

**OKLAHOMA UNION PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 11, 2026, 6:00 PM
HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
13925 STATE HIGHWAY 10
SOUTH COFFEYVILLE, OK 74072**

Board President, Mark Huntington called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call of members were member Jake Callahan-present, President Mark Huntington-present, clerk Witney Allen-present, vice president KY Cole-present, and member Hannah Nolte-present. Others present were superintendent Brenda Taylor, minutes clerk Lisa Harris and numerous patrons. (See attached sign in sheet)

Motion by Cole, Seconded by Nolte to approve the Consent Agenda items:

- a. Approval of the minutes or amend, if necessary, and approve the amended minutes of the February 11, 2026 regular board meeting.
- b. General Fund Purchase orders #295-299 and payroll in the amount of \$24,539.40.
- c. General Fund encumbrances #1142-1296 in the amount of \$556,806.54.
- d. Building Fund encumbrances #57-62 in the amount of \$4801.61.
- e. Bond Fund 31 encumbrance #20 in the amount of \$7396.93.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Items for Board Action:

Motion by Allen, seconded by Nolte to approve the "Contract for Audit of Public Schools" using Jenkins and Kemper as the auditing firm for audit period 2025-2026.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion by Nolte, seconded by to approve a Cougar Cub Learning Den shade structure.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion by Allen, seconded by Cole to approve OKU transfer capacity numbers for April - June 2026.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion by Allen, seconded by Nolte to convene into an executive session at 6:16 PM.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion by Cole, seconded by Allen to return to open session at 7:09 PM.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Executive session compliance announcement.

Board member Witney Allen announced that the board entered into executive session at 6:16 to discuss employment of building principals Rusty Sellars, Levi Robbins, and Lacy Hall for the 2026-2027 school year; to discuss the retirement of James Penn and Dale Niemeyer. As authorized by 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1). Those present in the executive session were Board President Mark Huntington, vice president KY Cole, member Jake Callahan, clerk Witney Allen, member Hannah Nolte, and Superintendent Brenda Taylor. The Oklahoma Union Board returned to open session at 7:09 PM.

No action was taken by the board of education.

Motion by Allen, seconded by Cole to employ HS principal Rusty Sellars for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion by Allen, seconded by Cole to employ MS principal Levi Robbins for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion by Allen, seconded by Cole to employ ES principal Lacy Hall for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Cole to approve the retirement of James Penn effective June 30, 2026.

Motion carried 5-0.

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

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Cole to approve the retirement of Dale Neimeyer effective May 15, 2026.

Motion Carried 5-0.

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

Superintendent's report to the board:

DISTRICT UPDATES/ NEWS

- **Basketball goal project: the materials were shipped last week to Steve Mead with Ponder Equipment. Once they receive the materials he will be reaching out to you to schedule a crew to complete the install repairs. We are covering the cost of the repairs there will be no additional cost to you other than your lift rental.**
- **Accreditation visit February 26 - no deficiencies - on track for accredited with distinction.**
- **Received compliance letter from OSDE - The FY2026 ESEA Grant Performance Review Application for Oklahoma Union PS has been accepted and no further action is required.**
- **Tyler is ready to construct the shade structure - waiting on it to dry up so he can drive his trucks around.**
- **Pickleball fence has been installed.**
- **USDA Grant - first shipment of meat arrived this week. Slow getting started due to the transition to the new FSMC.**
- **Band qualified for state competition. (received a superior rating today at the district band contest held in Bartlesville)**
- **Golf has increased in numbers, and this year we have both a boys and a girls team. This week both girls and boys participated in their first tournament.**
- **Several bills that will affect education - an update as of March 6**
 - * **HB3151 -not counting PD days or PT days towards instructional day requirement.**
 - * **State Question 853 - elimination of owner-occupied (homesteads) property taxes over 3 years.**

Spring Break projects:

MS Bathroom stalls wrapped - cover the profanity that has been etched in the stalls.

LE bathrooms painted

Pickleball surfacing installed

Fire Alarm value repair

Grounds spraying

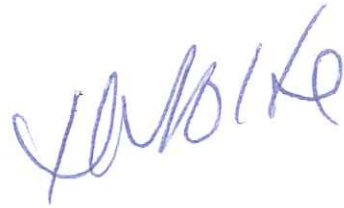
New Business:

None

Motion by Cole, seconded by Nolte to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM

Motion carried 5-0.

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





Sign In Sheet

Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 PM

March 11, 2026

High School Conference Room

1. *Edward Sachs*
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