**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING – February 19, 2018**

The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 30 of Washington County, Bartlesville, Oklahoma met at the Education Service Center, 1100 South Jennings Avenue, in said City on February 19, 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; Mr. Tyler Vaclaw; and Mr. Kevin Sitton

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

Guests Present: Nathan Thompson, Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise; Emily Droege, Bartlesville Examiner-Enterprise; Charlie Taraboletti, Bartlesville Radio; Joseph Holloway, News on 6;

Guests, BPS employees:

Roger Doty, Director of Plant Services and Transportation; Orville Burks, Maintenance; Lori Patterson, Directory of Technology Services; Ryan Huff, Director of Athletics & Activities; Matt Hancock, Principal of Bruin Academy, Assistant Director of Athletics & Activities; LaDonna Chancellor, Principal, High School; Marsha Fouts, Assistant Principal, High School; Eliot Smith, Assistant Principal, Freshman Academy; Greg Tackett, Assistant Principal, High School; Rhonda Carr, Orchestra Director; Alex Claussen, Band Director; Marjorie Green, Choir Director; Gregg Carr, Orchestra teacher; Ken Copeland, Principal, Wayside Elementary; Alex Rivera, Madison Choir; Shelly White, Principal, Kane Elementary; Rene Burns, Principal, Hoover Elementary; Kevin Brown, Jane Phillips Elementary; Chanda Myers, Principal, Ranch Heights Elementary; Tammie Krause, Principal, Wilson Elementary; Joey Eidson, Principal, Madison Middle School; Laura Salzyn, Technology Training Coordinator/Teacher Specialist of Student Assessment & Accountability; Heather Boyle, BEA President; Blair Ellis, Executive Director, Bartlesville Public Schools Foundation; Kelsey Bridges; Tara Hendrickson; Tina Ewing; Rachel Hough; Rita Coale; Gwen Sally; Theresa Miller; Kelli Bryant; Lauren Roberts; Kirby Lowry; Karla Cunningham; Brian Davis; Jeanne Ruddick; Tamra Davis; Taylor Adams; Jennifer Clarkson; Julie Counterman; Sara Heuertz; Amanda Powell; Jessica Strain; Audrey Strain; Elizabeth Hindman; Melissa Bonham; Shelly Buhlinger; Kirsten Minton; Rick Martinez; Carol Smith; Kari Davis; Abby Kahler; Megan Dean; Monica Britt; Renee Toulouse; Gerald Demaray; Aliana Taylor; Angela Byars; Stephen Walden; Twila Divine; Bon Bennett; Diana Mims; Heather Schumacher; Joyce Nickels; Debbie Noble; Sophia Bevard; Mandy Lumbley; Lisa Hight; Robyn Scott; Shannon McKinney; Leslie Susie; Nicole Nease; Christine Jarmola; Susan Staats; Kris Martens; Jen Ward; LeAnn Nicholson; Laura Coulter; Brett Turowski; Pam Rohrs; Shannon Henley; LaChelle Speaker; Vanessa Wallace; Laurie Marshall; Maureen McQuillen, Barbara Kelley; Steven Graham; Jessica Moses; Kendra Rakes; Erinn Rakes; Linda Dean; Janessa Blain; Lacie Autry; Rochelle LeMaster; Marsh Boomer; Monta Hymel; Larry Eide; Sonja Settle; Julie Anderson; Cat Nitz; Candace Keahtigh; Mark Villines; Suzanne Villines; Joanna Cotton; Jeretta Amburn; Allen Godwin; Tarah Gailey; Janey Dunlap; Kristin Flick; Brittany Whaling; Amy Hamilton; Amy Viele; Stacy Hopkins; Debbie Garland; Sherry Langham; Julie Giovannetti; Ryan Cannonie; Kristi Gantenbein; Cheryl Fentress; Stacey Goodwin; Steven Cooks; Jerry Gray; Tonya Knollmeyer; Diana Johnson; Emily Voelkers; Jennifer Spina; Lauri Pollock; Leslie Kramer; Anna Garrett; Tara Massey; Brandyn Sullivan; Emma Hamilton; Tim Hamilton; Amanda Hendrix; Rachel Bragg; Jacquelyn Smith; Kylee Armstrong; Lindsay Hammond; Lyndsey Stuart; Angela Harris; Sherrie Lavery; Jeremy Williams; Amitia Claussen; Jonathan Knopfel; Amy Hoelscher; Tasha Posch; Kealy Johnson; Heather Davis; Gail Stone; Lindsey Schnoebelen; Karen Gerth; Lana Bell; Christy Orphin; Amanda Hancock; Hillary Hicks; Ashleigh Callahan; Lori Vest; Sheri McInturff; Casey White; Diana Cole; Susan King; Peggy Covell; Jane Sears; Lisa Dysinger; Vicki Cabler; Randall Jones; Brian Jenner; Jessica Birk; Josh Waddell; Emily Robinson; Trish Peaster; Julie Brown; Cindy Schwermer; Elaine Swanson; Jenny Downey; David Ayres; Carol Porter; Adam Dorris; Rachel Gurule; Lea Burke; Zach Michel; Hannah Michel; Erica Dennis; Kristie Eason; Allison Ebert; Barbara Larkin; Shawn Hemminger; Debbie French; Amanda Wade; Todd Rhoades; Holly Null; Theresa Merrifield; Joseph Hanks; Jeremy Hanks; Crestley Tyree; Randall Jones; Cristi Scheer; Delaney Chidester; Jessica Allis; Austin Crisler; Kimberly Takahashi; Kandis Alsup; Kris Zorn; Amanda Graddy; Julie Eide; Tamara Walker; Sarah Long; Mitsuye Conover; Angela Babb Reinsager;

