Ponca City Public Schools
Special Board of Education Meeting
Administration Center, Board Room, 613 East Grand Ave., Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601
Friday, October 2, 2026 at 1:00 PM

NOTICE OF MEETING
The agenda was posted on the inside of the front east window of the Administration Building located at 613 E. Grand Avenue and on the district website located at www.pcps.us on September 28, 2026, at 9:45 a.m. Notice of Special Meeting was provided to the Kay County Clerk on September 28, 2026, at 9:11 a.m.

1. **Call to Order**
Attendance Taken at 1:02 PM.

Jeff MacKinnon:	Present
Anna Roland:	Absent
Judy Throop:	Present
Joe Vaden:	Present
Nancy Zimmerschied:	Present

1.1. **Call Meeting to Order** ***(President)***

1.2. **Roll Call** ***(Minutes Clerk of the Board)***

2. **Student Suspension Due Process Appeal Hearing for Student "A"**

2.1. **The Board President will ask the parents/student whether they wish the hearing to be in open session or in executive session. If the parents/student wish the hearing to be in executive session, then the Board will consider and vote to go into executive session pursuant to OKLA. STAT. tit. 25, § 307 (B)(5) to hear evidence and to discuss the suspension of the student in question. Also, the Board can consider and vote to go into executive session pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Tit. 25, § 307 (B)(7) at any time during this hearing where disclosure of information would violate confidentiality requirements of state or federal law.**
Parent expressed wish for Executive Session. This motion, made by Joe Vaden and seconded by Jeff MacKinnon, passed.

Jeff MacKinnon:	Yea
Anna Roland:	Absent
Judy Throop:	Yea
Joe Vaden:	Yea
Nancy Zimmerschied:	Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2.2. **Opening Statement by Administration or its Designee.**

2.3. **Opening Statement by Parents/Student or Their Designees.**

2.4. **Presentation of all the Administration's Evidence Subject to Cross-examination and Questions from the Board of Education.**

2.5. **Presentation of Parents'/Student's Evidence Subject to Cross-examination and Questions from the Board of Education.**

2.6. **Presentation of Rebuttal Evidence and Surrebuttal Evidence, if any, with Cross-examination and Questions from the Board of Education.**

2.7. **Closing Statement by Parents/Student or their Designees.**

2.8. **Closing Statement by Administration or its Designee.**

2.9. **Deliberation by Board of Education. (If the hearing is NOT held in executive session, then the Board may vote at this time to go into executive session, pursuant to OKLA. STAT. tit. 25, § 307 (B)(5) & (7) to discuss and deliberate on the suspension of Student "A" since disclosure of information would violate confidentiality requirements of state or federal law.)**

2.10. **Vote to Acknowledge the Return to Open Session.**
Motion to return to open session. This motion, made by Jeff MacKinnon and seconded by Joe Vaden, passed.

Jeff MacKinnon:	Yea
Anna Roland:	Absent
Judy Throop:	Yea
Joe Vaden:	Yea
Nancy Zimmerschied:	Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2.11. **Statement of Executive Session Minutes.**

2.12. **Motion and Vote to Adopt Findings of Fact on the Suspension of Student "A."**

Based on the evidence presented by administration, it was determined that Student(A) used school property and the Google Classroom platform to post the words, "kill everyone." The post was accessible to Student(A)'s classmates. When questioned by administration, Student(A) did not deny making the post and acknowledged that he understood the material was accessible to members of the class. Student(A) also admitted to posting an inappropriate image shortly thereafter. While the image itself did not present a threat to the safety of students, its posting violated school policy regarding the prohibited use of school resources and technology.

These findings are based on the evidence presented and Student(A)'s own statements during the administrative inquiry. Evidence provided by administration shows a thorough investigation was conducted which reports that Student(A) did admit to making the post and after a search of property and person there was an absence of any weapon. The absence of a weapon does not negate the conduct which resulted in suspension. Administration took appropriate steps to ensure the safety of all students which includes reporting to

appropriate agencies. During the hearing Student(A) and; his father did not deny the accusations or the severity of the conduct. Based on the totality of the information

presented it was established that Student(A) intentionally used school related resources to post "kill everyone" in Google Classroom accessible to his classmates. Student(A) stated lack of intent to physically harm another person and willingness to participate in counseling. However, these circumstances do not negate the established conduct or the resulting safety response. The administration imposed the consequence of suspension for the remainder of the semester with access to virtual learning. In determining whether the disciplinary consequence should be upheld, the Board considered the seriousness of the conduct, the fact the statement was communicated to a student audience, Students(A)'s acknowledgement, the school's investigation, the mitigating information presented by the Student(A) and father and educational impact of the suspension. These findings of fact provide the factual basis for the determination that follows regarding whether the remainder of semester suspension should be upheld under applicable district policy and due process requirements.

Motion and Vote to Approve and Adopt Findings of Fact on the Suspension of Student "A.". This motion, made by Judy Throop and seconded by Jeff MacKinnon, passed.

Jeff MacKinnon:	Yea
Anna Roland:	Absent
Judy Throop:	Yea
Joe Vaden:	Yea
Nancy Zimmerschied:	Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2.13. **Motion and Vote to Affirm Suspension or Modify Suspension (Decrease Severity of Suspension) or Overturn Suspension of Student "A."**
Motion and Vote to Affirm Suspension or Modify Suspension (Decrease Severity of Suspension) or Overturn Suspension of Student "A.". This motion, made by Judy Throop and seconded by Jeff MacKinnon, passed.

Jeff MacKinnon:	Yea
Anna Roland:	Absent
Judy Throop:	Yea
Joe Vaden:	Yea
Nancy Zimmerschied:	Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

3. **ADJOURNMENT**
***Motion required for adjournment**
Motion to adjourn at 3:41 p.m. This motion, made by Joe Vaden and seconded by Nancy Zimmerschied, passed.

Jeff MacKinnon:	Yea

Anna Roland:	Absent
Judy Throop:	Yea
Joe Vaden:	Yea
Nancy Zimmerschied:	Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

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Erika Johnson
Minutes Clerk of the Board

APPROVED DATE: October 12, 2026

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President, Board of Education