

**OKLAHOMA UNION PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AMENDED MINUTES
October 8, 2025, 7:00 PM
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 KY Cole-absent, Hannah Nolte-present, Mark Huntington-present, Witney Allen-present, and Jake Callahan-present. Others present were Brenda Taylor - Superintendent, Lisa Harris - Minutes Clerk, and numerous patrons. (See attached sign in sheet)

Hearing from the public:

Eric Sanders suggested possibly switching meeting nights to a night other than Wednesday.

Tara Meek referenced the quote "Make your bed" and the importance of school grounds that we can be proud of. She referenced the need for mowing and weedeating, road and entrance repair.

Darren Smith stated that kids spend more time at school than they do with family and seconded Tara's speech.

Motion to approve Allen, Seconded by Callahan to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- a. Approval of the minutes or amend, if necessary, and approve the amended minutes of the September 10, 2025 regular school board meeting and the September 26, 2025 special board meeting.
 - b. General Fund Purchase orders #252-260 and payroll in the amount of \$10,929.02
 - c. General Fund encumbrances #278-450 in the amount of \$501,587.15
 - d. Building Fund Purchase order #11 in the amount of \$405.90
 - e. Building Fund encumbrances #20-28 and payroll in the amount of \$34,995.10
 - f. Bond Fund #31 purchase order #18 in the amount of \$1200.00,
 - g. Bond Fund #31 encumbrances #14-15 in the amount of \$564.00
 - h. Bond Fund #32 encumbrance #1 in the amount of \$47,112.41
 - i. Approval of the Oklahoma Union Parental Involvement District Policy
- Motion carried 4-0
Nolte-yes, Callahan-yes, Allen-yes, Huntington-yes, Cole-absent

Items for Board Action:

Motion by Allen, Seconded by Nolte to convene into executive session at 7:11 PM to discuss the resignation of superintendent, Brenda Taylor; to discuss the resignation of Katie McKinnon, to discuss the hiring of a custodian; to discuss the hiring of a paraprofessional. 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1).

Motion carried 4-0

Callahan-yes, Allen-yes, Nolte-yes, Cole-absent, Huntington-yes

Motion by Allen, Seconded by Nolte to return to open session at 7:38 PM.

Motion carried 4-0.

Allen-yes, Cole-absent, Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes, Nolte-yes

Executive session compliance announcement. Board member Witney Allen announced that the board entered into executive session at 7:11 to discuss the resignation of superintendent, Brenda Taylor; to discuss the resignation of Katie McKinnon, to discuss the hiring of a custodian; to discuss the hiring of a paraprofessional. As authorized by 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1). Those present in the executive session were Board President Mark Huntington, Jake Callahan, Witney Allen, Hannah Nolte, and Superintendent Brenda Taylor. No action was taken by the board of education. The Oklahoma Union Board returned to open session at 7:38 PM.

Motion by Nolte, Seconded by Callahan to approve the resignation of Brenda Taylor, superintendent for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried 4-0.

Huntington-yes, Cole-absent, Callahan-yes, Nolte-yes, Allen-yes

Motion by Nolte, Seconded by Allen to approve the resignation of Katie McKinnon, school health clerk.

Motion carried 4-0.

Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes, Allen-yes, Cole-absent, Callahan-yes

Motion by Nolte, Seconded by Allen to approve the hiring of Tresa Egermeier on a full time (12 month) custodian on a support employee contract for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion carried 4-0.

Cole-absent, Allen-yes, Nolte-yes, Callahan-yes, Huntington-yes

Motion by Nolte, Seconded by Allen to approve hiring a paraprofessional on a support employee contract for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion carried 4-0.

Callahan-yes, Cole-absent, Huntington-yes, Allen-yes, Nolte-yes

The board spoke with Stephanie Hyder, OSSBA consultant, via speaker phone conversation on the next steps in the superintendent search. She went over the timeline, walked them through the process and encouraged them to set dates for special meetings.

No action taken by the Board of education.

Motion by Nolte, Seconded by Callahan to approve CYSA gifting a 20' metal storage container for OKU campus for football gear, upkeep and maintenance will be the responsibility of OKU.

Motion carried 4-0.

Cole-absent, Nolte-yes, Huntington-yes, Allen-yes, Callahan-yes

Motion by Callahan, Seconded by Nolte to table discussion on OKU Board of Education 2026 meeting dates and special meeting date for superintendent search.

Motion carried 4-0.

Nolte-yes, Callahan-yes, Allen-yes, Huntington-yes, Cole-absent

Motion by Nolte, Seconded by Allen to approve an election resolution for board position #1, which has a 5-year term of office and also board position #5, an unexpired term with 4 years remaining.

Motion carried 4-0.

Callahan-yes, Allen-yes, Nolte-yes, Cole-absent, Huntington-yes

Motion by Nolte, Seconded by Allen to approve the purchase of a heater unit from Hill Refrigeration out of the building fund for the HS Gym.

Motion carried 4-0.

Allen-yes, Cole-absent, Huntington-yes, Callahan-yes, Nolte-yes

Motion by Allen, Seconded by Nolte, to approve using Endex for updating the district camera system and adding cameras to the daycare and pickleball areas.

Motion carried 4-0.

Huntington-yes, Cole-absent, Callahan-yes, Nolte-yes, Allen-yes

The board discussed proposed football game student guidelines.

No action was taken by the board of education.

Mrs. Taylor updated the board on the elementary gym floor replacement bond project. Wall and ceiling mount goals are ordered and expected around Christmas break. Vector reached out and wanted to help with the price of the mounts accepting their responsibility in the incorrect measuring, no amount was stated at this time. Windows for the elem gym locker room are ordered but on backorder. The ceiling in the PE storage room was repaired from a leak and the floors in the locker rooms were painted.

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 - Radios on all route buses and three activity buses.
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- Fall Region Meeting October 28th in Pryor - 5:30 - 8:30 PM



On Buses



In ES/HS office

New Business:

None

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Discussion, consideration, and vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

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Regular School Board Meeting
October 8, 2025 High School Conference Room

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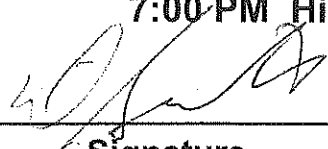
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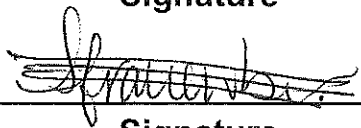
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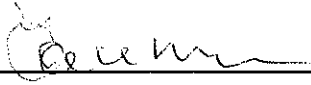
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