Pioneer Technology Center Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 6:00 PM
Seminar Center West
2101 N. Ash St.
Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601

1. Call meeting to order

2. Roll call and establish a quorum

Also in attendance were Traci Thorpe, Ryan Burkett, Kendra Knight, Kahle Goff, Stacey Rush, Molly Kyler, Mike Orr, Aimee Snyder, Terri Busch and Kellie Johnson.

3. Flag salute and moment of silence

4. Reports and Presentations — Gateway/STEM Program Reports from Blackwell, Newkirk, Woodland, Tonkawa

Mrs. Shelly Shulanberger - Woodland Public Schools
Ms. Paytan Hodgson - Newkirk Public Schools
Mrs. Angela McClaflin - Blackwell Public Schools
Mr. Reinart & Mrs. Kari Widener - Tonkawa Public Schools

Shelly S- Woodland Public Schools — Thank you for the continued support of the STEM Program. 66 students in High School and 64 middle school students. STEM has become more hands-on in the past due to your financial support of our schools. Purchased Chromebooks, and we have more hands-on activities in science classes. There are 3 Junior High Quiz Bowl teams, and they placed 2nd in the contests they competed in.
The computer teacher purchased media communication supplies and the students are learning to use the equipment. They are live-streaming the sporting events and parades, etc.

Payton Hodgson- Newkirk Public Schools-STEM Program — Thank you for helping us foster quality education for Newkirk Middle School and High School. (Wendy T). Peyton showed pictures of Newkirks classroom. Before and After pictures to show the items that have been purchased by financial support from PTC. We purchased a vinyl banner printer with our funding, and we made new state championship banners for the gym and a backdrop for media day. We also got chromebooks and a charging cart. New 3-D printers were also purchased, and we have been able to do fundraising to make more funds for the program.
Hands-on learning opportunities and Career Tech aligned learning opportunities and collaboration with CORE subjects for STEM curriculum. I like to teach in real life applications.

Angela M- Blackwell Public Schools — I was a graduate of PTC and I know the importance of the program and this is my first year in the program. Kari W. had been in the program before me and she left huge shoes to fill. We have a large banner printer and 3-D printers. We are looking at ways to use those items. I currently teach 6–12 grade, and we teach STEM, Robotics, Engineering, etc. Kahle stated that Blackwell Middle school also tours PTC.

Mr. Rienart- Tonkawa Public Schools — Kari W. will be the leader of the new program for Tonkawa. In the High School there is 17 students in 2 different classes. We have a step program that students must complete before being in a Full STEM program such as robotics. This is our 2nd year to offer STEM, and we are still growing and learning. We are looking to add electronics next year. We are also looking at adding a program for our 7th graders. We had several students who attended OU Girls day in Engineering. We have 5 students who qualified for the National Conference.

5. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the Minutes of the April 14, 2026 regular Board of Education meeting

Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 14, 2026 regular Board of Education meeting passed with a motion by Ms. Debbie Leaming and a second by Mr. Laurence Beliel.

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| Mr. Laurence Beliel: | Yea |
| Ms. Debbie Leaming: | Yea |
| Mrs Gay Norris: | Abstain (Without Conflict) |
| Ms. Rachel Shuey: | Yea |
| Mr. J.D. Soulek: | Absent |

Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (Without Conflict): 1

6. Discussion, review and vote to approve or not approve the Financial Reports; Activity Fund Report; and Encumbrances & Change Order Lists (General Fund #61695-61892 in the amount of $211,564.83; Building Fund #60081-60088 in the amount of $107,930.25; Payroll #70190 in the amount of $3,582.60)

Motion to approve the Financial Reports, Activity Fund Report, and Encumbrances & Change Order Lists as presented passed with a motion by Ms. Rachel Shuey and a second by Mr. Laurence Beliel.

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| Mr. Laurence Beliel: | Yea |
| Ms. Debbie Leaming: | Yea |
| Mrs Gay Norris: | Yea |
| Ms. Rachel Shuey: | Yea |
| Mr. J.D. Soulek: | Absent |

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7. Administrative Reports and Anticipated Discussion by the Board and Staff regarding facilities, district policy issues, community issues and/or personnel or student needs

A. Traci Thorpe, Superintendent/CEO

B. Molly Kyler, Executive Director, Business & Industry Services

Graduation season is upon us, and we have been busy making it happen. We appreciate everyone who helps put these together. Incubator clients needed a bigger space and we have

worked with them to get a bigger space available. We other tenants that are applying and trying to get up and running. Terri lead the OKSPRA conference where she is the new President. We have had meetings about E-Sports and paramedic classes offered.

8. Discussion, Review and vote to approve or not approve policies CVFA-R- Fair Labor Standards Act- Regulation & DLE- Overtime and Compensation Time

Motion to approve policies CVFA-R- Fair Labor Standards Act- Regulation & DLE- Overtime and Compensation Time passed with a motion by Mr. Laurence Beliel and a second by Ms. Debbie Leaming.

