

Board of Education Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 6:45 PM

Elementary School Library
201 S 3rd St.
Sharon, OK 73857

Attendance Taken at 6:45 PM.

Bill J. Clem: Present
Daniel Lee: Present
Levi Spencer: Present
Neal Stephenson: Absent
Eddie White: Present

Present: 4, Absent: 1.

Others in attendance: Mr. Thompson, Superintendent/Elementary Principal, Mrs. Hopper, High School Principal, Jill Syms, Assistant Elementary Principal, Vicki Harzman, Minutes Clerk, Trisha Thompson, Michelle Farrell, Mrs. Coffey, Brad and Dustie Shryock, Alyssa Lee, Mrs. Nail, Mrs. Green, Angela Clem, Lorrie and Jeremy Baggett, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Stone, Heather Weir. Vice-President Neal Stephenson and Monica Stephenson will be arriving late to meeting.

Attendance Update Taken at 7:09 PM.

Neal Stephenson: Present

Present: 5.

Others in attendance: Mr. Thompson, Superintendent/Elementary Principal, Mrs. Hopper, High School Principal, Jill Syms, Assistant Elementary Principal, Vicki Harzman, Minutes Clerk, Trisha Thompson, Michelle Farrell, Mrs. Coffey, Brad and Dustie Shryock, Alyssa Lee, Mrs. Nail, Mrs. Green, Angela Clem, Lorrie and Jeremy Baggett, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Stone, Heather Weir, Monica Stephenson.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Bill J Clem, Board President.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. SALUTE TO THE OKLAHOMA FLAG

I salute the flag of the State of Oklahoma, Its symbols of peace unite all people.

4. INNVOICATION

5. Daniel Lee to be sworn in as newly elected board member.

I, Daniel Lee, hereby declare under oath, that I will faithfully perform the duties of Member of the Sharon-Mutual Board of Education to the best of my ability, and that I will faithfully discharge all of the duties pertaining to said office, and obey the Constitution and laws of the United States, and Oklahoma.

6. Board to consider and take action to re-organize the Board of Education

Motion was made to leave board organization as is. Bill J Clem, President, Neal Stephenson, Vice-President, Eddie White, Clerk, Daniel Lee, Member, Levi Spencer, Member. Passed with a motion by Levi Spencer and a second by Eddie White.

Bill J. Clem: Yea
Daniel Lee: Yea
Levi Spencer: Yea
Neal Stephenson: Absent
Eddie White: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7. STANDING RESOLUTIONS: "Resolved upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, standing resolution 1 and 2 be approved as presented this date.

Motion to approve standing resolutions 1 and 2 Passed with a motion by Eddie White and a second by Levi Spencer.

Bill J. Clem: Yea
Daniel Lee: Yea
Levi Spencer: Yea
Neal Stephenson: Absent
Eddie White: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

1. Minutes of previous meeting(s)

2. Schedule of bills and reports

**8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Jeff Thompson
7:09 p.m. Vice-President, Neal Stephenson, and Monica Stephenson, arrived at meeting.**

Mr. Thompson gave the Superintendent's report. He gave each board member a paper with their total points on it. He informed Daniel Lee, new board member, that he has 15 months to get credits needed. He announced that there will be staff changes due to resignations given by Aaron Marlatt, Megan Gilchrist, Audra Hutchins, and Rodney Bennett. Please wish them the best of luck in their new positions and/or

adventures if you see them. The OSSBA Region 2 Meeting. will be held April 27th at 5:30 p.m. in the Mutual gym. The FFA will be serving. Mr. Thompson encouraged all board members to attend. Eddie White, Clerk, stated he likes the in person, instead of online. It feels more beneficial and is less costly with online costing the school \$60.00 to \$100.00 each time. Board members will receive 3 credits for attending that night. Mr. Thompson then gave an update on the legislative issues-Vouchers/Tax Credits, Teacher Pay, School Funding, Board Election Dates, Tax Cuts, and other topics. The House and Senate are currently fighting so most of the Educational Legislation is in gridlock. He encouraged everyone to be in contact with their local representative, and if anyone is interested in visiting the Capitol he would be glad to attend with you. He states he is planning to attend Eggs and Issues Friday April 14th in Woodward.

9. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Jeff Thompson and Terri Hopper Mr. Thompson reported that the elementary enrollment is 146 students. The Teacher Amazon Pages are still open and will be available all year. The spring pizza fundraiser forms are due April 24th, the Big Four Track Meet will be held May 8th, and the spring field trips will be starting shortly. Pre-K and 6th grade graduation will be held May 11th and Elementary Awards will be May 12th.

