



## STILLWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### STILLWATER BOARD OF EDUCATION

**PREPARED BY:** Dr. Janet Vinson, Assistant Superintendent  
**APPROVED BY:** Uwe Gordon, Superintendent  
**DATE:** September 10, 2024

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#### **AGENDA ITEM:**

Educational Services Contracts for FY 24-25:

- 1) Amira Learning (K-5 Reading & Characteristics of Dyslexia Screener)
- 2) Aveanna Healthcare (Supplemental Staffing Agreement)
- 3) Iowa Tribe (Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention Services)
- 4) Meridian Technology Center MOU (Academic Credit Options)
- 5) NCDDET/OU National Center for Disability Education and Training (Secondary and Technology Education Program Agreement)
- 6) Oklahoma State Department of Education, Public Consulting Group, and Oklahoma Health Care Authority (School-Based Health Services Program)
- 7) Oklahoma State University Department of English (Student Affiliation Agreement)
- 8) Oklahoma State University School of Allied Health and Recreation (Athletic Trainer Internship)
- 9) Oklahoma State University School of Kinesiology, Applied Health and Recreation (Athletic Trainer Internship)
- 10) University of Central Oklahoma (Student Affiliation Agreement)
- 11) Wichita State University (Student Affiliation Agreement)

#### **BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

Motion to Approve Contracts for 2024-2025.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

##### 1) Amira Learning Reading Screener Agreement

Oklahoma has new legislation called the Strong Readers Act, formerly Reading Sufficiency Act (RSA). Amira is a state approved software that screens all students K - 5 in reading and fulfills the requirements of the Strong Reader's Act for the State of Oklahoma. The Oklahoma State Department of Education is purchasing this and offering it to districts in the state. We would like to begin exploring this option and plan to use it for our Characteristics of Dyslexia screening for SY 2024-25 with the possibility of moving to it fully next year due to the cost and the merging of iStation and Amira. This is a new contract.

##### 2) Aveanna Healthcare Supplemental Staffing Agreement

Aveanna is a private nursing and healthcare company that provides in-home and school services for students with significant health and medical needs. This contract is not for fee-based services. The clients who they accompany to school receive the service as part of their public or private insurance benefits. No changes from the previous year.

##### 3) Iowa Tribe

SPS recognizes the growing need for comprehensive mental health and substance abuse prevention services within our student population. To address this, we have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Iowa Tribe Behavioral Health. This partnership will enable us to provide targeted support to designated students who may benefit from additional mental health resources and substance abuse prevention programs. The collaboration aims to enhance the well-being and academic success of our students by leveraging the specialized expertise of Iowa Tribe

Behavioral Health. Through this MOU, we seek to ensure that all students have access to the necessary support services to thrive both in and out of the classroom. This is a new contract.

4) Meridian Technology Center MOU for Academic Credit Options

The Memorandum of Understanding with Meridian Technology Center concerns the academic credit options provided at Meridian for Stillwater Public Schools' students. The Oklahoma State Department of Education requires documentation of the local school board's approval for mathematics and science courses to be counted toward the local district's graduation requirements. No changes from the previous year.

5) The National Center for Disability Education and Training, University of OK Outreach, through a grant from the OK Dept. of Rehabilitation Services, is making Pre-Employment Transition Service activities available to high school students with disabilities to get an early start in identifying career interests to achieve community integration, independence, post-secondary education and/or competitive integrated employment. This service is provided at no cost to the school district. No changes from the previous year.

6) Oklahoma State Department of Education, Public Consulting Group, and Oklahoma Health Care Authority School-Based Health Services Program

Participation in School-Based Health Services Program allows Stillwater Public Schools to be reimbursed for eligible medical based services in the school setting (Ex. Speech Language Therapy, Physical Therapy, or Occupational Therapy). This reimbursement is based on the student's Medicaid eligibility and is only provided for services that are identified in a student's IEP. Reimbursement received by the district for these services does not impact any other benefits the student, or their family, may be eligible for/receiving. No changes from the previous year.

7) Oklahoma State Department of English Student Affiliation Statement of Agreement

The agreement with OSU concerns the student placement agreement between the OSU Department of English and Stillwater Public Schools. The agreement is in place to allow SPS to host OSU Department of English student observers and student teachers. All OSU students placed in SPS school sites will be required to submit a cleared background check and complete the required OSHA training set forth by SPS. No changes from the previous year.

8) Oklahoma State University School of Allied Health Student Affiliation Statement of Agreement/Athletic Trainer Internship

The agreement with Oklahoma State University concerns the Athletic Trainer Intern agreement between the OSU School of Allied Health and Stillwater Public Schools. The student interns hosted by SPS will be required to submit a cleared background check and complete the required OSHA training set forth by SPS. No changes from the previous year.

9) Oklahoma State University School of Kinesiology Applied Health and Recreation Student Affiliation Statement of Agreement/Athletic Trainer Internship

This agreement with OSU concerns the Athletic Trainer Intern agreement between the OSU School of Kinesiology, Applied Health and Recreation, and Stillwater Public Schools. The student interns hosted by SPS will be required to submit a cleared background check and complete the required OSHA training set forth by SPS. No changes from the previous year.

10) University of Central Oklahoma Student Affiliation Statement of Agreement

The agreement with the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) concerns the student placement agreement between the UCO Teacher Education Program and Stillwater Public Schools. The agreement is in place to allow SPS to host UCO student observers and student teachers. All UCO students placed in SPS school sites will be required to submit a cleared background check and complete the required OSHA training set forth by SPS. No changes from the previous year.

11) Wichita State University Student Affiliation Statement of Agreement

The agreement with Wichita State University (WSU) concerns the speech-language pathologist intern agreement between the WSU College of Health Professions and Stillwater Public Schools. The student interns hosted by SPS will be required to submit a cleared background check and complete the required OSHA training set forth by SPS. This is a new contract.