Guests:

Sheri Wilt; Gopi Vasudevan; Mini Vasudevan; Dr. Donald Simmons; Vanessa Drummond; Michael Wray; Alex Magana; Christoph Klawun; Chloe Cunningham; Michaela Wilson; James Wilson; Jenna Divine; Archana Sapre; Adam Nofsinger; Sara Jones; Debra Demaray; John Hammack; Orion Scales; Arlee Gore; Erich Minton; Kathleen Rutledge; Cara Shell; Kelley Becker; Kaylee Cromwell; Noah Estes; Aleeyah Dean; Danielle Poquette; Debbie Brashear; Alice Taylor; Madisann Taylor; Taylor Cobb; Brennan Longacre; Lukas Rettors; Olivia Melton; Sam Fleming; Kristopher Talbott; Ethan McKinnis; Scott Sullivan; Brayan Ayala; Ryan Bevard; Yasmin Majors; Lisa Maye; Chloe Maye; Ginger Griffin; Tamra Winter; S.J. Hughes; Jim Lavery; Corrie Pester; Fran Stallings; Christopher Van Buskirk; Vishnuprasada Vasudevan; Zach Nicholson; Jessica Butler; Ella Butler; Cynthia DeFehr; Richard Roberson; Beverly Roberson; Kathy Willis; Janice Mac??; Justin Marshall; Matthew Coordsen; Bailey Kemp; Sabina Coordsen; Noah Wassom; Gracie LeMaster; Baylee Reynolds; Ariel Jimison; Bailey Meadow; Rayana Lewis; Savanna Rile; Matthew Gailey; Jennifer McMurrain; Courtney Higgins; Aaron Goodwin; Rachel Brown; Alex Le; Brett Pellegrino; Kate Steward; Jan Boomer; Pepper Hume; Kayla Hoelscher; Rylee Reese; Grace Keen; Sabra Reese; Grace Comer; Braden Wann; Crystal Comer; James Rutherford; Deborah Rutherford; Olivia Rakes; Becki Rakes; Jesse Tavernia; Jan Swan; Christian Mitchell; Dernoel Fincher; Angela Kitts; Hadley Davis; Anushka Sukhadia; Mary Whiley; Abby Turner; Cash Hancock; Treyton Hendrix; Austin Hendrix; Kelsi Norvell; Travis Rakes; Brandon Wade; Harry Deathe; Mary Deathe; Olivia Perry; Maxwell Stuart; Lori Armstrong; Kim Harris; Sydney Hauser; Bethany Spalding; Kaitlyn Stapp; Jaylee Hampton; Kailyn Schoonover; Kaimron Schoonover; Mike Schoonover; Doyla Schoonover; Andy Thurman; Kathy Hixon; Marcia Harden; Andrew Harden; Chris Harden; Kyle Hendrix; Brigette McKinnon; Stephanie Thibodeau; Jerry Thibodeau; Reland Herman; Sarah Gonzalez; Brock Gonzales; William Covell; Allison Biddinger; David Biddinger; Kristin Turner; Lacey Fisher; Beth Anderson; Kandice Williams; Bron Williams; Sandy Dossett; Judd Strom; Kristy Nofsinger; Addi Nofsinger; Callie Krause; Amy Tavernia; Alyssa Rogers; Jordan Ihrig; Liam Wisner; Haylee Doxey; Melanie DeLeon; Cameron Clark; Gary Downey; Keeli Droege; Brian Olsen; Elizabeth Sparks; Reese Powell; Savannah Cox; Olivia Holder; Asher Holder; Noah Sullivan; Evelyn Angel; Adilyn Bevard; Liam Lumbley; Judie Hartzog; Molly Hartzog; Rebekah Dorris; Shelli Dugan; Alexis Lewis; Lt. Kevin Ickleberry; Jennifer Rainbolt; Alan Rainbolt; Adam Humble; Elizabeth Humble; Grace Larkin; Jacob Chidester; Emma Rohrs; Erich; Gabbie Amaro; Daylon Carse; Brittany Banh; Brilee Taylor; Payton Winter; Eli Winter; Lauren Cotch; Izzy Vaclaw; Emily Hart; Natalie Pittser; Evan Mitchell; Becca Wiley; Sara Wiley; Ambry Fisher; Becky Olsen; Mirena Takahashi; John Covell; Sarah Covell; Chloe Eide; Sophie Walker;

