



**MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BROKEN ARROW PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Tuesday, January 3, 2017 (6:00 PM)**

The meeting of the Board of Education of Broken Arrow Public Schools, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, was called to order at the Education Service Center Board Room at 701 S. Main Street, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma by Cheryl Kelly.

1.0 Call to Order

1. Call to order (Except for item #1, any agenda item may be considered and acted on in any order).

ROLL CALL

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Cheryl Kelly

Dr. Theresa Williamson

Jerry Denton

Steve Majors

ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS:

Steve Allen

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Dwayne Thompson

Shelli Holland-Handy

Michelle Bergwall

Chuck Perry

Dr. Janet Dunlop

Citizens of the Public

Members of the Media

2.0 Formal Adoption of Agenda

2. Formal adoption of agenda.

Recommendation: Approve ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Jerry Denton) Moved, Member (Steve Majors) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Approve'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was:

Aye: 4

Nay: 0

The motion Carried 4 – 0

3.0 Executive Session

3. Discussion, motion and vote on motion to approve or disapprove moving into executive session to discuss a proposed employment contract with Dr. Janet Dunlop, as authorized by OKLA. STAT. Title 25, Section 307(B)(1) and (7) of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

Recommendation: Approve ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Jerry Denton) Moved, Member (Steve Majors) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Approve'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was:

Aye: 4

Nay: 0

The motion Carried 4 – 0

4.0 Return to Open Session

4. Discussion, motion and vote on motion to acknowledge that the Board has returned to open session.

Recommendation: Approve ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Jerry Denton) Moved, Member (Steve Majors) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Approve'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was:

Aye: 4

Nay: 0

The motion Carried 4 – 0

5. Statement of executive session minutes by Board Clerk.

The Board of Education and Doug Mann entered into executive session at 6:01pm to discuss the employment contract with Dr. Janet Dunlop as authorized by Okla. Stat. Title 25, Section 307(B)(1) and (7) of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

At 6:09 pm, at the request of the board, Dr. Janet Dunlop entered into Executive Session.

The Board of Education, Doug Mann and Dr. Janet Dunlop returned to Open Session at 6:17 pm.

This constitutes the minutes of the executive session.

Board Clerk, Jerry Denton

6. Discussion, motion and vote on motion for the Board to take any action the Board deems appropriate with regard to a proposed employment contract with Dr. Janet Dunlop.

Recommendation: Approve ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Jerry Denton) Moved, Member (Dr. Theresa Williamson) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Approve'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was:

Aye: 4

Nay: 0

The motion Carried 4 – 0

Statement of Board President, Cheryl Kelly

After careful consideration, the Broken Arrow Public Schools Board of Education has determined that it is unnecessary to conduct a search process in order to select a new superintendent of schools and that we should move forward by naming Dr. Janet Dunlop to be the District's next superintendent.

Critical to the board's decision was to ensure District continuity, and Dr. Dunlop will provide immediate leadership given her District experience, understanding of District initiatives, knowledge of staff, and established community relationships. Naming Dr. Dunlop as our superintendent will enable her to lead and work with others immediately inside and outside the organization to continue the momentum of Broken Arrow Public Schools. Except for a short stint at the State Department of Education, she was an integral part of the leadership team for the past six and half years.

Dr. Dunlop has more than 25 years of experience in the field of education as a teacher, academic principal, college professor and central office administrator. Before being hired this evening as our new superintendent, Dr. Dunlop was the Deputy Superintendent of Accountability and Assessment at the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Prior to that, she served as the Associate Superintendent of Instruction at Broken Arrow Public Schools.

During her tenure at Broken Arrow Public Schools, she facilitated the District's literacy initiative resulting in a significant increase in literacy rates at the elementary level and she has been recognized by the National Reading Recovery Council for her work in elementary literacy. Under her leadership, the Broken Arrow Public Schools instructional team successfully aligned curriculum for grades Pre-K through 12, restructured the Special Education Program to be more inclusive of special needs, and developed District Open Education Resource (OER) textbooks resulting in significant cost savings for the District.

She has also worked closely with state government leadership. Dr. Dunlop served as the Legislative Advisory Committee chair for the Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administration (CCOSA) and the district representative for the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce Education Advisory Committee. Additionally, she serves on the Oklahoma State Department of Education Teaching and Learning Advisory Committee. She was instrumental in crafting the new Oklahoma state standards that were approved earlier this year as well as the accountability and assessment system approved last month by the Oklahoma State Board of Education. Most recently, she was named as the Oklahoma Assistant Superintendent of the Year by CCOSA and the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators.

We are very pleased that Dr. Dunlop will be rejoining our community as our new superintendent.

5.0 Adjourn

7. Adjournment.

Recommendation: Approve ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (Jerry Denton) Moved, Member (Steve Majors) Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'Approve'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was:

Aye: 4

Nay: 0

The motion Carried 4 – 0