

Laura Neel
Ross Gregg
Gene Knouse
Nicholas Kramer
Matt Harak

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Covington-Douglas School
University Center/Board Room
400 E Maine, Covington, OK 73730
January 6, 2025

- I. 6:00 pm
President Laura Neel called the Regular Meeting of the Covington-Douglas Board of Education to order. The notation of the compliance with the open meeting law was made.
- II. Answering roll call was Laura Neel, Ross Gregg, Gene Knouse, Nicholas Kramer, and Matt Harak. Also present was Superintendent Darren Sharp, guests Zack Henson, Aracely Gregg, and student Tia Snyder and family.
- III. Presentation of award to Tia Snyder by Zack Henson of the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association and the Turn Around, Don't Drown program.
- IV. Superintendent Darren Sharp reported on Legislative and Financial Updates.
- V. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to approve the consent agenda as presented:
 - A. Approval of the December 3, 2024 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
 - B. Approval of General Fund encumbrances and change orders #227-238 in the amount of \$85,319.00
 - C. Approval of Building Bond Fund #34 encumbrances and change orders #1 in the amount of \$2,487.76
 - D. Approval of Building Bond Fund #36 encumbrances and change orders #2-4 in the amount of \$6,112.24
 - E. Review the Investments and Expenditures of School District Funds
 - F. Review of the school calendar
 - G. Approval of Activity Funds

Motion passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

V. Business Items:

- A. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve the 2025-2026 school year calendar as presented.

Motion passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

- B. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to approve changes to Policy EKBA Strong Readers Act.

Motion passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

- C. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to pay paraprofessionals \$15 each per trip to transport Student A and siblings to and from school in a school vehicle for the rest of the 2024-25 school year.

Motion passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

D. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve the transfer of \$28.35 from Activity Fund sub-account 0030 Rental Account to Activity Fund sub-account 0033 Child Nutrition.

Motion passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

E. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to maintain MetLife retiree reimbursement rates at \$55.00 per person per year.

Motion passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

F. 7:03 pm

Neel made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to convene into executive session:

Pursuant to 25 O.S. Section30 (B)(1) for the following specific purposes:

- 1. Discussion Superintendent’s evaluation, contract, employment
- 2. Resignation of Bryan Hall

Motion passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

G. 7:36 pm

President Laura Neel acknowledged returning to open session and gave a summary of the executive session. No votes were taken.

Coming out of the executive session were Neel, Gregg, Knouse, Kramer and Harak.

H. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to table Superintendent Sharp’s evaluation, contract, and employment until June 2025 board meeting.

Motion passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

I. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Harak, to accept the resignation of Bryan Hall.

Motion passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

VI. No New Business

VII. 7:37 pm

Neel made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

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Vice-President

Board Clerk

Board Minutes Clerk