

Locust Grove
Regular
Meeting
Monday, May
11, 2026 6:30 PM

Administration Building
302 East Joe Koelsch
Locust Grove, Oklahoma 74352

Minutes

1. Call meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance
Jeff Downing called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call

Jeff Downing:	Present
Rick Pierce:	Present
Andrew Snell:	Present
Josh Wall:	Present
Jim Ward:	Present

3. Open Forum, Public Comment or Indian Education Comments/Concerns

- Speakers must identify themselves and sign in prior to the start of the meeting
- Each speaker is given a maximum of five (5) minutes
- Total time allocated to this item is twenty (20) minutes
- The President reserves the right to interrupt this section and move to the next item

There were no public comments or Indian Education concerns.

4. Superintendent Report
Coaches and academic leaders recognized student athletes, archers and academic scholars for their achievements.
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5. Consent Agenda
All of the items, which consist of a routine nature normally approved at Board meetings, will be approved by one vote unless any Board member desires to have a separate vote on any or all of these items. The consent agenda consists of the discussion, consideration and approval of the following items:
Motion to approve Consent Agenda a. thru h. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Andrew Snell, passed.

Jeff Downing:	Yes
Rick Pierce:	Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes
Josh Wall: Yes
Jim Ward: Yes
Yes: 5, No: 0

5.a. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, April 13, 2026
Minutes of Bond Sale Special Meeting, May 4, 2026

5.b. Treasurer/Financial Report

5.c. Financial Report

5.d. Approve financial statements, all warrants issued for payment, change orders and all purchase orders and activity fund balances:
General Fund 11 Encumbrances #493-532 for 2025-2026
Building Fund 21 Encumbrances #52-54 for 2025-2026
Activity Fund Report for April 2026

5.e. Contracts for FY27:
a.) OSSBA Policy Services
b.) OSSBA Assemble Meetings for Education
c.)CRW Consulting E-rate Services, LLC
d.) McKinney Vento Online Services Agreement
e.) Sylogist Student Information Agreement
f.) Sylogist Accounting & Payroll Agreement
g.) NAFIS Membership
h.) Mayes County Sheriff's Office Agreement

6. Discussion and possible action to approve the following construction bids:
a.) Lighting Bid for Softball Field 1
b.) Lighting Bid for Softball Field 2
c.) Lighting Bid for Pickleball Court
d.)Lighting Bid for Upper Elementary Drive
e.) Painting Bid for the indoor facility
f.) Painting Bid for the Boys & Girls Club
g.) Painting Bid for the Pirate Arena
h.) Refurbishing Bid for the High School Gym Floor
i.) Refurbishing Bid for the Pirate Arena Gym Floor
j.) Refurbishing Bid for the Middle School Gym Floor

Motion to approve bid for item (a.) CED First Light- $38,000. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Rick Pierce, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes
Rick Pierce: Yes
Andrew Snell: Yes
Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion to approve bid item (b.) CED First Light - $24,500. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Andrew Snell, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion to approve bid item (c.) CED First Light - $14,200. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Andrew Snell, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion to table (d.) Upper Elementary Lighting bid. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Andrew Snell, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion to approve bid item (e.) Esparza Bros. LLC - $43,550. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Andrew Snell, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion to approve bid item (f.) Esparza Bros. LLC - $14,890. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Andrew Snell, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion to approve bid item (g.) Esparza Bros. LLC - $10,925. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Andrew Snell, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion to approve bid item (h.) Arrowhead Flooring - $20,700. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Josh Wall, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion to approve bid item (i.) Arrowhead Flooring - $20,700. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Josh Wall, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion to approve bid item (j.) Arrowhead Flooring - $13,500. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Rick Pierce, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

7. Discussion and possible action to approve request to accept sealed bids for surplus items on transportation List #1

Motion to receive sealed bids for Transportation List #1 for surplus. Sealed bids will be received until June 5, 2026 until 4:00 p.m. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Rick Pierce, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce:	Yes
Andrew Snell:	Yes
Josh Wall:	Yes
Jim Ward:	Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

8. Proposed executive session for the purpose of discussing employment of Certified Teachers on Temporary Contracts FY27 per List A, Temporary Provisional Certifications FY27 per List B, Emergency Certifications FY27 per List C, Retired Teachers on Temporary Contracts FY27 per List D, employment of (4)-Certified Secondary Teachers, Non-Certified Adjunct Mid-Level/Secondary Teacher, Early Learning Center Teacher, High School Counselor, and Upper Elementary Dean of Students, approve request for sick days for Jessica Hebb and accept resignations of: (a.) Angela Loyd, UE SPED,(b.) April Pierce, HS Counselor position (c.) Charity Merritt, ELC SPED, (d.) Logan Gragg, HS Teacher (e.) Kodie Rowland, ELC and (f.) Quentin Thomas, MS Teacher pursuant to Oklahoma Statute 25 Section 307(B)(1)
a. Vote to convene into executive session
b. Acknowledge return to open session
c. Statement of executive session minutes
Jeff Downing acknowledged the return to open session at 8:00 p.m.
Jim Ward read the executive session statement minutes. Those present in the executive session: Jeff Downing, Andrew Snell, Josh Wall, Rick Pierce, Jim Ward, Jamie Hall and Daniel Stokes.
Motion to enter executive session at 7:30 p.m. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Josh Wall, passed.

