

Laura Neel
Ross Gregg
Gene Knouse
Nicholas Kramer(absent)
Matt Harak

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Covington-Douglas School
University Center/Board Room
400 E Maine, Covington, OK 73730
June 2, 2026

- I. 6:00 pm
President Laura Neel called the Regular Meeting of the Covington-Douglas Board of Education for the Independent School District No. I-94, of Garfield County, Oklahoma to order. The notation of the compliance with the open meeting law was made.
- II. Roll call was answered by Laura Neel, Ross Gregg, Gene Knouse, and Matt Harak. Nicholas Kramer was absent. Also present was Darren Sharp.
- III. Superintendent Darren Sharp reported on Legislative, Financial, and Facilities updates as well as OSSBA annual conference.
- IV. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve the consent agenda as presented:
 - A. Approval of the May 14, 2026 Special School Board Meeting minutes
 - B. Approval of General Fund encumbrances and change orders #287-300 in the amount of \$43,116.00
 - C. Approval of Building Fund encumbrances and change orders #32 in the amount of \$500.00
 - D. Review the Investments and Expenditures of School District Funds
 - E. Approval of Activity Funds
 - F. Review School calendars

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

- V. Business Items:
 - A. No Public comment concerning 2026-27 Federal Programs including but not limited to Title I, Title IV, ELL, Homeless & Foster Services, Special Ed Flow-through and G5 direct payment.
 - B. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve the 2026-27 School Year to be determined by the hour not by the day.

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

- C. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Harak, to allow Superintendent Sharp to seek criteria for determining staff participation in the Teacher Empowerment Program.

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

D. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to place the following employees on the list of access at First Bank & Trust to the indicated accounts:

Activity Account	General	
Darren Sharp	Darren Sharp	Ross Gregg
Amy Wicker	Amy Wicker	Gene Knouse
Brian Smith	Jessica Kuykendall	Matt Harak
	Nicholas Kramer	Laura Neel
Money Market	EFTPS	
Darren Sharp	Darren Sharp	
Amy Wicker	Amy Wicker	
Jessica Kuykendall	Jessica Kuykendall	

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

E. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to approve the contract for Property, Auto and Casualty, and Liability Insurance from OSIG, Oklahoma Schools Insurance Group and approve the resolution to join OSIG for 2026-27.

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

F. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Harak, to continue contracting with OSAG, Oklahoma School Assurance Group, for workers compensation insurance.

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

G. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to approve the continued use of American Fidelity as the Section 125 Administrator for the district.

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

H. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Harak, to appoint Superintendent Darren Sharp as the Purchasing Agent, Receiving Agent, Designation Agent, Activity Fund Co-signer, Federal Programs Officer for Titles I, II, IV, V, VI, REAP, or any other state or federal program, Child Nutrition Authority, or any other board representation for the Independent School District No. I-94, of Garfield County, Oklahoma.

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

I. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Harak, to appoint Brian Smith as an Activity Fund Co-Signer, Title IX Compliance Officer, Equal Opportunity Employer Compliance Officer, and Civil Rights Compliance Officer for the Independent School District No. I-94, of Garfield County, Oklahoma.

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

J. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Harak, to appoint Jessica Kuykendall as the School Treasurer and Child Nutrition Custodian for the Independent School District No. I-94, of Garfield County, Oklahoma.

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

K. Harak made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to appoint Amy Wicker as the Encumbrance Clerk, Activity Fund Co-signer and Custodian of the Fund for the Independent School District No. I-94, of Garfield County, Oklahoma.

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

L. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to renew the sublease agreement dated August 1, 2021 between the District and Garfield County Educational Facilities Authority for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 as required under the provisions of the agreement.

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

M. Harak made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to approve the contracting of physical therapy services through EDD Therapy Services-Elizabeth Dillingham.

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

N. Gregg made the motion, seconded by Knouse, to approve the use of Precision Testing Laboratories, Inc. for the annual surveillance of ACM.

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

O. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve the district payscale with the state increase as presented.

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

P. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve the pay for janitors working as a substitute teacher retroactive to January 1, 2026.

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

Q. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Harak, to contract with the Center for Education Law for the Basic Legal Service Program (BLSP).

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

R. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve the out of state trip for the FFA to attend the national cooking contest in The Colony, Texas.

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

VI. No New Business

VII. 6:43 pm

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

Motion Passed 4-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-Yes, Harak-yes

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Vice-President

Board Clerk

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