**I. Call Meeting to Order**

**II. Flag Salute**

**III. Board Membership Changes**

**III.A. Acknowledgement of receipt of Certificate of Election from Washington County Election Board for Board Offices 2 and 4**

**III.B. Administration of the Oath of Office to Board Member**

This being the first meeting following the annual school board election, Ms. McClintock administered the Oath of Office prior to the meeting to:

1. Scott Bilger, Office 2
2. Kevin Sitton, Office 4

**IV. Reorganization of the Board of Education pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Title 70, 5-119**

**IV.A. Nomination(s), consideration and vote(s) for President of the Board of Education**

Mr. Bilger accepted the nomination for President of the Board of Education.

**Order #1.2018 - Motion Passed:** to nominate Mr. Bilger as President of the Board of Education passed with a motion by Mr. Tyler Vaclaw and a second by Mr. Randy Herren. For the Motion: Mr. Bilger, Mr. Boswell, Ms. Benson, Mr. Herren, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Vaclaw, and Mr. Sitton. Against the Motion: None. **7 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

**IV.B. Nominations(s), consideration and vote(s) for Vice-President/Deputy Clerk of the Board of Education**

Mr. Boswell accepted the nomination for Vice President/Deputy Clerk of the Board of Education.

**Order #2.2018 - Motion Passed:** to nominate Mr. Boswell as Vice President /Deputy Clerk of the Board of Education passed with a motion by Mrs. Alison Clark and a second by Mr. Kevin Sitton. For the Motion: Mr. Bilger, Mr. Boswell, Ms. Benson, Mr. Herren, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Vaclaw, and Mr. Sitton. Against the Motion: None. **7 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

**IV.C. Nomination(s), consideration and vote(s) for Clerk of the Board of Education**

Ms. Benson accepted the nomination for Clerk of the Board of Education.

**Order #3.2018 - Motion Passed:** to nominate Ms. Benson as Clerk of the Board of Education passed with a motion by Mr. Rick Boswell and a second by Mr. Randy Herren. For the Motion: Mr. Bilger, Mr. Boswell, Ms. Benson, Mr. Herren, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Vaclaw, and Mr. Sitton. Against the Motion: None. **7 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

**IV.D. Administration of the Oath of Office to new President, Vice-President/Deputy Clerk, and Clerk of the Board of Education**

Ms. McClintock administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Bilger, Mr. Boswell, and Ms. Benson.

**V. Spotlight**

**V.A. Recognize Varsity Cheer Team**

1. Sydnie Anders
2. Katey Anderson
3. Olivia Bailey
4. Breckyn Berry
5. Hayden Billingsley
6. Claire Chipinda
7. Halle Dugan
8. Jordan Fannin
9. Jade Fielder
10. Kyla Gomez
11. Hannah Hancock
12. Makinzie Hicks
13. Ashtyn Lashbrook
14. Jade McClary
15. Taryn Nelson
16. Macy Reynolds
17. Alexa Richmond
18. Kylee Shaff
19. Samantha Simmons
20. Zoe Stratton
21. McKenna Sutter
22. Naudia Whitlock