Jeff Downing:	Yes
Rick Pierce:	Yes
Andrew Snell:	Yes
Josh Wall:	Yes
Jim Ward:	Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

9. Take action to employ Certified Teachers on Temporary Contracts for FY27 per List A
Motion to employ Certified Teachers on Temporary Contracts for FY27 per List A. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Rick Pierce, passed.

Jeff Downing:	Yes
Rick Pierce:	Yes
Andrew Snell:	Yes
Josh Wall:	Yes
Jim Ward:	Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

10. Take action to employ Temporary Provisional Certificates FY27 per List B

Motion to employ Temporary Provisional Certificates FY27 per List B. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Rick Pierce, passed.

Jeff Downing:	Yes
Rick Pierce:	Yes
Andrew Snell:	Yes
Josh Wall:	Yes
Jim Ward:	Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

11. Take action to employ Emergency Certifications FY27 per List C

Motion to employ Emergency Certifications FY27 per List C. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Andrew Snell, passed.

Jeff Downing:	Yes
Rick Pierce:	Yes
Andrew Snell:	Yes
Josh Wall:	No
Jim Ward:	Yes

Yes: 4, No: 1

12. Take action to employ Retired Teachers on Temporary Contracts FY27 per List D

Motion to employ Retired Teachers on Temporary Contracts FY27 per List D. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Rick Pierce, passed.

Jeff Downing:	Yes
Rick Pierce:	Yes
Andrew Snell:	Yes
Josh Wall:	Yes
Jim Ward:	Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

13. Take action to employ (4) Certified Secondary Teachers

Motion to employ Jacob Tolbert, Certified Secondary Teacher. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Josh Wall, passed.

Jeff Downing:	Yes
Rick Pierce:	Yes
Andrew Snell:	Yes
Josh Wall:	Yes
Jim Ward:	Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion to employ Trevor Berger, Certified Secondary Teacher. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Rick Pierce, passed.

Jeff Downing:	Yes
Rick Pierce:	Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes
Josh Wall: Yes
Jim Ward: Yes
Yes: 5, No: 0
Motion to employ Brycen Wood, Emergency Certified Secondary Teacher. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Andrew Snell, passed.
Jeff Downing: Yes
Rick Pierce: Yes
Andrew Snell: Yes
Josh Wall: Yes
Jim Ward: Yes
Yes: 5, No: 0
No action on hiring a 4th certified teacher. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Andrew Snell, passed.
Jeff Downing: Yes
Rick Pierce: Yes
Andrew Snell: Yes
Josh Wall: Yes
Jim Ward: Yes
Yes: 5, No: 0

14. Take action to employ a Non-Certified Adjunct Mid-Level/Secondary Teacher
Motion to employ Lori Berger. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Rick Pierce, passed.
Jeff Downing: Yes
Rick Pierce: Yes
Andrew Snell: Yes
Josh Wall: Yes
Jim Ward: Yes
Yes: 5, No: 0

15. Take action to employ Early Learning Center Teacher
Motion to employ Amy Leach, Early Learning Center Teacher. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Rick Pierce, passed.
Jeff Downing: Yes
Rick Pierce: Yes
Andrew Snell: Yes
Josh Wall: Yes
Jim Ward: Yes
Yes: 5, No: 0

16. Take action to employ a High School Counselor

Motion to employ Stephanie Sitsler, High School Counselor. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Andrew Snell, passed.

Jeff Downing:	Yes
Rick Pierce:	Yes
Andrew Snell:	Yes
Josh Wall:	Yes
Jim Ward:	Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

17. Take action to employ Upper Elementary Dean of Students
Motion to employ Matt Tramel, Upper Elementary Dean of Students. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Josh Wall, passed.

Jeff Downing:	Yes
Rick Pierce:	Yes
Andrew Snell:	Yes
Josh Wall:	Yes
Jim Ward:	Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

18. Take action to approve the request for sick days for Jessica Hebb
Motion to approve the request for sick days for Jessica Hebb. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Rick Pierce, passed.

Jeff Downing:	Yes
Rick Pierce:	Yes
Andrew Snell:	Yes
Josh Wall:	Yes
Jim Ward:	Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

19. Take action to accept the resignations of the following:
a.) Angela Loyd, UE SPED
b.) April Pierce, HS Counselor Position
c.) Charity Merritt, ELC SPED
d.) Logan Gragg, HS Teacher
e.) Kodie Rowland, ELC Teacher
f.) Quentin Thomas, MS Teacher
Motion to accept the resignation of a. thru f. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Rick Pierce, passed.

Jeff Downing:	Yes
Rick Pierce:	Yes
Andrew Snell:	Yes
Josh Wall:	Yes
Jim Ward:	Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

20. New Business and action, if needed
There was no new business.

21. Adjournment
Motion to Adjourn at 8:07 p.m. This motion, made by Rick Pierce and seconded by Jeff Downing, passed.

Jeff Downing:	Yes
Rick Pierce:	Yes
Andrew Snell:	Yes
Josh Wall:	Yes
Jim Ward:	Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0