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| Mr. Laurence Beliel: | Yea |
| Ms. Debbie Leaming: | Yea |
| Mrs Gay Norris: | Yea |
| Ms. Rachel Shuey: | Yea |
| Mr. J.D. Soulek: | Absent |

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve FY27 resource allocations to support Blackwell Gateway Partnership Program

Motion to approve FY27 resource allocations to support Blackwell Gateway Partnership Program passed with a motion by Ms. Debbie Leaming and a second by Ms. Rachel Shuey.

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| Mr. Laurence Beliel: | Yea |
| Ms. Debbie Leaming: | Yea |
| Mrs Gay Norris: | Yea |
| Ms. Rachel Shuey: | Yea |
| Mr. J.D. Soulek: | Absent |

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

10. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve FY27 resource allocations to support Newkirk Technology Education Partnership Program

Motion to approve FY27 resource allocations to support Newkirk Technology Education Partnership Program passed with a motion by Ms. Debbie Leaming and a second by Ms. Rachel Shuey.

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| Mr. Laurence Beliel: | Yea |
| Ms. Debbie Leaming: | Yea |
| Mrs Gay Norris: | Yea |
| Ms. Rachel Shuey: | Yea |
| Mr. J.D. Soulek: | Absent |

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

11. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve FY27 resource allocations to support Woodland STEM Partnership Program

Motion to approve FY27 resource allocations to support Woodland STEM Partnership Program passed with a motion by Ms. Debbie Leaming and a second by Ms. Rachel Shuey.

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| Mr. Laurence Beliel: | Yea |
| Ms. Debbie Leaming: | Yea |
| Mrs Gay Norris: | Yea |
| Ms. Rachel Shuey: | Yea |
| Mr. J.D. Soulek: | Absent |

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

12. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve FY27 resource allocations to support Tonkawa STEM Partnership Program

Motion to approve FY27 resource allocations to support Tonkawa STEM Partnership Program passed with a motion by Ms. Debbie Leaming and a second by Ms. Rachel Shuey.

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| Mr. Laurence Beliel: | Yea |
| Ms. Debbie Leaming: | Yea |
| Mrs Gay Norris: | Yea |
| Ms. Rachel Shuey: | Yea |
| Mr. J.D. Soulek: | Absent |

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

13. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve revised contracts for FY26 Audit and Financial Statement Services with S&B CPA's & Associates PLLC and Mary E. Johnson & Associates PLLC

Motion to approve revised contracts for FY26 Audit and Financial Statement Services with S&B CPA's & Associates PLLC and Mary E. Johnson & Associates PLLC passed with a motion by Mr. Laurence Beliel and a second by Ms. Rachel Shuey.

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| Mr. Laurence Beliel: | Yea |
| Ms. Debbie Leaming: | Yea |
| Mrs Gay Norris: | Yea |
| Ms. Rachel Shuey: | Yea |
| Mr. J.D. Soulek: | Absent |

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

14. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve a contract with the Gooden Group, Inc. to serve as the consultant for a joint marketing and public relations initiative involving multiple technology center districts for FY27 ($5,526 same as FY26).

Motion to approve a contract with the Gooden Group, Inc. to serve as the consultant for a joint marketing and public relations initiative involving multiple technology center districts for FY27

($5,526 same as FY26). passed with a motion by Ms. Rachel Shuey and a second by Ms. Debbie Leaming.

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| Mr. Laurence Beliel: | Yea |
| Ms. Debbie Leaming: | Yea |
| Mrs Gay Norris: | Yea |
| Ms. Rachel Shuey: | Yea |
| Mr. J.D. Soulek: | Absent |

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

15. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve a contract with Statewide Marketing Cooperative Agreement for FY27 ($13,750 — same as FY26).

Motion to approve a contract with Statewide Marketing Cooperative Agreement for FY27 ($13,750) passed with a motion by Mrs Gay Norris and a second by Mr. Laurence Beliel.

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| Mr. Laurence Beliel: | Yea |
| Ms. Debbie Leaming: | Yea |
| Mrs Gay Norris: | Yea |
| Ms. Rachel Shuey: | Yea |
| Mr. J.D. Soulek: | Absent |

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

16. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the 2026-2027 Oklahoma State School Boards Association Membership (OSSBA) in the amount of $3,665

Motion to approve the 2026-2027 Oklahoma State School Boards Association Membership (OSSBA) in the amount of $3,665 passed with a motion by Ms. Debbie Leaming and a second by Ms. Rachel Shuey.

