

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
January 12, 2026

I. 6:00 pm

President Laura Neel called the Regular Meeting of the Covington-Douglas Board of Education to order. The notation of the compliance with the open meeting law was made.

II. Answering roll call was Laura Neel, Ross Gregg, Gene Knouse, Nicholas Kramer, and Matt Harak. Also present was Superintendent Darren Sharp.

III. Superintendent Darren Sharp reported on legislative, financial, construction updates and possible bond issues.

IV. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

A. Approval of the December 2, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of General Fund encumbrances and change orders #229-233 in the amount of \$26,787.90

C. Approval of Building Fund encumbrances and change orders #17 in the amount of \$4,500.00

D. Review the Investments and Expenditures of School District Funds

E. Review of the school calendar

F. Approval of Activity Funds

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

V. Business Items:

A. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Kramer, on a resolution determining the maturities of, and setting a date, time, and place for the sale of the \$3,350,000 General Obligation Building Bonds of Independent School District No. 94 as 12:30 pm February 3, 2026 in The University Center/Board Room of Covington-Douglas Schools. (Resolution attached)

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

B. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Harak, approve the 2026-2027 school year calendar as presented.

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

C. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to pay Pioneer-Pleasant Vale \$500 and to allow Pioneer-Pleasant Vale to attend the 2026 spring track meets for free as compensation for golf co-op.

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

D. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Harak, to adopt policy BEC Executive Sessions.

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

E. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve the cheer dance fundraisers.

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

F. Harak made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to approve the creation of activity fund sub-account 0032 named Donations/Student Needs.

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

G. 6:35 pm

Knouse made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to convene into executive session:

Pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307 (B)(1) for the following specific purposes:

a. Discussion Superintendent's evaluation, contract, employment

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

H. 6:53 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 and Harak.

I. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to hire Superintendent Sharp at his current salary and current contract for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

VI. No New Business

VII. 6:55 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

President

Vice-President

Board Clerk

Board Minutes Clerk

MINUTES AND RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF BONDS

The Board of Education of Independent School District Number 94 of Garfield County, Oklahoma, met in Regular Session at the Board Room, University Center, Covington-Douglas Public Schools, 400 East Maine, Covington, Oklahoma, in said School District on the 12th day of January, 2026, at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

PRESENT: LAURA NEEL, President; ROSS W. GREGG, Vice President; GENE KNOUSE, Clerk and Member; MATTHEW HARAK, Member; NICHOLAS KRAMER, Member

ABSENT: None

Notice of the schedule of regular meetings of the School District for the calendar year 2026 was given in writing, to the County Clerk of Garfield County, Oklahoma at 2:29 o'clock p.m. on the 18th day of November, 2025, and public notice of this meeting, setting forth the date, time, place and agenda was posted at the main front entrance to the school, in prominent view and open to the public twenty-four (24) hours each day, seven (7) days each week at 10:20 o'clock a.m. on the 9th day of January, 2026, being twenty-four (24) hours or more prior to this meeting, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and State designated legal holidays, all in compliance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act (as attached hereto).

(OTHER PROCEEDINGS)

Thereupon **NEEL** introduced a Resolution which was read in full by the Clerk, and upon motion by **KNOUSE**, seconded by **KRAMER**, was adopted by the following vote:

AYE: NEEL, GREGG, KNOUSE, HARAK, KRAMER

NAY: None

Said Resolution was thereupon signed by the President, attested by the Clerk, sealed with the seal of said School District, and is as follows:

RESOLUTION

A resolution fixing the amount of bonds to mature each year, fixing the time and place the bonds are to be sold, and authorizing the clerk to give notice of said sale as required by law.

WHEREAS, the issuance of \$9,380,000 of General Obligation Building Bonds by Independent School District Number 94 of Garfield County, Oklahoma, has been duly authorized at an election held on the 11th day of May, 2021, for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, \$6,030,000 of the \$9,380,000 has previously been sold, issued and delivered, and the Board of Education of Independent School District Number 94 of Garfield County, Oklahoma, now desires to sell a final installment of \$3,350,000;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 94 of Garfield County, Oklahoma:

SECTION 1.

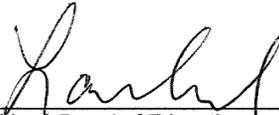
That the \$3,350,000 of General Obligation Building Bonds of Independent School District No. 94 of Garfield County, Oklahoma, voted on the 11th day of May, 2021, shall be offered for sale at the Board Room; University Center, Covington-Douglas Public Schools, 400 East Maine, Covington, Oklahoma, on the 3rd day of February, 2026, at 12:30 o'clock p.m.; said Bonds to become due:

\$250,000 in two years from their date, and \$1,550,000 annually each year thereafter until paid.

SECTION 2.

That the Clerk of the Board of Education is hereby ordered and directed to cause notice of the sale of said Bonds to be given as required by law.

ADOPTED this 12th day of January, 2026.



President, Board of Education

ATTEST:



Clerk, Board of Education

(SCHOOL DISTRICT SEAL)

