

Laura Neel
Ross Gregg
Gene Knouse
Nicholas Kramer
Matt Harak

Special School Board Meeting Minutes
Covington-Douglas School
University Center/Board Room
400 E Maine, Covington, OK 73730
May 14, 2026

I. 7:45 pm
President Laura Neel called the Special Meeting of the Covington-Douglas Board of Education 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, Nicholas Kramer, and Matthew Harak. Also present was Superintendent Darren Sharp and Principal Brian Smith.

III. Board Member Laura Neel took the Oath of Office of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. I-94, of Garfield County, Oklahoma.

IV. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Harak, to leave the reorganization of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. I-94, of Garfield County, Oklahoma as currently assembled for the term of 1 year:

Board President - Laura Neel

Board Vice-President - Ross Gregg

Board Clerk - Gene Knouse

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

V. Superintendent Darren Sharp commented on activity updates, financial and legislative updates, school housing updates, construction updates, and the OSSBA Annual Conference set for August 13-16, 2026.

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

A. Approval of the April 7, 2026 Regular School Board Meeting minutes

B. Approval of General Fund encumbrances and change orders #275-286 in the amount of \$23,286.00

C. Approval of Building Fund encumbrances and change orders #28-31 in the amount of \$32,000.00

D. Review the Investments and Expenditures of School District Funds

E. Review School calendars

F. Approval of Activity Funds

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

VII. Business Items

A. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to approve 2026-2027 school year temporary appropriations in the following amounts:

General Fund	\$4,984,830.00
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Building Fund	1,640,387.00
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Building Bond Fund 36	49,389.00
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Building Bond Fund 37	3,379,632.00
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Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg- yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

B. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar.

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

C. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Harak, to designate summer Office Hours as Monday-Thursday for the months of June and July and to declare Monday, July 6, 2026 as a holiday day off.

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

D. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to approve the payment of an additional \$25 per half day for janitorial staff when covering as a substitute.

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

E. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to approve of the contracting for a Resource Officer with the Town of Covington for the 2026-27 school year using Title IV funds.

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

F. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve the continuation of membership with OSSBA for the 2026-27 school year.

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

G. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve the contract with Precision Speech Therapy for speech services for the 2026-27 school year.

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

H. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to approve the renewal of the contract with Keystone Food Services for breakfast and lunch services for the 2026-27 school year.

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

I. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve the basketball camp fundraiser.

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

J. 8:21 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. Employment of summer personnel including but not limited to the individuals listed below:

i. Jeff Gillett - Drivers Ed

ii. Sara Mitchell, Bonnie Casteel, Tutors to assist teachers - summer school
iii. Dakota Davis - Summer Maintenance

b. Employment and/or raises of the following Support Employees:

Brandon Schram

Jessica Kuykendall

Brenda Schram

Marita Reichenberger

Amanda Chartier

Amy Wicker

Roberta Baldwin

Meagan Moss

Brandy Warriner

Morgan Thayer

Monica Marler

c. Employment of a teacher to a temporary teaching contract to initially be assigned to Band/Music.

d. Employment of a support employee for the 2026-27 school year to initially serve as a substitute.

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

K. 8:31 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 was Neel, Gregg, Knouse, Kramer, Harak and Superintendent Sharp.

L. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve the summer employment of personnel as listed above.

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

M. Harak made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to approve the rehiring and step raises of the support personnel listed above.

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

N. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to hire Robert Anderson to a temporary teaching contract for the 2026-27 school year.

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

O. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Harak, to hire Bailey Foster to a temporary contract as a substitute for the 2026-27 school year..

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

VIII. New business not allowed at a special meeting per Oklahoma law.

IX. 8:34 pm

Neel made a motion, seconded by Kramer, 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