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| Mr. Laurence Beliel: | Yea |
| Ms. Debbie Leaming: | Yea |
| Mrs Gay Norris: | Yea |
| Ms. Rachel Shuey: | Yea |
| Mr. J.D. Soulek: | Absent |

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

17. Discussion, Review and vote to approve or not approve purchases over $10,000 as listed on Appendix A

Motion to approve purchases over $10,000 as listed on Appendix A passed with a motion by Mr. Laurence Beliel and a second by Ms. Debbie Leaming.

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| Mr. Laurence Beliel: | Yea |
| Ms. Debbie Leaming: | Yea |
| Mrs Gay Norris: | Yea |
| Ms. Rachel Shuey: | Yea |

Mr. J.D. Soulek: Absent

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

18. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve individuals on part-time and temporary employment contracts, and addenda to contracts as listed on Appendix B

Motion to approve individuals on part-time and temporary employment contracts, and addenda to contracts on Appendix B passed with a motion by Ms. Debbie Leaming and a second by Mrs Gay Norris.

Mr. Laurence Beliel: Yea

Ms. Debbie Leaming: Yea

Mrs Gay Norris: Yea

Ms. Rachel Shuey: Yea

Mr. J.D. Soulek: Absent

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

19. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve contract renewals for employees listed on Appendix C (Instructors & Facilitators)

Motion and vote to approve contract renewals for employees listed on Appendix C (Instructors & Facilitators) passed with a motion by Ms. Rachel Shuey and a second by Mr. Laurence Beliel.

Mr. Laurence Beliel: Yea

Ms. Debbie Leaming: Yea

Mrs Gay Norris: Yea

Ms. Rachel Shuey: Yea

Mr. J.D. Soulek: Absent

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

20. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve hiring a Career Development Facilitator

Motion to approve hiring Sage Langston as Career Development Facilitator passed with a motion by Mr. Laurence Beliel and a second by Ms. Rachel Shuey.

Mr. Laurence Beliel: Yea

Ms. Debbie Leaming: Yea

Mrs Gay Norris: Yea

Ms. Rachel Shuey: Yea

Mr. J.D. Soulek: Absent

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

21. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve hiring an Academic Math Instructor

Motion to approve hiring Kelsey Fortney as Academic Math Instructor passed with a motion by Mr. Laurence Beliel and a second by Mrs Gay Norris.

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| Mr. Laurence Beliel: | Yea |
| Ms. Debbie Leaming: | Yea |
| Mrs Gay Norris: | Yea |
| Ms. Rachel Shuey: | Yea |
| Mr. J.D. Soulek: | Absent |

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

22. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve hiring a Bid Assistance Coordinator

Motion to approve hiring LeeAnna Bowling as Bid Assistance Coordinator passed with a motion by Ms. Rachel Shuey and a second by Ms. Debbie Leaming.

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| Mr. Laurence Beliel: | Yea |
| Ms. Debbie Leaming: | Yea |
| Mrs Gay Norris: | Yea |
| Ms. Rachel Shuey: | Yea |
| Mr. J.D. Soulek: | Absent |

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

23. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the transfer of Heather Underwood from Teacher Prep/BITE Teaching Assistant to Testing Specialist

Motion to approve or not approve the transfer of Heather Underwood from Teacher Prep/BITE Teaching Assistant to Testing Specialist passed with a motion by Ms. Debbie Leaming and a second by Mr. Laurence Beliel.

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| Mr. Laurence Beliel: | Yea |
| Ms. Debbie Leaming: | Yea |
| Mrs Gay Norris: | Yea |
| Ms. Rachel Shuey: | Yea |
| Mr. J.D. Soulek: | Absent |

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

24. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the transfer of Jennifer Wehrenberg from ABE/HSE Coordinator/Instructor to T&I Instructional Director

Motion to approve the transfer of Jennifer Wehrenberg from ABE/HSE Coordinator/Instructor to T&I Instructional Director passed with a motion by Mrs Gay Norris and a second by Ms. Debbie Leaming.

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| Mr. Laurence Beliel: | Yea |
| Ms. Debbie Leaming: | Yea |
| Mrs Gay Norris: | Yea |
| Ms. Rachel Shuey: | Yea |
| Mr. J.D. Soulek: | Absent |

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

25. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the transfer of Brisa Linnebur from ABE/HSE-Full Time programs Secretary to Administrative Assistant-Student Services

Motion to approve the transfer of Brisa Linnebur from ABE/HSE-Full Time programs Secretary to Administrative Assistant-Student Services passed with a motion by Ms. Debbie Leaming and a second by Ms. Rachel Shuey.

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| Mr. Laurence Beliel: | Yea |
| Ms. Debbie Leaming: | Yea |
| Mrs Gay Norris: | Yea |
| Ms. Rachel Shuey: | Yea |
| Mr. J.D. Soulek: | Absent |

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

26. New Business

27. Board Comment

28. Adjournment