

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
March 3, 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 commented on Legislative/SDE updates, Financial updates, Facility updates, and wind farm and related tax information.
 - V. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to approve the consent agenda as presented:
 - A. Approval of the February 3, 2026 Special Board Meeting and February 3, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - B. Approval of the General Fund 11 encumbrances and change orders #240-258 in the amount of \$25,086.13
 - C. Approval of the Building Fund 21 encumbrances and change orders #19-21 in the amount of \$25,000.00
 - 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
- VI. Business Items:
 - A. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve Policy CFC Auditor.
Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg- yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes
 - B. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Harak, to hire S&B CPA's and Associates (Jay States, Billy Buss, Amy Ziemba, and Amber Morgan) as the district's auditor for the 2026-27 school year.
Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg- yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes
 - C. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to approve Policy CKAH Use of Automatic External Defibrillator.
Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg- yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes
 - D. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve Policy CL Buildings, Equipment, and Grounds.
Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg- yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

E. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to move the August 4, 2026 Regular board meeting to an August 6, 2026 special board meeting.

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

F. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to approve an increase to bus route pay to \$25 for a half route, and \$50 for a full route beginning the 2026-27 school year.

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

G. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Gregg to approve and sign the 2026-27 contract of Brian Smith.

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

VII. No New Business

VIII. 6:29 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