



JOY HOFMEISTER
STATE SUPERINTENDENT *of* PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT *of* EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Joy Hofmeister

DATE: December 17, 2020

SUBJECT: Waiver-Textbook Allocations

The following schools are requesting a statutory waiver of 70 O.S. § 16-114a. A school district seeking flexibility in the use of state-appropriated funding allocated pursuant to this section for textbooks shall be required to demonstrate to the State Board of Education (the “Board”) that the textbooks and instructional materials used by the district for the subject areas being considered in the current textbook adoption cycle are current and appropriate for student learning. Subject to the provisions of subsection E of Section 16-111 of this title, a school district that has received textbook funding flexibility approval from the Board may elect to expend any monies allocated pursuant to this section for textbooks, including any monies carried over as authorized pursuant to subsection A of this section, for any purpose related to the support and maintenance of the school district as determined by the board of education of the school district.

| County | District | Request |
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| Kiowa | Hobart | Hobart Public Schools is requesting to use the new textbook funds to maintain employment of certified staff. |
| Woodard | Woodard | Woodard Public Schools is requesting to use the new textbook funds for district wide supplies and equipment for school sites and operations of facility. |

* The number in the County category represents the Congressional District.
See the attached map.

Enclosed are the following documents:

- 1) Hobart Public Schools request.
- 2) Hobart Public School bond resolution, approved, including funds designated for textbooks.
- 3) Woodard Public Schools request.
- 4) Woodard Public School bond resolution, approved, including funds designated for textbooks.

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Attachments

SCHOOL SITE STATUTORY WAIVER/DEREGULATION APPLICATION

for 20 20 – 20 21 school year

Kiowa _____ Hobart Public Schools _____
 COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

321 North Jefferson _____ Hobart _____ 73651 _____
 SCHOOL DISTRICT MAILING ADDRESS CITY ZIP CODE

Hobart Elementary, Hobart Middle School, Hobart High School _____
 NAME OF SITE

 PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE* DATE

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Cathy R. Hunt _____
 SUPERINTENDENT NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

huntc@hobart.k12.ok.us _____
 SUPERINTENDENT E-MAIL ADDRESS

 SUPERINTENDENT SIGNATURE* DATE

I hereby certify that this waiver/deregulation application was approved by our local board of education at the meeting on September 14, 20 20

 BOARD PRESIDENT SIGNATURE*

NOTARY SEAL →

 NOTARY DATE

 COMMISSION EXPIRATION DATE

Statute/Oklahoma Administrative Code to be Waived:
 (specify statute or OAC (deregulation) number: (see instructions)

*Original signatures are required. The attached questionnaire must be answered to process.**

THE WAIVER/DEREGUALTION IS REQUESTED FOR:

One Year Only
 Three Years*

*Please see instruction page for additional requirements for a three year request

SDE USE ONLY

PROJECT YEARS
1 of 1

ENROLLMENT

199 High School
162 Jr./Middle High
375 Elementary
736 District Total

 DATE RECEIVED

70 O.S. _____

OAC _____

Textbook Allocation
 NAME OF WAIVER

- D. Please describe any financial impact to the District (positive or negative) for the proposed waiver/deregulation?

The savings of not purchasing textbooks and spending that allotted money towards a teacher's salary would have a huge positive impact on our budget this school year. Our financial situation is grave and we are trying to do everything possible to alleviate some stress on this school year's budget.

We will have to trim back our certified staff for the 2020-2021 school year if our county money is not resolved once again.

- E. Describe method of assessment or evaluation of effectiveness of the plan both for staff and students, I.E., TLE, graduation rates, etc.

Our teachers will evaluate and assess student productivity in meeting Oklahoma Academic Standards through weekly assignments, 9-Week Tests and Semester Tests.

The principals will assess and evaluate the effectiveness of teachers using classroom visits and TLE evaluations.

- F. Please include with your application the signed minutes from your local board approving this waiver.

Signed minutes are attached with this application.