**V.B. Recognize All-State Choir students**

1. Natalie Hart- Oklahoma Music Educators' Association All-State Children's Chorus
2. Julianna Ortiz- Organization of American Kodaly Educators National Youth Choir
3. Sophie Walker- Oklahoma Choral Directors' Association Junior High All-State Treble Chorus
4. Carlie Pool- Oklahoma Choral Directors' Association Junior High All-State Mixed Chorus
5. Bryanna Swan- Oklahoma Choral Directors' Association Junior High All-State Mixed Chorus
6. Nathaniel Vilardo- Oklahoma Choral Directors' Association Junior High All-State Mixed Chorus
7. Emily Nordhues- Oklahoma Music Educators' Association High School All-State Treble Chorus
8. Olivia Wilt- Oklahoma Music Educators' Association High School All-State Treble Chorus
9. Brooke Marshall- Oklahoma Music Educators' Association High School All-State Mixed Chorus
10. Garrett Lee- Oklahoma Music Educators' Association High School All-State Mixed Chorus
11. Kaimron Schoonover- Oklahoma Music Educators' Association High School All-State Mixed Chorus
12. Kaimron Schoonover- National Association for Music Educators' All-National Mixed Chorus
13. Mr. Alex Rivera-Oklahoma Music Educators' Association Young Educators Award

**V.C. Recognize All-State Orchestra students**

1. Markus Klawun, Violin 1
2. James Martinez, Violin 2

**VI. Public Comment**

Mrs. Heather Boyle, President of the Bartlesville Education Association, thanked the crowd for supporting teachers in this tumultuous time. She described the declining conditions in the state and shared that teachers can leave Oklahoma and receive a $19,000 pay increase. She spoke for the BEA by saying they are calling for the suspension of class, so they may petition at the state capitol like they did in 1990, until legislators come up with solutions.

Heather Davis, an English teacher at Central Middle School addressed that now is the time for the Board of Education to have the power, positivity, and leadership skills to help fund our schools and students. She stated Bartlesville will be known for leading the districts in the state.

Alex Claussen, the Band Director for Bartlesville Public Schools proclaimed that is blessed in Bartlesville, but not in Oklahoma. He voiced while there are certainly a lot of people here, more teachers wanted to come but they are at their part time job. He revealed that the spark starting tonight will soon turn into a burning inferno, because enough is enough.

Cheryl Fentress, a science teacher at Bartlesville High School asserted that in times of crisis, staying informed and being a responsible voter is not enough and sometimes citizens must get involved. She shared that while the Step Up plan was not perfect, it was better. Because legislators keep playing politics, she thought that if they cannot make them see the light, they could make them feel the heat.

Brian Davis, a geography teacher at Central Middle School expressed he is ready to set an example and walk around the capitol.

Vanessa Drummond, a parent of current and former Bartlesville Public Schools students, is on several local boards that help public education and is a former Board of Education member. She acknowledged that while the Bartlesville community supports students, chronic underfunding at state level leaves Bartlesville in crisis. Teaching schools have seen a huge drop in enrollment, and the ones that are there are making a beeline out-of-state. Teachers must be paid competitive wages. She clarified that it is clear local legislators are not listening to the needs of the community. She has seen morale drop every year due to cut after cut in funding. She voiced that Oklahoma children need and deserve an excellent education.

Theresa Miller, a science teacher at Madison Middle School shared that the opportunity to show students that together we are stronger is now. She maintained that it is passed the time to step up. She asked the Board to suspend school, so teachers and the Bartlesville Public School district can be the role models for the students that they serve.

Mary Wiley, a student at Bartlesville High School wanted to share a student’s perspective. She declared that the choices Oklahoma has been making continue to hurt education. The issue is more than money and paper and books; it is the people. She asked, “How much are we worth? I hope that my education is worth more than this.”

Dr. Donald Simmons, a 1991 Bartlesville Public Schools graduate, parent, and local family practice physician voiced his support of the teachers and students. He shared that the issue is not partisan; one unified voice needs to let legislators know we need to fix this problem.

Brock Gonzales, a student at Madison Middle School acknowledged it takes a lot of nerve to be a teacher. He voiced his concern that teachers are leaving for other states.

Travis Rakes, a Bartlesville Public Schools graduate and parent stated that his former classmates are brain surgeons, counsel for large corporations, and members of our community. He declared that as a parent and supporter of the community and the board, he supports the need to let the state know we value education.

Sarah Gonzales, a student at Bartlesville High School said that retail workers make more than teachers. She asserted that teacher vacancies, emergency certificates, and fewer teacher positions are all increasing.

Kelly Bryant, a Hoover Elementary School teacher and parent of a Bartlesville Public Schools graduate indicated it is her 20th year in education and she has the most students in her class this year at 27 students. She shared how she talked to John Ford when she was the Bartlesville Education Associated president about how she had two degrees and made less than her husband with only a high school education, and he told her that was her choice to take this profession. She expressed that class sizes cannot grow any more.

