

Laura Neel  
Ross Gregg  
Gene Knouse  
Nicholas Kramer  
Matt Harak

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes  
Covington-Douglas School  
University Center/Board Room  
400 E Maine, Covington, OK 73730  
April 7, 2026

- I. 6:00 pm  
President Laura Neel called the Regular Meeting of the Covington-Douglas Board of Education to order. The notation of compliance with the open meeting law was made.
- II. Roll call was answered by Laura Neel, Ross Gregg, Gene Knouse, Nicholas Kramer and Matt Harak. Also present were Superintendent Darren Sharp and Jay States of S & B CPA's and Associates, PLLC.
- III. Superintendent Darren Sharp commented on legislative updates, financial updates, and construction updates.
- IV. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to approve the consent agenda as presented:
  - A. Approval of the March 3, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting minutes
  - B. Approval of General Fund encumbrances and change orders #259-274 in the amount of \$48,381.67
  - C. Approval of Building Fund 21 encumbrances and change orders #22-27 in the amount of \$35,500.00
  - D. Approval of Building Fund 36 encumbrances and change orders #2 in the amount of \$38,750.00
  - E. Review the Investments and Expenditures of School District Funds
  - F. Review School Calendars
  - G. Approval of Activity Funds

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

- V. Business Items:
  - A. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Harak, to accept the 2024-2025 School Year Audit as presented by Jay States S & B CPA's and Associates, PLLC.

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

- B. Public comment concerning the gifted and talented program and the gifted and talented meeting.

No Public Comment

- C. Public comment concerning federal programs, to include but not limited to: Title I, Special Education Services, ELL/Bilingual Program, and Schoolwide Plan.

No Public Comment

D. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve the band fundraiser, "Short and Sweet and a Show".

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

E. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve policy FGBD Student Athletes and Activities Name, Image, and Likeness

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

F. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to approve policy FFFF School Bus Program.

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

G. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to approve policy FE-P Removal of Juvenile Sex Offender (Procedures)

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

H. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Harak, to declare as surplus the scrap metal pile north of the hog barn, and to sell at fair market value

by

end of summer.

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

I. 6:48 pm

Knouse made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to convene into executive session Pursuant to 25 O.S. Section307 (B)(1) for the following specific purposes:

1. The employment and assignment contracts of certified personnel to continuing contracts:

Erin Cardin	Bonnie Casteel	Josh Dickson	Ryan Donaldson
Jeff Gillett	Zandra Halcomb	Stacy Kroll	Stacy Krout
Sara Mitchell	Ashley Rink	Sharla Sharp	Tiffany Smith
Mickala Knott	Christe Smith	David Walker	Danyeale Walker
Aracely Gregg	Olivia Venard		

2. The employment and assignment contracts of certified personnel to temporary contracts:

Jamie Conrady	Mike Kaiser	Dakota Davis	Casey Stoll
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3. Employment of staff to extra duty contracts:

Zandra Halcomb	Sharla Sharp	Tiffany Smith	Amanda Chartier
Bonnie Casteel	Ryan Donaldson	Mike Kaiser	Danyeale Walker
Brian Smith	Josh Dickson	Jeff Gillett	Dakota Davis
Ashley Rink	Mickala Knott	Amy Wicker	Brandon Schram

4. Employment of a certified teacher for temporary teaching contract for the 2026-2027 school year.

5. Employment of the following for summer employment:  
Amanda Chartier Josh Dickson Ryan Donaldson Joe Sharp

6. Resignation of Blair Poulter

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

J. 7:18 pm

President Laura Neel acknowledged returning to open session and gave a summary of the executive session. No votes were taken. Coming out of the executive session were Neel, Gregg, Knouse, Kramer, Harak, and Superintendent Sharp.

K. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to approve the employment of Certified Personnel on Continuing Contracts as listed above.

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

L. Harak made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to approve the Employment of Certified Personnel on temporary contracts as listed above for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

M. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to allow the Superintendent to assign extra duty contracts to the staff listed above.

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

N. No action taken

O. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve the employment of summer help as listed above.

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

P. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Harak, to accept the resignation of Blair Poulter.

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

VI. No New Business

VII. 7:20 pm

Neel made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

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