** You will be contacted if more information is needed to process this request.

A. Reason for the Waiver request. Please include where you intend to allocate the funds that were designated for textbooks and, what alternative means will have to be employed if your waiver was to be denied.

Hobart Public Schools has been put in a financial hardship this year due to three major reasons:

1. Our county is going on a third year of a Windfarm financial dispute. Our schools have been hit extremely hard financially for the past two years. We had high hopes of a resolution and payment, but no agreement has been reached.
2. Our enrollment has steadily declined for the past three years. We rolled off of our high number for state aid this year.
3. State aid cuts for the 2020-2021 school year due to a declining economy in Oklahoma. We are down approximately \$400,000 for this school year.

Our alternative plan would be to reduce certified staff. Hobart Public Schools would use the money saved on textbooks to help pay a teacher's salary this school year.

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Director of Federal Programs
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MARK HARMON
Middle School Principal
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Hobart Public Schools

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CATHY HUNT
Superintendent
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MARK HARMON
High School Principal
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September 9, 2020

Dear Superintendent Hofmeister and State Board of Education,

Hobart Public Schools is requesting a textbook deregulation for the 2020-2021 school year. We are facing a grave financial situation this year due to a variety of factors. These factors include, but are not limited to, abbreviated payments from Kiowa County for the past two years due to a county financial dispute with Blue Canyon Wind Farm, a declining enrollment for the past three years causing a state-aid reduction, and a local and state sluggish economy resulting from COVID-19.

The money saved from not purchasing textbooks this year would allow Hobart Schools to put the money towards helping pay certified staff for the 2020-2021 school year. (More explanation found in attached application.)

Hobart Public Schools sincerely appreciates your time and consideration of this important matter.

Respectfully,



Cathy R. Hunt
Superintendent
Hobart Public Schools



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Woodward Public Schools

November 10, 2020

To: Accreditation Standards Division

The textbook waiver application form was mailed to you on October 13, 2020 along with the Superintendent's cover letter and a copy of the minutes from our October 12, 2020 board meeting where the board approved the request for waiver. The minutes were unofficial because they are not signed until the next board meeting which was November 9, 2020. I have included a copy of the official minutes from the October 12, 2020 meeting to put with the textbook waiver application.

Respectfully,

Sue Laird, Superintendent's Secretary/Board Clerk
Woodward Public Schools

**WOODWARD BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOODWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING – October 12, 2020
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUILDING, BOARD ROOM
1023 TENTH STREET, WOODWARD, OKLAHOMA**

The Woodward Board of Education held its regular meeting on Monday, October 12, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Board of Education Building. I, Sue Laird, Minutes Clerk, for Woodward Public Schools Board of Education, hereby certify that, in accordance and compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act 25 O.S. Section 301 et seq., the date, time, and place of this regular meeting was filed in the office of the County Clerk of Woodward County prior to December 15 of the last calendar year and the agenda for this meeting was posted in prominent public view at the location of the meeting at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

The following Board Members were present: Leah Barby, Chad Mead, Lance Semmel and Shane Smithton. Also, in attendance were Kyle Reynolds, Jerry Burch and Sue Laird.

Board Vice President, Lance Semmel, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Cedar Heights 3rd grade student, Keslee Mills led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open Forum

No one signed up to speak in Open Forum.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Reynolds updated the board on: Bleak budget outlook; Federal Government extends feeding waiver until Sept. 2021; COVID-19 meetings with State & Local Health Dept. officials, our own contact trace investigators & parent quarantine cooperation; OK Teacher of the Year, Jena Nelson tours WPS facilities, HPTC, NWOSU & is guest at Woodward Chamber Luncheon; and weekly Communications Mtg. with Health Dept.'s Teri Salisbury.

Jerry Burch discussed the Cashflow Statement; budget shortfalls for 2020-2021 due to COVID-19, local economy, Oilfield Industry downturn, loss of student population (moving away or enrolling in EPIC Charter Schools), etc. He said that there was no indication of midterm funding.