Gopi Vasudaven, a parent of current and former Bartlesville Public Schools students and local physician said he knew Bartlesville was well received nationally and internationally, and had a lot going for it when he moved here. He shared that this is not a left-wing or right-wing thing, and he is embarrassed as a republican with what is happening. He expressed his support for the teachers and said Oklahoma cannot afford to go backward any farther. He shared his hope that this will be convincing the community it is electing the wrong politicians.

**VII. Superintendent's Report**

**VII.A. Financial Update**

David Boggs shared the hiring of a new treasurer, Sara Vermeire, and thank her. He explained the savings the district is receiving from the new school buses due to less fuel and maintenance.

**VII.B. Ranch Heights Site Presentation**

Will complete next month.

**VII.C. Legislative Update**

Granger Meador showed the history of the district in 1990 when he was a new teacher and visits HB 1017.

Alison Clark stated there is still not a budget approved. She said when the Step Up plan was defeated, legislators on both sides stood in front of it and stopped it from passing. On earlier failed HB 1054X revenue plan with $3,000 teacher raise and the latest failed HB 1033XX Step Up plan with $5,000 teacher raise, our local delegation voted ‘No’ from Senator Daniels and Representative Dunlap, and ‘yes’ from Representative Sears.

Superintendent Chuck McCauley shared how he was quoted in August about how this is the tipping point. In September, he spoke with the board about this issue and suspending classes, and the board knew it would require further conversation. He stated that since then, the district has been hopeful that legislators would figure something out. This has not yet happened, so he surveyed superintendents on his or her interest on the topic. More than half we onboard and conversation is ongoing. He expressed that over the next week and a half, superintendents will be planning and there is a need to further speak to the Bartlesville community. Class suspension could happen in early April, and a vote could happen at the March 12th board meeting.

Heather Boyle stated the OEA would support a legal shut down of schools if there was viable piece of legislation to get behind first, and right now we do not have that.

Tyler Vaclaw urged the community to let local delegation to hear its voice, and that election time in November is not far away.

Rick Boswell shared his support of pursuing this to the community outreach at next week’s meeting and further conversation from there.

Scott Bilger shared he has listened to ideas from legislators for 8 years and nothing has changed.

**VII.D. Upcoming Board of Education Meetings (all in Board of Education Meeting Room)**

1. Special Meeting – Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. – Bartlesville Community Center
2. Regular Meeting - Monday, March 12, 2018; 5:30 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting Room

**VIII. Consent Agenda**

**VIII.A. Approval of Minutes as set out on Attachment "A"**

**VIII.B. Approval of Purchase Orders and Change Orders through February 12, 2018 as set out on Attachment "B"**

**VIII.C. Acceptance of Financial Reports for January 2018 as set out on Attachment "C"**

**VIII.D. Approval of Personnel - Appointments, Resignations, Changes of Status - as set out on Attachment "D"**

**VIII.E. Acceptance of Donations as set out on Attachment "E"**

**VIII.F. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report as set out on Attachments "F"**

**VIII.G. Acceptance of Activity Fund Report as set out on Attachment "G"**

**VIII.H. Declaration of Items as Surplus as set out on Attachment "H"**

**VIII.I. Approval of Lease Purchase Items as set out on Attachment "I"**

**Order #4.2018 - Motion Passed:** passed with a motion by Mr. Tyler Vaclaw and a second by Mrs. Alison Clark. For the Motion: Mr. Bilger, Mr. Boswell, Ms. Benson, Mr. Herren, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Vaclaw, and Mr. Sitton. Against the Motion: None. **7 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

**IX. Action Topics**

**IX.A. Consideration and vote to approve Jenkins & Kemper, CPAs PC, as Independent Auditor to complete the audit of the Fiscal Year 2018 and prepare the Estimate of Needs for 2018**

**Order #5.2018 - Motion Passed:**  with the exception that it is for 2019, passed with a motion by Mr. Rick Boswell and a second by Mr. Kevin Sitton. For the Motion: Mr. Bilger, Mr. Boswell, Ms. Benson, Mr. Herren, Mrs. Clark, Mr. Vaclaw, and Mr. Sitton. Against the Motion: None. **7 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

**X. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

**XI. New Business**

There was no new business.

**XII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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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 regular meeting was given to the County Clerk of Washington prior to December 15, 2017, and was mailed or delivered to all of those who have made written requests and paid the request fee for notice of regular meetings.

I also certify that at least 24 hours prior to this regular 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 19th day of February 2018.

Signed: 

Minutes Clerk of the Board