

Pioneer Technology Center Board of Education
Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 6:00 PM

Seminar Center West

2101 N. Ash St.

Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601

The Board will meet for a snack supper in Seminar Center West 5:30 p.m. No school board action will be discussed or taken; therefore, no agenda items are listed in connection with this period prior to convening of the board of education meeting.

1. Call meeting to order
2. Roll call and establish a quorum
3. Flag salute and moment of silence
4. Reports and Presentations
Annual ODCTE follow-up report, Kahle Goff, Director of Full-Time programs
5. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the minutes of the November 11, 2025, regular Board of Education meeting
6. Discussion, review and vote to approve or not approve the Financial Reports; Activity Fund Report; and Encumbrances & Change Order Lists (General Fund #61008-61100 in the amount of \$69,890.87; Building Fund #60042 in the amount of \$1,256.26; Payroll - NONE)
7. Administrative Reports and Anticipated Discussion by the Board and Staff regarding facilities, district policy issues, community issues and/or personnel or student needs
 - 7.A. Traci Thorpe, Superintendent/CEO
 - 7.B. Kahle Goff- Executive Director Full-Time Programs
8. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve a selection of construction managers and consultants for projects for which PTC determines that the employment of construction managers and consultants is permitted and desirable.

Construction Managers
 - A. Kyler Construction
 - B. Rick Scott Construction
Construction Consultants - Architectural
 - A. Dewberry
 - B. Winterrowd-Talley Architects
9. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve purchases over \$10,000 as listed on Appendix A.

10. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve individuals on part-time and temporary employment contracts, and addenda to contracts as listed on Appendix B.
11. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve Aimee Snyder as Purchasing Agent and Treasurer, effective January 1, 2026; and as Chief Financial Officer, effective February 1, 2026
12. Proposed Executive Session for the purpose of conducting the evaluation of the Superintendent/CEO Okla. Stat. Title 25, 307(B)(1)
13. Vote to convene in Executive Session
14. Acknowledge return of the Board to Open Session
15. Board President statement of Executive Session minutes
16. New Business
17. Board Comment
18. Adjournment

NOTE: The Board may discuss, make motions and vote upon all matters appearing on this agenda. Such votes may be to adopt, reject, table, reaffirm, rescind, or take no action on any agenda matter.

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By Kellie Johnson, Minutes Clerk

Pioneer Technology Center Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, November 11, 2025 6:00 PM
Seminar Center West
2101 N. Ash St.
Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601

1. Call meeting to order

2. Roll call and establish a quorum

Also in attendance were Traci Thorpe, Kendra Knight, Kahle Goff, Stacey Rush, Molly Kyler, Mike Orr, Terri Busch, Aimee Snyder, Jennifer Wehrenberg, Braden Fields and Kellie Johnson.

3. Flag salute and moment of silence

4. Reports and Presentations

Safety Center Presentation — Braden Fields, Safety Instructor, gave a presentation over the new training facility and showed a video of the facility.

5. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the Minutes of the October 14, 2025, regular Board of Education meeting

Motion to approve the Minutes of the October 14, 2025, regular Board of Education meeting passed with a motion by Ms. Rachel Shuey and a second by Mr. Laurence Beliel.

Mr. Laurence Beliel: Yea

Ms. Debbie Leaming: Yea

Mrs Gay Norris: Abstain (Without Conflict)

Ms. Rachel Shuey: Yea

Mr. J.D. Soulek: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain (Without Conflict): 1

6. Discussion, review and vote to approve or not approve the Financial Reports; Activity Fund Report; and Encumbrances & Change Order Lists (General Fund #60082-61007 in the amount of \$63,287.43; Building Fund #60039-60041 in the amount of \$10,657.70; Payroll #70186 in the amount of \$55,353.42)

Motion to approve the Financial Reports, Activity Fund Report, and Encumbrances & Change Order Lists as presented passed with a motion by Mr. J.D. Soulek and a second by Mrs Gay Norris.