Reorganization of the Board

Leah Barby made a motion to elect Board Vice President, Lance Semmel to serve as Board President. Shane Smithton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Shane Smithton made a motion to elect Leah Barby to serve as Board Vice President. Chad Mead seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Consent Agenda

Shane Smithton made a motion to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Approval of the Financial Reports for September 2020
- B. Approval of Treasurer's Report – September 2020
- C. Approval of the budget revisions for FY 2020-2021
- D. Approval of expenditures, transfer of funds, and financial statement of Woodward Public Schools Activity Fund for September 2020
- E. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: September 14, 2020
- F. Approval of the Certificate of Compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA)
- G. Approval of two new Activity Accounts: Winter Classic and Athletic Events
- H. Consider and possibly vote to approve new Encumbrances, Claims, Supplemental Claims, and additional payroll for September 2020 = GF PO's 310-351, Co-op PO's 50000-50002, BF PO's 95-108 and Hawkins PO's 50009-50013

YEAR 21 – (Without Change Orders)

- 1. General Fund: \$96,044.89
- 2. Co-op Fund: \$191,617.64
- 3. Building Fund: \$31,684.79
- 4. Hawkins Fund: \$10,765.00

YEAR 21 – (With Change Orders)

- 1. General Fund: \$95,634.56
- 2. Co-op Fund: \$191,617.64
- 3. Building Fund: \$31,684.79
- 4. Hawkins Fund: \$10,765.00

Leah Barby seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Action Topics

Leah Barby made a motion to approve the Annual Resolution calling for an election to elect a board member to board Office No. One (1), which has a 5-year term of office and board Office No. Four (4) with an unexpired term of office. Shane Smithton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Leah Barby made a motion to approve the request to close split precincts: #300303 and #770203 with 100 or fewer registered voters. Shane Smithton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Leah Barby made a motion to approve using the ACT in place of the SAT for College- and Career-Readiness Assessment (CCRA). College- and Career-Readiness Assessment (CCRA) ACT District Selection Guidance According to Section 1111(b)(2)(H) of ESSA and Oklahoma's federal peer review directive, Woodward ISD 001 intends to administer the ACT as a locally selected option for the CCRA state assessment. Woodward ISD 001 requests approval from the OSDE to use a nationally recognized high school academic assessment (ACT) in place of the statewide academic assessment (SAT). Shane Smithton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Leah Barby made a motion to approve the use of state-appropriated funding allocated for textbook funds for district wide supplies and equipment for school sites and operating of facilities for the 2020-2021 school year. Shane Smithton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Executive Session

Shane Smithton made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:31 p.m. to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation, pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1).

- A. October District Personnel Report - Appendix A

Leah Barby seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

At 7:00 p.m., Leah Barby made a motion to reconvene into Open Session. Shane Smithton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Board President, Lance Semmel stated that the board met in Executive Session to discuss the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation, pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1).

- A. October District Personnel Report - Appendix A

The following members were present and no votes were taken: Leah Barby, Chad Mead, Lance Semmel, Shane Smithton and Kyle Reynolds.

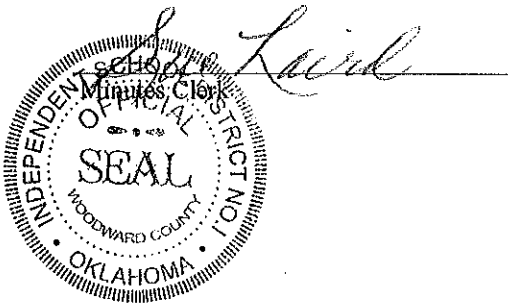
Shane Smithton made a motion to approve the October District Personnel Report – Appendix A. Leah Barby seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.


New Business

There was no new business for the board to discuss.

Adjourn

At 7:02 p.m., Leah Barby made a motion to adjourn. Shane Smithton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.




Board President