

**OKLAHOMA UNION PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2026, 6:00 P.M
HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM
13925 STATE HIGHWAY 10
SOUTH COFFEYVILLE, OK 74072**

Board President, Mark Huntington called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call of members were President Mark Huntington-present, Vice President KY Cole-present, member Hannah Nolte-present, Clerk Witney Allen-absent, and member Jake Callahan-absent. Others present were Superintendent Alfred Gaches, Minutes Clerk Lisa Harris, and High School Principal Rusty Sellars

Motion by Cole, seconded by Nolte to approve the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve the minutes from the July 8, 2026 regular school board meeting.
- b. Purchase orders and Encumbrances:
 - i. FY 27 General Fund Purchase Orders - # 201-208
 - ii. FY 27 General Fund Encumbrances - # 2-83
 - iii. FY 27 Building Fund Purchase Orders - # 11
 - iv. FY 27 Building Fund Encumbrances - # 1-4

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Hearing from the public:

None

Items for Board Action:

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Cole to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Academic Credit Joint Program Agreement with Tri County Tech District No. 1 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Cole, seconded by Nolte to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education contract for Secondary Career and Technology Education Programs for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Cole to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the contract with the City of South Coffeyville for the School Resource Officer position for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Cole, seconded by Nolte to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the agreement with the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food, and Forestry for the purchase of unprocessed or minimally processed foods.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Cole, seconded by Nolte to accept the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the MOU with Grand Lake Mental Health for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Mr. Sellars presented the 2025-2026 Drop Out Report and the 2025-2026 Remediation Report.

Motion by Cole, seconded by Nolte to approve updating Board Policies FNCD, FNCD-R, FNCD-E regarding FNCD-P to approve the Bullying as required by State Law.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Cole, seconded by Nolte to approve updating Board Policy DHAC regarding Staff members and electronic or digital communications.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Cole to update Board Policy DEC-R7 and approve revisions in the Maternity Leave regulations.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Cole to update Board Policy FEG and approve revisions in student transfers of Children of Active Duty Military Members.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Cole to approve updating Board Policy FNG regarding Personal Electronic Devices.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Cole, seconded by Nolte to approve updating Board Policy FFG regarding the Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse and/or Neglect as required by State Law.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Cole, seconded by Nolte to approve updating Board Policy EIA-R4 regarding Student Retention.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Cole, seconded by Nolte to approve updating Board Policy EFEAA regarding the use of Artificial Intelligence Systems and Tools in the School District.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Proposed executive session to discuss the employment of certified and support staff, and to discuss any resignations submitted, as authorized by 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1).

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Cole to convene into executive session at 6:26 PM.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Cole, seconded by Nolte to return to open session at 6:42 PM.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Executive session minutes compliance statement:

The Oklahoma Union Board of Education entered into an executive session at 6:26 PM to discuss the employment of certified and support staff, and to discuss resignations submitted, as authorized by 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1). Those present in the executive session were President Mark Huntington, Vice President KY Cole, Member Hannah Nolte, and Superintendent Alfred Gaches.

No action was taken by the board of education.

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Cole to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the resignation of Jennifer Gagan.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Cole to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the resignation of Ashley Collier.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Cole to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the employment of Michelle Straw on a temporary Certified Contract as 5th grade teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Cole to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the employment of Tammy Kelly on a temporary Certified Contract as a 3rd grade teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Cole to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the employment of Bailey Miranda on a Support Employee contract as a Paraprofessional for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Cole to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the employment of Ashley McGill on a Support Employee contract as Child Nutrition Director for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Discussion and possible board action to accept, reject, or table the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the employment of Briana Wells on a Support Employee Contract as a paraprofessional for the 2026-2027 school year.

No action taken by the Board of Education.

Superintendent Report:

***Mr. Gaches informed the board about an issue with the TLE from the state where some of the teacher evaluations were not completed. Mr. Gaches has created his own TLE account to monitor all teacher evaluations in order to keep this from happening again.**

***Missing deed to the Delaware school need to have President Mark Huntington sign a quick claim deed.**

***Staff development went well. Mr. Gaches spoke about the 4 goals he has for this year.**

High Expectations

Open communication

Make student oriented decisions

Encouraging environment

New Business:

***Mr. Gaches would like fundraisers to be justified and if the money is raised this year it needs to be spent on this year's students.**

***Each activity needs to submit fundraising ideas by the September board meeting. Limit 3 per activity. Football season is among us so Mr. Gaches asked the board to approve their fundraisers now.**

Motion by Cole, seconded by Nolte to approve football to sell discount cards, have an auction, and sell reserved seating and parking for games. Funds will go toward practice gear and football equipment.

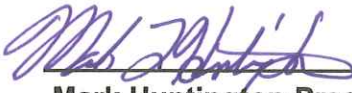
Motion carried 3-0.

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

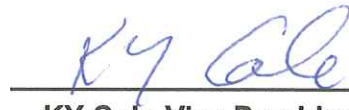
Motion by Cole, seconded by Nolte to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 PM.

Motion carried 3-0.

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



Mark Huntington-President



KY Cole-Vice President

Witney Allen-Clerk

Hannah Nolte-Member



Jake Callahan-Member