

**OKLAHOMA UNION PUBLIC SCHOOL
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

SEPTEMBER 9, 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, Clerk Witney Allen-absent, member Hannah Nolte-absent, and member Jake Callahan-present. Others present were Superintendent Alfred Gaches, Minutes Clerk Lisa Harris, Elementary Principal Alana Murphy, High School Principal Rusty Sellars, Middle School Principal Levi Robbins and Middle School teacher Brock Sellars.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion by Cole, seconded by Huntington to temporarily appoint Jake Callahan as Board of Education Clerk in the absence of Witney Allen, Board of Education Clerk for the purpose of signing the Estimate of Needs.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Callahan, seconded by Cole to approve Consent Agenda b. Bullets A-E:

b. Purchase orders and Encumbrances:

- A. FY 27 General Fund Purchase Orders - # 209 - 215**
- B. B. FY 27 General Fund Encumbrances - # 84 - 240**
- C. FY 27 Building Fund Purchase Orders - # 12**
- D. FY 27 Building Fund Encumbrances - # 5**
- E. FY 27 Bond Fund Purchase Orders - # 1-3**

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Cole, seconded by Callahan to approve the rest of the Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve the minutes from the August 12, 2026 regular school board meeting.**
- c. Approval of the Oklahoma Union second quarter student transfer capacity.**
- d. Approval of the OKU Fundraiser list for the 2026-2027 school year**

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Hearing from the public:

None

Items for Board Action:

Motion by Cole, seconded by Callahan to approve the Estimate of Needs for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried 3-0

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

Elementary Principal, Alana Murphy, Middle School Principal, Levi Robbins and High School Principal, Rusty Sellars presented the OKU's 2025-2026 OSTP scores and related 2026-2027 instructional goals to the Board of Education.

Motion by Cole, seconded by Callahan to approve the following Board Policies as presented:

- Board Policy EHDD regarding concurrent Enrollment Students.
- Board Policy DED-R2 regarding Bereavement Leave.
- Board Policy FE regarding Student Transfers.
- Board Policy EKBA regarding The Strong Readers Act.
- Board Policy BAAB regarding Nepotism.
- Board Policy DABB regarding Records Investigation of employees.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Callahan, seconded by Cole to accept to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the list of Out of State travel requests for the 2026-27 School year as referenced by Attachment A.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

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).

The Board did not convene into executive session.

No action by the Board of Education

Motion by Cole, seconded by Callahan to accept to approve the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the resignation of Brandice Schultz.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

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

Motion carried 3-0.

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

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

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Motion by Cole, seconded by Callahan to accept to approve the Superintendent's recommendation regarding the appointment of Kristie Blagg as Title IX and Title VI (Civil Rights Coordinator) for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion carried 3-0.

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

Sign 2026-2027 employee contracts.

Superintendent Report:

- **Mr. Gaches gave positive feedback on the elementary's new sensory room provided by the OKU Education Foundation. Stating it gives children a nice room to decompress and helps them be able to return to class quicker.**
- **Thankful for the new stadium sound system which was also provided by the OKU Foundation Education.**
- **Still awaiting to hear back from Rose Brand East on the stage curtains.**
- **Mr. Gaches is working on forming Student Advisory and Faculty Committees as well as Bond Committee for long term planning, 2 board members are allowed to be on the committee**
- **Mr. Gaches asked the board to think about moving the first payroll of the year to September 1st requiring employees to be employed at least 20 days before receiving a paycheck.**
- **The water department has put the high school the water tower solely relying on for water supply without notice and intends to move the elementary school as well per Ethan Cummings. Mr. Gaches plans to meet with the chairperson of the water board on Thursday 9-10-26.**

New Business:

None

Motion by Cole, seconded by Callahan to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 PM.

Motion carried 3-0.

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


Mark Huntington-President

KY Cole-Vice President


Clerk


Member

Member



Sign In Sheet

Regular School Board Meeting 6:00 PM

Sept 9, 2026

High School Conference Room

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