

OKLAHOMA UNION PUBLIC SCHOOL  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 13, 2025, 7:00 P.M  
HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM  
13925 STATE HIGHWAY 10  
SOUTH COFFEYVILLE, OK 74072

Board President, Mark Huntington called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call of members were Hannah Nolte-present, Mark Huntington-present, Jake Callahan-present, Witney Allen-present KY Cole-present. Others present were Brenda Taylor - Superintendent, Lisa Harris - Minutes Clerk, and numerous patrons. (See attached sign in sheet)

Motion by Callahan, seconded by Allen to approve minutes if necessary of the July 9, 2025 regular meeting and the July 23, 2025 Special meeting.

Motion carried 5-0. Cole-yes, Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes, Allen-yes

Motion by Allen, seconded by Callahan to approve General Fund Purchase orders #236-238 and payroll in the amount of \$122,046.47, General Fund encumbrances #62-102 in the amount of \$61,282.10, Building Fund encumbrance #12 in the amount of \$2,675.27, Bond Fund #31 purchase order #13 in the amount of \$300.00, Bond Fund #31 encumbrance #6 in the amount of \$116,292.00

Motion carried 5-0. Callahan-yes, Allen-yes, Cole-yes, Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes

Hearing from the public:

None

Items for Board Action:

Nowata County RWD #7 attended the meeting and spoke about the operational deficiencies listed on the FireX report. It was their belief we were "red tagged" when in fact we were "yellow tagged". Mrs. Taylor was able to get FireX on the phone on speaker to clarify and answer any questions the water board had. FireX did confirm OKU was "yellow tagged" not red tagged.

The OKU Board and the water board then discussed ways to fix the leaking water tower that could benefit both OKU and the water board.  
No action taken.

The board signed the 2025-2026 Employee contracts.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Cole on implementation of Sylogist Pay for the 2025-2026 school year.

**Motion carried 5-0. Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes, Allen-yes, Cole-yes Nolte-yes**

**Motion by Allen, seconded by Cole to approve the Corporal Punishment Policy.**

**Motion carried 5-0. Cole-yes, Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes, Allen-yes**

**Motion by Nolte, seconded by Allen to approve the Maternity Leave Policy.**

**Motion carried 5-0. Allen-yes, Cole-yes, Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes**

**Motion by Allen, seconded by Cole to approve the revised Standards of Performance and Conduct for Teachers.**

**Motion carried 5-0. Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes, Allen-yes, Cole-yes**

**Motion by Allen, seconded by Cole the Administering Medication to Students Policy.**

**Motion carried 5-0. Callahan-yes, Allen-yes, Cole-yes, Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes**

**Motion by Nolte, seconded by Cole to approve the OKU Staff Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year including updated policies.**

**Motion carried 5-0. Huntington-yes , Callahan-yes, Allen-yes, Cole-yes, Nolte-yes**

**Motion by Allen, seconded by Nolte to approve the Oklahoma Department of Career Technology Education Contract for Secondary Career and Technology Education Programs for the 2025-2026 school year.**

**Motion carried 5-0. Cole-yes, Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes, Allen-yes**

**Motion by Callahan, seconded by Cole to approve the Academic Credit Joint Program Agreement between Oklahoma Union School District and Tri-County Technology District #1.**

**Motion carried 5-0. Allen-yes, Cole-yes, Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes**

**Motion by Callahan, seconded by Allen to approve student transportation bus route policy for the 2025-2026 school year.**

**Motion carried 5-0. Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes, Allen-yes, Cole-yes**

**Motion by Huntington, seconded by Cole to approve the OKU Emergency Plan and Procedures Guide for the 2025-2026 school year.**

**Motion carried 5-0. Cole-yes, Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes, Allen-yes**

**Motion by Cole, seconded by Nolte to approve the Emergency Action Plan known as "Riley's Rule" for the 2025-2026 school year.**

**Motion carried 5-0. Callahan-yes, Allen-yes, Cole-yes, Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes**

**Motion by Cole, seconded by Nolte to approve the Chase Morris Action Plan for the 2025-2026 school year.**

**Motion carried 5-0. Allen-yes , Cole-yes, Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes**

**Motion by Allen, seconded by Cole to approve 2025-2026 Days to Hours school calendar which has a minimum of both 166 instructional days AND 1086 school hours.**

**Motion carried 5-0. Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes, Allen-yes, Cole-yes**

**Motion by Allen, seconded by Cole to approve the capacity limit to 27 students for the Pre-K classroom for the first quarter of 2025-2026 school year.**

**Motion carried 5-0. Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes, Allen-yes, Cole-yes**

**Motion by Allen, seconded by Nolte to convene into executive session at 8:19 PM to discuss accepting Jeananne Garretson as an Adjunct teacher for Oklahoma History and Civics for the 2025-2026 school year; to discuss the employment of bus driver(s) 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1).**

**Motion carried 5-0. Cole-yes, Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes, Allen-yes**

**Motion by Cole, seconded by Allen to return to open session at 8:37 PM.**

**Motion carried 5-0. Callahan-yes, Allen-yes, Cole-yes, Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes**

**Executive session minutes compliance statement read by Witney Allen.**

**Motion by Nolte, seconded by Cole to hire Jeananne Garretson as an Adjunct Teacher for Oklahoma History and Civics for the 2025-2026 school year.**

**Motion carried 5-0. Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes, Allen-yes, Cole-yes, Nolte-yes**

**Motion by Cole, seconded by Allen to hire Margie Weaver as a bus driver for the 2025-2026 school year contingent upon completing the required training and passing the background/drug testing.**

**Motion carried 5-0. Cole-yes, Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes, Allen-yes**

**Motion by Cole, seconded by Huntington to hire Steve Brinker as a bus driver for the 2025-2026 school year.**

**Motion carried 3-2. Allen-Abstain, Callahan-yes, Huntington-yes, Cole-yes, Nolte-no**

**Superintendent's information to the board to included:**

**Financial Report:**

**OKU received \$3.2 million in state aid allocation for FY26 this is up from FY25 which was \$3.18 million.**

**OKU partnered by Cherokee Nation received a \$104,800 grant for an outside covered area and pickleball court.**

**The Tower project is complete-Mrs. Taylor submitted a grant request to Arvest Foundation for fencing to go around it and a small shade structure for our daycare facility.**

The PD and open house went well.

Board members toured OKU facilities. Members toured the following buildings in this order; ES Gym, Upper Elementary, Elementary Kitchen and Storage Building.

New Business:

None

Motion by Cole, seconded by Nolte to adjourn the meeting at 9:36 PM.

Motion carried 5-0. Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes, Allen-yes, Cole-yes

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Sign In Sheet

Special School Board Meeting

August 13, 2025

High School Conference Room

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