Mr. Laurence Beliel: Yea

Ms. Debbie Leaming: Yea

Mrs Gay Norris: Yea

Ms. Rachel Shuey: Yea

Mr. J.D. Soulek: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

7. Administrative Reports and Anticipated Discussion by the Board and Staff regarding facilities, district policy issues, community issues and/or personnel or student needs

Traci Thorpe, Superintendent/CEO

PTC has been approved for the funding to partner with Meridian Technology Center in a regional consortium to serve TANF clients. We will be the lead agency and will be able to hire an additional Training Navigator to provide support to those clients in the Meridian district. We hope to have the MOU finalized and open the job for applications as soon as possible.

PTC program areas held their Fall Advisory Committee meetings, with approximately 150 advisors participating overall. We're still collecting surveys and will be gathering minutes from each meeting to capture the recommendations and any action items we may need to consider for continuous improvement. We appreciate the time invested by our advisors and recognize the vital role they play in maintaining high quality programs.

Kiamichi Technology Center has discontinued their outreach and distance education program for Paramedic Certification. We will be meeting with area agency partners and internal staff to determine a path forward for offering Paramedic training in our region.

For the October B&I Breakfast, PTC hosted the manufacturing sector. Thirty-six participants joined us to discuss needs and trends in the manufacturing industry. Hiring needs, specialized skillsets, tariffs were widely discussed. Participants also shared about upcoming improvements in equipment, facilities and processes that will be happening within businesses across district. PTC staff shared about program enrollment, new technology, apprenticeships and other customized training available to support business and industry needs.

We have received RFQ's for architects and construction managers and hope to have them reviewed and a recommendation submitted for the December board meeting.

We are in the process of finalizing the implementation of the Centegix alert badge system for campus crisis alerts. We are preparing for staff responder training on November 21st. We are waiting to go out to bid for the USDA grant to improve drive access around the current incubator, until federal government operations have resumed.

Molly Kyler, Executive Director, Business & Industry Services

8. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve individuals on part-time and temporary employment contracts, and addenda to contracts as listed on Appendix A.

Motion to approve individuals on part-time and temporary employment contracts, and addenda to contracts as listed on Appendix A passed with a motion by Mrs Gay Norris and a second by Mr. J.D. Soulek.

Mr. Laurence Beliel: Yea

Ms. Debbie Leaming: Yea

Mrs Gay Norris: Yea

Ms. Rachel Shuey: Yea

Mr. J.D. Soulek: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve hiring a Health Careers Certification Instructor

Motion to approve hiring Miranda Ramhorst as the Health Careers Certification Instructor passed with a motion by Mrs Gay Norris and a second by Mr. Laurence Beliel.

Mr. Laurence Beliel: Yea

Ms. Debbie Leaming: Yea

Mrs Gay Norris: Yea

Ms. Rachel Shuey: Yea

Mr. J.D. Soulek: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

10. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the addition of a New Beginnings/TANF training navigator position.

Motion to approve the addition of a New Beginnings/TANF training navigator position. passed with a motion by Mr. J.D. Soulek and a second by Ms. Debbie Leaming.

Mr. Laurence Beliel: Yea

Ms. Debbie Leaming: Yea

Mrs Gay Norris: Yea

Ms. Rachel Shuey: Yea

Mr. J.D. Soulek: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

11. New Business (None)

12. Board Comment

13. President Debbie Leaming adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Johnson

Kellie Johnson
Board Minutes Clerk

President, Board of Education

Clerk, Board of Education

Date of Approval

Motion:

Second:

Vote:



