the voters of Oklahoma to replace them with someone better.

Scott Bilger opened the floor for comments or questions from the board members.

Alison Clark urged the community to contact local delegation to voice their concerns.

Scott Bilger stated the economy is recovering, and it is time to make a significant investment in Oklahoma and in public education.

Rick Boswell noted that as board members, they are volunteers with the purpose to make a difference and that time is now.

Nikki Benson stated her belief in the power of the masses.

Alison Clark shared that the BEA and other organizations are already planning and coordinating in the community to prepare for a suspension of schools.

Chuck McCauley stated the first week in April or the week after spring break may be a target. It is unknown at this time what action there will be on March 12th.

**V. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**SPECIAL MEETING**

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**STATE OF OKLAHOMA ) SS**

**COUNTY OF WASHINGTON )**

I, the undersigned Minutes Clerk of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 30 of Washington County, Oklahoma, certify that notice of the time, date, and place of this special meeting was given at least 48 hours prior to this meeting to the County Clerk of Washington and was mailed or delivered to all of those who have made written requests and paid the request fee for notice of special meetings.

I also certify that at least 24 hours prior to this special meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, notice of the date, time, and place, and agenda of this meeting was posted in prominent public view at the location of this meeting.

Witness my hand this 28th day of February 2018.

Signed: 

Minutes Clerk of the Board