

Regular Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2026 5:30 PM Central

Board Room of Central Office
500 E. North Ave
Tonkawa, OK 74653

Mr Brian Bowling: Present
Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Present
Mr. Jerry Hook: Present
Mr Tyler Langston: Present
Mr Casey McAninch: Present
Present: 5.

1. Call to order

President Brian Bowling called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll call of members and recording of present and absent

3. Reading of the minutes of the June 24, 2026 regular meeting and vote to approve or not approve

Motion to table the minutes of June 24, 2026. This motion, made by Mr Tyler Langston and seconded by Mr Casey McAninch, Tabled.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

4. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve General Fund purchase order encumbrance numbers 76 through 173 in the amount of \$183,280.53 with change order #76 through 173. Motion to approve encumbrances. This motion, made by Mr Tyler Langston and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Abstain (With Conflict), Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

5. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve General Fund Payroll purchase order encumbrance numbers 50000 through 50106 in the amount of \$7,264,112.85 with change order #50000 through 50106,

Motion to table encumbrances. This motion, made by Mr Brian Bowling and seconded by Mr Tyler Langston, Tabled.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

6. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve Child Nutrition Fund purchase order encumbrance number 4 in the amount of \$684.63 with change order #4.

Motion to approve Child Nutrition Fund. This motion, made by Mr Casey McAninch and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr

Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

7. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve Building Bond Fund 38 purchase order encumbrance number 1 in the amount of \$806,550.00 with change order #1.

Motion to approve Building Bond Fund 38. This motion, made by Mr Casey McAninch and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

8. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve creating Activity Fund sub-account 805 Prom. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr. Jerry Hook and seconded by Mr Tyler Langston, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9. Presentation of Activity Fund activity and balances for the month and vote to approve or not approve financial report and transfers. Inner account transfer from activity account sub-account 801 MH/HS to 804 TSA in the amount of \$1,406.00 and transfer from activity account sub-account 801 MH/HS to 816 Elementary in the amount of \$923.12.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Casey McAninch and seconded by Mr. Jerry Hook, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

10. Treasurer's Report

Ladonna Durkee presented the Treasurers Report to the board. No action was taken by the board.

11. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve resignations to date.

Motion to approve the resignation of Daniel Emery and Brenda Wood. This motion, made by Mr Brian Bowling and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

12. Proposed executive session to discuss hiring a secondary science instructor, two Special Education instructors, janitor/maintenance staff and a substitute for the 2026-27 school year. 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1).

13. Board to appoint a minutes' secretary and vote to convene or not convene into executive session.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen and seconded by Mr Tyler Langston, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr

Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Board appointed Melanie Bellinghausen as executive session minutes' secretary.

14. Acknowledge board's return to open session.

15. Executive session compliance announcement.

The board entered into executive session at 6:18 p.m. on August 10, 2026, to discuss the hiring of a secondary science instructor, two Special Education instructors, a janitor/maintenance staff, and a substitute for the 2026-27 school year, as authorized by 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1). Those present in executive session were Lori Simpson, Brian Bowling, Tyler Langston, Jerry Hook, Casey McAninch, and Melanie Bellinghausen. Returned to open session at 6:26 p.m. No action was taken by the board of education.

16. Discussion and possible action on Superintendent's recommendation concerning the employment of a secondary science instructor for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to approve hiring Madelyn Scism. This motion, made by Mr Casey McAninch and seconded by Mr. Jerry Hook, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

17. Discussion and possible action on Superintendent's recommendation concerning the employment of two Special Education instructors for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to approve hiring Diana Vaughan and Jerri Culwell. This motion, made by Mr Tyler Langston and seconded by Mr. Jerry Hook, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

18. Discussion and possible action on Superintendent's recommendation concerning the employment of a janitor/maintenance staff for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to approve hiring Tad Lee. This motion, made by Mr Brian Bowling and seconded by Mr Tyler Langston, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

19. Discussion and possible action on Superintendent's recommendation concerning the employment of a substitute for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to approve hiring Summer Walker. This motion, made by Mr Casey McAninch and seconded by Mr Brian Bowling, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

20. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the employment of adjunct instructors to teach at Tonkawa Public School for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to approve the employment of adjunct instructors' status for Blake Skidgel - Physical Education/Health Safety, Pearle Cramer - Native American Language, Ricky Cramer -

Intermediate Math, Tori Green - Business, Kylie Garrett - Mid-High Science, David Nagel - Mid-Level Social Studies, Raegan Moore - Computers, Madelyn Scism - Mid-Level Science, Josh Nichols - History, Robert Shoat - Digital Media/Art, Kramer Simpson - Biology, Cassie Jordan - Chemistry & Physical Science, and Shelby Garrison - Elementary Ed. This motion, made by Mr Tyler Langston and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.
Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

21. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve a memorandum of understanding between Pioneer Technology Center (PTC) and Tonkawa Public Schools for supplemental funding for the Tonkawa Middle School and High School STEM Education Program for the 2026-27 school year.
Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr. Jerry Hook and seconded by Mr Brian Bowling, Carried.
Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

22. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve a memorandum of understanding between Grand Mental Health and Tonkawa Public Schools for the 2026-27 school year.
Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen and seconded by Mr. Jerry Hook, Carried.
Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

23. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve Teacher Residency Committees for the 2026-27 school year.
Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Tyler Langston and seconded by Mr. Jerry Hook, Carried.
Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

24. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve a contract between Gage Martin and Tonkawa Public Schools for the 2026-27 school year.
Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Casey McAninch and seconded by Mr. Jerry Hook, Carried.
Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

25. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve a three-year deregulation for the Alternative Education Program for Tonkawa Public Schools beginning school year FY2026-27.
Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Brian Bowling and seconded by Mr Tyler Langston, Carried.
Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr

Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

26. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve Tonkawa Public Schools Board Policies Section C Business and Support Services and Section D Personnel.

Motion to approve with changes. This motion, made by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen and seconded by Mr Tyler Langston, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

27. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve Tonkawa Public Schools Fundraisers for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen and seconded by Mr Tyler Langston, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

28. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the band student's out-of-state travel to the Arkalalah Festival in Arkansas City, Kansas in October.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen and seconded by Mr Brian Bowling, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

29. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve band's out-of-state travel to Branson, Missouri in March during Spring Break.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Tyler Langston and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

30. Superintendent's report

Lori Simpson gave her superintendent's report to the board. No action was taken by the board.

31. Principal's reports

Debbie Anderson and Joey Reinart gave their principal's reports to the board. No action was taken by the board.

32. New Business

There was no new business.

33. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. This motion, made by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen and seconded by Mr Tyler Langston, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr

Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0