PO	Vendor Name	General Description	Amount	Date
61008	ADAMS PLUMBING	BUILDING MAINT REPAIRS	500.00	11/10/2025
61009	RAINMAKER SPRINKLERS	GROUPS REPAIRS	200.00	11/10/2025
61010	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	20.00	11/10/2025
61011	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	COSMETOLOGY SUPPLIES	598.80	11/12/2025
61012	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	PRECISION MACHINING SUPPLIES	32.56	11/12/2025
61013	S&K DIRECT STEEL	WELDING SUPPLIES	116.20	11/12/2025
61014	WALLCUR	PN SUPPLIES	107.80	11/12/2025
61015	JUNIOR'S LOCK & ALARM	BUILDING MAINT REPAIRS	375.00	11/12/2025
61016	PONCA CITY UTILITY AUTHORITY	WRO- PARTICIPANT ASSISTANCE OTHER	131.58	11/12/2025
61017	STUTEVILLE CHEVROLET	VEHICLE MAINT - REPAIRS	200.00	11/12/2025
61018	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	448.22	11/12/2025
61019	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	WRO - PARTICIPANT BARRIER REMOVAL	16.00	11/12/2025
61020	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TEACHER PREP- CLASSROOM SUPPLIES	148.17	11/12/2025
61021	HEATHER CANNON HONDA	WRO- PARTICIPANT BARRIER REMOVAL	500.00	11/12/2025
61022	EARNHEART STATIONS	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	3,000.00	11/12/2025
61023	PIONEER TECH FOOD SERVICE	SHARE STUDENT ASSISTANCE	2,000.00	11/12/2025
61024	SPEAK NOW FILM CO.	MARKETING/ADVERTISING	350.00	11/12/2025
61025	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	WRO- PARTICIPANT BARRIER REMOVAL	180.26	11/12/2025
61026	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	WRO - PARTICIPANT BARRIER REMOVAL	55.00	11/12/2025
61027	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	HEALTH CAREERS SUPPLIES	45.57	11/12/2025
61028	AES WAVE	AUTO SERVICE - SUPPLIES	85.00	11/12/2025
61029	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	INFO TECH - SUPPLIES	311.78	11/12/2025
61030	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	MEDICAL SERVICES - SUPPLIES	21.88	11/12/2025
61031	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	HEALTH CAREER SUPPLIES	154.27	11/12/2025
61032	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	26.50	11/12/2025
61033	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	26.39	11/12/2025
61034	AUTOZONE INC	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	79.30	11/12/2025
61035	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	MECHATRONICS - SUPPLIES	500.67	11/14/2025



PIONEER TECHNOLOGY CENTER

From PO: 61008 to PO: 61100

Encumbrance For Board Approval GEN FUND-FOR OPERAT

PO	Vendor Name	General Description	Amount	Date
61036	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	IT&D INSTRUCT - REPAIRS	2,250.20	11/14/2025
61037	MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AFFILIATES	AT&D - RESALE SUPPLIES	242.25	11/14/2025
61038	MURRAY WOMBLE	BUILDING MAINT REPAIRS	1,254.00	11/14/2025
61039	STOLHAND-WELLS GROUP	BLDG MAINT - REPAIRS	844.28	11/14/2025
61040	FIRETROL PROTECTION SYSTEMS INC	BLDG MAINT - REPAIRS	1,312.55	11/14/2025
61041	EMBI TEC	BIOMED SUPPLIES	50.82	11/14/2025
61042	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	COMPUTER SERVICES - SUPPLIES	524.99	11/14/2025
61043	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	CHILD'S LAB & PRESCHOOL - SUPPLIES	329.79	11/17/2025
61044	CENTRAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER	WRO- PARTICIPANT TUITION ASST	4,300.00	11/17/2025
61045	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	14.99	11/17/2025
61046	LOWE'S HOME CENTER INC	BUILDING MAINT REPAIRS	89.46	11/17/2025
61047	ANDERSON FLOORING	BUILDING MAINT REPAIRS	157.06	11/17/2025
61048	MEEKS HOLDINGS LLC	MARKETING/PRINTING	11,096.16	11/17/2025
61049	WHITE EAGLE HEALTH CENTER	WRO-PARTICIPANT ASST BARRIER REMOVAL	260.00	11/17/2025
61050	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	MEDICAL SERVICES - SUPPLIES	12.14	11/17/2025
61052	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GROUNDS - SUPPLIES	100.00	11/18/2025
61053	LOWE'S HOME CENTER INC	BASIC PEACE OFFICER CERT - REPAIRS	95.00	11/18/2025
61054	S&K DIRECT STEEL	WELDING SUPPLIES	798.50	11/18/2025
61055	STAPLES ADVANTAGE	FINANCIAL AID - SUPPLIES	40.00	11/18/2025
61056	COMPUTER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	COMPUTER SERVICES -- SUPPLIES	475.00	11/18/2025
61057	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	CENTRAL SUPPLIES	39.98	11/18/2025
61058	SPEAK NOW FILM CO.	MARKETING/ADVERTISING	505.00	11/19/2025
61059	FACTORYMATION	MECHATRONICS - SUPPLIES	371.00	11/19/2025
61060	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	MECHATRONICS - SUPPLIES	118.11	11/19/2025
61061	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	WRO- PARTICIPANT BARRIER REMOVAL	31.00	11/20/2025
61062	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	180.00	11/20/2025
61063	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TEACHER PREP- CLASSROOM SUPPLIES	403.47	11/20/2025
61064	J & P SUPPLY, INC.	BUILDING MAINT/ SUPPLIES	913.48	11/20/2025
61065	HOBBY LOBBY	BUILDING MAINT /SUPPLIES	125.59	11/20/2025