Students of the Month for March-

PreK - Angel Jaquez

PreK - Adalicia Watson

Kindg- Stefan Davis

1st grade - Channing White

2nd grade - Lakyn Marlatt

3rd grade- Luke Spray

3rd grade - Dierksyn Thompson

4th grade - Prince Prada

5th grade - Kiley Brown

6th grade - Heather Calkins

Mrs.Hopper reported that the high school has a total enrollment of 70 students. Prom was last Saturday night and everything went well. The Character Minutes finished yesterday, the final day of the S-M Baseball Festival will be 04-13-23, high school track will be at Laverne 4-14-23, State Testing will begin 4-17-23. Elementary/JH track will be at Turpin 4-17-23, HS baseball vs. Ringwood 4-17-23, Baseball District Tournament 4-20-23, HS track at Turpin 4-21-23. HPTC Skills Contest 4-25-23, JH/HS GT Trip to

Oklahoma City 4-26-23, FCCLA Sr. Farewell 4-27-23, HS Tack Regionals 4-29-23, State FFA Convention at Tulsa 5-1 thru 5-4-23. HPTC Awards Assembly 5-1-23 at 8:00 a.m., State Track at Western Heights 5-5-23 and 5-6-23, FAA Banquet 5-9-23. Stem Trip will be 5-9-23, and Mrs. Green will be taking some students to attend it. Letterman's Banquet 6:30 p.m. 5-15-23, HS Awards Assembly 5-16-23 at 9:00 a.m., Miss S-M/Mr. Irrisistable 5-16-23 at 6:30 p.m., Baccalaureate 5-17-23 at 7:00 p.m., Graduation 5-19-23 at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Hopper then brought up that it has been suggested that TAP be put back into the school schedule for 8th, 9th, and 10th grades. She stated that it would be very difficult to get everything worked into the daily schedule, and that if a student is in TAP they cannot be in Vo-Ag or FACS. Mr. Brad Shryock agreed with Mrs. Hopper that it would be difficult to get worked into the daily schedule, and transportation to and from would also be an issue. Mrs. Green stood and addressed the board stating that TAP would take away her classes that she teaches, so she would no longer have a job at Sharon-Mutual. Mr. Thompson stated that he, Mrs. Hopper, and Mrs. Syms would discuss this issue further.

10. LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT:

Mrs. Nail spoke about SB 526 which repeals requirements for the Teacher and Leader Effectiveness Evaluation System, a statewide program intended to measure performance but the subject of considerable criticism during its brief existence. SB 526 would allow districts to continue using the system, which is marketed by a third-party vendor, or to develop their own evaluation programs.

State Representative John Echols states the problem is we have the TLE right now which is a single vendor. We need to look at more opportunities as to how we grade teachers and give them that continuing education in a way that's helpful but still maximizes what schools can do.

Mr. Thompson stated he was not aware of this bill and will do some further looking in to it.

11. Board to consider and take action on the FY 2023-2024 School Calendar

Passed with a motion by Eddie White and a second by Levi Spencer.

Bill J. Clem: Yea

Daniel Lee: Yea
Levi Spencer: Yea
Neal Stephenson: Yea
Eddie White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

12. Board to consider and take action on 5th and 6th grade to have a cheer team for the school year 2023-2024.

Michelle Farrell, Para, addressed the board regarding having a 5th and 6th grade cheerleading squad for the 2023-2024 school year. She stated they would start out with football to see how it goes. They want to give the girls something to do and the opportunity to see if it's something they want to do in junior high and high school since its costly to be involved in. They are also hoping it will bring more fans and parents to the game and show more team spirit. They will only cheer at home football games, parents are responsible for getting them to the game and picking them up after the game, and it will be all parent funded. The junior high and high school cheerleaders and sponsors have agreed to help the younger girls learn.

Passed with a motion by Neal Stephenson and a second by Eddie White.

Bill J. Clem: Yea
Daniel Lee: Yea
Levi Spencer: Yea
Neal Stephenson: Yea
Eddie White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

13. Lorrie Baggett to discuss transportation needs for Sharon-Mutual Schools. No action to be taken.

Lorrie Baggett, citizen, addressed the board regarding the schools' transportation needs. She stated she went to a track meet recently and noticed our school buses and vehicles look awful compared to other schools. She states we need to have more pride in our school and was wondering what needs to be done to get this issue solved. She was informed by board members and Mr.Thompson that recently a transportation bond was voted on and failed terribly. She ask what the reasons are that nothing will pass and ask if it

was because of it increasing taxes. She was told that higher taxes for one, and community just doesn't want to help the school are the reasons why. Mr. Thompson stated that having two sites really strains the budget, and Eddie White, Clerk, stated moving everything to one sight would save the school a lot of money each year. He believes a bond for transportation and building for one site should both be on one bond since the taxes would be the same. We have got to get the community on board. Mr. Thompson stated that the longer we wait the more it's going to cost. Mr. Shryock told of recently when coming home from an event, the transmission went out in one of the suburbans pulling out into intersection in Watonga. Luckily all the students had rode home with parents, and he was able to reverse it into the quick stop parking lot and call for help. Could have not turned out as well as it did. Lorrie stated she has been hearing a lot of trash talking and negativity. She states that everyone needs to shut their mouths, stop the negativity, and work together for the kids sake. **PUT THE KIDS FIRST!** She states if there are no changes made the school is going to continue loosing students and eventually Sharon-Mutual will have no schools. She states she is willing to do whatever is needed. **No action taken. Will discuss more at next board meeting.**

14. New Business

15. Sign Documents

16. SCHEDULE OF THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting will be Wednesday May 10th at 6:45 p.m.

17. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m. Passed with a motion by Eddie White and a second by Levi Spencer.

Bill J. Clem: Yea

Daniel Lee: Yea

Levi Spencer: Yea

Neal Stephenson: Yea

Eddie White: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

