McAlester Public Schools

Johnson O'Malley Meeting Minutes

August 12th, 2026

1. **Call to Order**

   Tim Cochran called the Johnson O'Malley meeting to order at 6:31 pm on August 12th, 2026, at McAlester High School's Lucy Smith Center.

2. **Roll Call**

   Tim Cochran conducted roll call. Tim Cochran, Kimberly Alexander, Amy Loyd, Alena Brant and Justin Few were present. Amanda Johnson was absent.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

   Justin Few made a motion to accept the agenda. Kimberly Alexander seconded the motion. All vote, motion passes.

4. **Approval of minutes April 15th, 2026**

   Tim Cochran made a motion to accept the minutes from April 15th, 2026, second by Amy Loyd. All in favor, motion passes.

5. **Land Acknowledgment**

   The Choctaw Nation Reservation is located within the original homelands of the Caddo and Wichita peoples. The Pawnee and Arikara have ancestral ties here. The Shawnee and Quapaw established settlements in this region during the 1700s and early 1800s, while the Osage and Kiowa visited the area. The Quapaw Tribe ceded this land by treaty to the United States before it was later ceded to the Choctaw Nation. Shortly after being the first to endure the Trail of Tears and Death, the Choctaw people arrived here, followed by the Chickasaw, who lived among them before moving farther west. Through this acknowledgement, we remember those who came before us, honor the sovereignty and traditions of the Natives peoples who

remain connected to this land, and commit ourselves to respect and partnership with Indigenous communities past, present, and future.

6. **Recognition of Guests**
   The guests in attendance were Brett and Jill Underwood, Bonnie and Alyssa Parker and Jennifer Watkins.

7. **Guests Open Comments**
   Jennifer Watkins complimented how efficient that Back to School Bash was.

8. **Approval of Expenditures**
   See attached. Encumbered $11,890. Kimberly Alexander made a motion to accept the expenditures. Alena Brant seconded. All vote, motion passes.

9. **Director's Report**
   - WE had lots of volunteers for the Back to School Bash. There were free haircuts and free drinks. We are still fulfilling school supply needs.
   - Parent Survey Results (attached) We are still in compliance with the needs assessment.
   - The budget this year is $61,620. Our enrollment numbers are down. Currently 957 kids.
   - A $42,000 check has been donated to go to a Native Student Support Account. The goal is to help Native Students with future needs. An idea is doing a $500 or $1000 scholarship yearly.
   - We have 3 Board positions coming open.
     Tim Cochran – Chair
     Kimberly Alexander – Secretary
     Amy Loyd – Parent Member
   - The elections will be held at the next meeting, October 21st.
   - Tim Cochran accepts the Director's Report. Alena Brant seconds. All vote, motion passes.

10. New Business

a) We need to vote to approve the By Laws. Justin Few made a motion to approve the By Laws. Amy Loyd seconds. All vote, motion passes.

11. Board Members Open Comments

Tim Cochran and Justin Few complimented The Choctaw Nation Cultural Center.

12. Next Meeting Date

Next Meeting date is set for October 21st 2026. We will be doing the Open Parent Board Elections.

13. Adjournment

Tim Cochran made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm. Justin Few seconded. All vote, motion passed.