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PO	Vendor Name	General Description	Amount	Date
61066	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	WRO- PARTICIPANT BARRIER REMOVAL	143.80	11/20/2025
61067	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS DWTN - TULSA	WRO- STAFF TRAVEL LODGING	220.00	11/20/2025
61068	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	INFO TECH - SUPPLIES	328.45	11/20/2025
61069	OKLAHOMA DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING LLC	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	55.00	11/20/2025
61070	OKLAHOMA DRUG & ALCOHOL TESTING LLC	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	55.00	11/20/2025
61071	A+ PRINTING	FULLTIME PROGRAMS - SUPPLIES	456.72	11/20/2025
61072	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	250.00	11/20/2025
61073	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	300.00	11/20/2025
61074	4 IMPRINT INC	CENTRAL SUPPLIES	758.92	11/20/2025
61075	CLUTCH SOLUTIONS, LLC	COMPUTER SERVICES - SUPPLIES	1,712.00	11/21/2025
61076	BARTLETT'S OVERHEAD DOORS	BUILDING MAINT REPAIRS	180.00	11/21/2025
61077	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	VEHICLE MAINT - SUPPLIES	40.00	12/01/2025
61078	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	COSMETOLOGY SUPPLIES	669.54	12/01/2025
61079	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BLDG MAINT - SUPPLIES	84.54	12/01/2025
61080	AUTOMOTIVE SEMINARS INC	AUTO SERVICE - STAFF TRAVEL REGISTRATION	165.00	12/02/2025
61081	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	WRO- EVENT, PARTICIPANT, AND PROGRAM SUPPORT SUPPLIES	224.00	12/02/2025
61082	PONCA CITY NEWS	WRO- GENERAL ADVERTISING	150.00	12/02/2025
61083	316 RENTALS: PROPERTY MGMT WICHITA	WRO- PARTICIPANT BARRIER REMOVAL	750.00	12/02/2025
61084	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	COSMETOLOGY SUPPLIES	30.00	12/02/2025
61085	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	WRO- PARTICIPANT BARRIER REMOVAL	205.00	12/02/2025
61086	PONCA CITY UTILITY AUTHORITY	WRO- PARTICIPANT BARRIER REMOVAL	225.00	12/02/2025
61087	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	39.00	12/02/2025
61088	GAGE MACHINE TOOL	PRECISION MACHINING - REPAIRS	2,010.00	12/02/2025
61089	TIMCO	PRECISION MACHINING - REPAIRS	2,990.00	12/02/2025
61090	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	250.00	12/02/2025
61091	MEEKS HOLDINGS LLC	WRO- VEHICLE MAINTENANCE	326.14	12/03/2025



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**Encumbrance For Board Approval
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PO	Vendor Name	General Description	Amount	Date
61092	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	CAREER CENTER - SUPPLIES	206.50	12/03/2025
61093	LASER FOCUSED CONSULTING LLC	IT&D (RAPID RESPONSE) - PROF SERVICES	16,800.00	12/04/2025
61094	PIONEER TECHNOLOGY CENTER	WRO- PARTICIPANT TUITION	665.00	12/04/2025
61095	EARNHEART STATIONS	WRO- PARTICIPANT ASSISTANCE & BARRIER REMOVAL	1,000.00	12/04/2025
61096	POCKET NURSE	PN SUPPLIES	187.41	12/04/2025
61097	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BLDG MAINT - SUPPLIES	624.08	12/04/2025
61098	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	WRO- PARTICIPANT BARRIER REMOVAL	215.00	12/04/2025
61099	THERMACUBE, LLC	CHILD'S LAB & PRESCHOOL- TRAVEL REGISTRATION	20.00	12/04/2025
61100	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	CULINARY SERVICES RESALE FOOD	389.00	12/04/2025
(11) GEN FUND-FOR OPERAT Current Encumbered:			69,890.87	



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From 07 Nov 2025 to 04 Dec 2025

XCHANGE ORDER REPORT
GEN FUND-FOR OPERAT

PO	Vendor Name	General Description	Amount	Date
60061	TONKAWA NEWS	BLANKET PO	3.00	7/1/2025
60062	UPS	BLANKET PO	68.95	7/1/2025
60115	FLORIDA VIRTUAL SCHOOL	SHARE CURRICULUM	2,700.00	7/1/2025
60162	PAWNEE COUNTY ASSESSOR	RE-EVALUATION FEES	-562.02	7/1/2025
60173	QUADIENT FINANCE USA, INC	POSTAGE	500.00	7/1/2025
60180	SDS MANAGER	BUILDING MAINTENANCE SUBSCRIPTION	-373.86	7/1/2025
60186	THE OKLAHOMA ACADEMY	SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP	-50.00	7/1/2025
60190	TOUCH READY POS	FINANCE SOFTWARE SERVICES	-500.00	7/1/2025
60191	TULSA WORLD	SUPERINTENDENT SUBSCRIPTION	-48.12	7/1/2025
60347	ELSEVIER	AT&D - RESALE BOOKS	-0.21	7/17/2025
60348	ELSEVIER	AT&D - RESALE BOOKS	-0.14	7/17/2025
60354	CANADIAN VALLEY TECH CENTER	WRO- PARTICIPANT TUITION	-1,605.00	7/21/2025
60364	STUTEVILLE CHEVROLET	AUTO SERVICE - SUPPLIES	34.50	7/22/2025
60426	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BLDG MAINT - SUPPLIES	-12.31	7/31/2025
60449	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TEACHER PREP SUPPLIES	-19.89	8/7/2025
60451	OKLAHOMA LITERACY COALITION	ABE - STAFF TRAVEL REGISTRATION	-25.00	8/7/2025
60476	RAMSEY SOLUTIONS	ACADEMIC MATH - BOOKS	-124.95	8/11/2025
60510	WHITTON SUPPLY CO.	BUILDING MAINT SUPPLIES	-0.01	8/18/2025
60556	SWASFAA	FINANCIAL AID - TRAVEL REGISTRATION	-375.00	8/21/2025
60577	QUARTZ MOUNTAIN RESORT	HEALTH CAREER - TRAVEL LODGING	-300.00	8/25/2025
60612	POCKET NURSE	PRACTICAL NURSING - SUPPLIES	-76.84	9/2/2025
60644	WAL-MART COMMUNITY CARD	TANF- STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	-200.00	9/4/2025
60667	HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS - TAHLEQUAH	WRO - TRAVEL LODGING	-143.00	9/8/2025
60673	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SAFETY - SUPPLIES	-5.25	9/8/2025
60676	BLACKWELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	FULLTIME/DIR OF INSTR - TRAVEL REGISTRATION	-325.00	9/8/2025

60677	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BLDG MAINT - REPAIRS	-51.08	9/8/2025
60694	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	TANF- STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	-0.12	9/9/2025
60695	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	TANF- STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	-16.17	9/9/2025
60714	THE TABLE GROUP	IT&D - RESALE SUPPLIES	-125.00	9/12/2025
60748	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	-75.00	9/19/2025
60757	VISION KC	AUTO SERVICE - STAFF TRAVEL REGISTRATION	-125.00	9/22/2025
60780	EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON - OKLAHOMA CITY NORTHWEST	PN STAFF TRAVEL LODGING	-31.00	9/23/2025
60800	HOBBY LOBBY	DISABILITY SERVICES - SUPPLIES	-6.93	9/26/2025
60840	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	CHILD'S LAB & PRESCHOOL - TRAVEL MEALS & TRANSPORTATION	-175.00	10/7/2025
60866	LAMPTON WELDING SUPPLY	WELDING SUPPLIES	-167.00	10/7/2025
60871	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	FINANCE- TRAVEL LODGING & MEALS	-105.55	10/8/2025
60875	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TANF - STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	-35.50	10/9/2025
60884	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	CHILD'S LAB & PRESCHOOL- SUPPLIES	-85.70	10/10/2025
60885	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	VISUAL COMM SUPPLIES	-11.99	10/10/2025
60896	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	MECHATRONICS - SUPPLIES	-238.54	10/15/2025
60897	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	COSMETOLOGY SUPPLIES	-25.00	10/15/2025
60898	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS SUPPLIES	-88.77	10/16/2025
60908	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TEACHER PREP- SUPPLIES	-6.09	10/22/2025
60911	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	INSTRUCTIONAL DIRECTOR SUPPLIES	-2.01	10/22/2025
60912	HOBBY LOBBY	BUILDING MAINT SUPPLIES	-3.51	10/22/2025
60920	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	-18.54	10/23/2025
60921	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	CHILD'S LAB & PRESCHOOL- SUPPLIES	-15.00	10/23/2025
60925	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	-16.89	10/23/2025
60926	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	AT&D -RESALE SUPPLIES	-1.40	10/24/2025
60933	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	FINANCIAL AID - SUPPLIES	-21.00	10/24/2025
60937	CAROLINA BIOLOGICAL SUPPLY CO	HEALTH CAREERS SUPPLIES	-46.28	10/28/2025

60938	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	INFO TECH - SUPPLIES	-28.26	10/28/2025
60942	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	WRO - COORD & CLASSROOM SUPPLIES	-15.78	10/29/2025
60947	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TEACHER PREP- CLASSROOM SUPPLIES	2.46	10/29/2025
60952	S&K DIRECT STEEL	WELDING SUPPLIES	-107.73	10/29/2025
60954	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT ARLINGTON OSHA EDUCATION	SAFETY - RESALE SUPPLIES/MISC	-160.00	10/29/2025
60956	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BLDG MAINT - REPAIRS	-23.67	10/30/2025
60957	4 IMPRINT INC	WRO- EVENT BOOTH SUPPLIES	-110.42	10/30/2025
60961	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	-27.95	10/30/2025
60963	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	WRO- PARTICIPANT BARRIER REMOVAL	2.94	11/3/2025
60965	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	AUTO SERVICE - SUPPLIES	-24.01	11/3/2025
60966	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BUS MAINT - REPAIRS	-7.71	11/3/2025
60969	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	BLDG MAINT - SUPPLIES	-8.50	11/3/2025
60970	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	PN SUPPLIES	-75.17	11/3/2025
60972	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	WRO- PARTICIPANT BARRIER REMOVAL	-5.12	11/3/2025
60976	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	AT&D SUPPLIES & RESALE BOOKS	-0.24	11/3/2025
60977	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	-4.03	11/3/2025
60979	A+ PRINTING	MARKETING/ADVERTISING	-34.65	11/3/2025
60982	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	WRO- PARTICIPANT BARRIER REMOVAL	-12.12	11/3/2025
60983	ACTION TARGET	BPOC SUPPLIES	-57.37	11/5/2025
60984	LOWE'S HOME CENTER INC	CENTRAL - SUPPLIES	327.69	11/5/2025
60986	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TEACHER PREP- CLASSROOM SUPPLIES	7.45	11/5/2025
60988	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	STUDENT AMBASSADOR SUPPLIES	-13.66	11/5/2025
60989	SHOOT STEEL	BPOC SUPPLIES	-30.00	11/5/2025
60991	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	-114.81	11/5/2025
60992	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	CENTRAL - SUPPLIES	-2.80	11/5/2025
60993	TONKAWA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	WRO- MEMBERSHIP	3.50	11/5/2025

60996	BLACKWELL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	WRO- MEMBERSHIP	-83.33	11/6/2025
60999	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	WRO- PARTICIPANT BARRIER REMOVAL	-118.00	11/6/2025
61001	LOWE'S HOME CENTER INC	CENTRAL - SUPPLIES	-1.50	11/6/2025
61003	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	COMPUTER SERVICES - SUPPLIES	-21.12	11/6/2025
61004	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	-15.05	11/6/2025
61005	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	TANF-STUDENT ASSIST OTHER	-4.04	11/6/2025
61007	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	SAFETY - SUPPLIES	-0.29	11/6/2025

(11) GEN FUND-FOR OPERAT Total:

-3,697.51



PIONEER TECHNOLOGY CENTER

From PO: 60042 to PO: 60042

Building
Encumbrance For Board Approval
BUILDING FUND

PO	Vendor Name	General Description	Amount	Date
60042	ADAMS PLUMBING	BUILDING MAINT MAJOR REPAIR REMODEL	1,256.26	11/18/2025
(21) BUILDING FUND Current Encumbered:			1,256.26	

Superintendent Report –December 2025

Meetings and Activities

- **November 12** – OSSBA Webinar – Superintendent Fields; After Board Meeting report to staff; Gene Haas Foundation Check acceptance photo
- 13 – Integris Hospital Doctor Interview; CTAC Board Orientation/Meeting
- 14 – LegisOK – Bill Page Training; Paramedic program discussion; PC Chamber Event planning meeting; PN Pinning Ceremony
- 17 – Admin Team meeting; CTE Legislative Committee meeting
- 18-19 – CTE Superintendent Meeting – Mid Del
- 20 – RCB Bank Community Advisory Board meeting; Chris Mendoza reception and welcome for the Interim CHO, Mark Angus, at Integris
- 21 – Centegix Crisis Badge responder training
- 22 – CTE Superintendent Meeting - Ardmore
- 24 - 28 – Thanksgiving Break
- **December 1** – Admin Team meeting; CTE Legislative Committee meeting
- 2 – Project Search program discussion; CM/Architect review
- 3 - OASA Region 4/PTC Area superintendent meeting
- 4 – PTC Sophomore Success Tours; CTE Eastern BIS Directors' Welcome; Integris Hospital Board meeting; CTE Legislative Committee meeting
- 5 – PTC Sophomore Success Tours; Statewide Paramedic Program discussion; Mark Angus, Integris Interim CHO, tour of PTC; NCOCWE Quarterly meeting; PTC Foundation Thanksgiving Fundraiser Debrief meeting

Full-Time Programs

- PTC hosted the area sophomores on Dec 4-5. We saw approximately 682 sophomores from our area schools.
- A statewide Firefighter 1 academy was held in partnership with OSU-FST and will be graduating 19 students on December 9th. Over half were from our local area, but the rest came from across the state. Another academy was held for volunteer firefighters and concluded in November. Twenty-five firefighters completed and passed all skills and live fire evaluation. Additionally, nine of our Full-time program students completed.

Business and Industry Services

- A meeting was held with eleven other technology centers to discuss a future statewide paramedic program solution. Eastern Oklahoma County's accredited program is exploring the option to serve as a host and work with other tech centers as outreach sites. Potential availability could be as early as August of 2026.
- The NCOCWE held a quarterly meeting and was joined by Senator Bill Coleman and Senator Lankford's representative, Peyton Burns. The discussion centered around the upcoming legislative session, activity at the federal level and local/regional concerns for education, healthcare, workforce and recruitment to our region.

Capital Planning

- We are in the process of finalizing the implementation of the Centegix alert badge system for campus crisis alerts. We completed staff responder training on November 21st and will be conducting all staff training at the beginning of January. We have been waiting to receive training resources for the whole group training.

- The government shutdown has concluded, and we can move forward with the USDA Grant project. We are planning to go out to bid mid-January. The bid opening would be January 31st, and we would finalize the bid approvals at the February board meeting.

Retirements/Resignations/Staff Changes

- We have re-opened the Full-time Evening Welding Instructor position and are seeking additional candidates to interview.

Upcoming Events

- December 12 – PTC Staff Christmas Party @ Stagecoach BBQ – Newkirk – 6:00 pm
- December 16 – PTC Children’s Christmas Party
- December 19- Last Day of First Semester
- December 22 – Holiday Work Day
- December 23- January 2 – Christmas Break
- January 5 – Holiday Work Day
- January 6 – Second Semester Begins

Directors' Report to the PTC Board of Education – December 2025 (Alphabetic by Area)

Business & Industry Services & Safety

- The BIS team served 76 different in-district businesses and 27 out-of-district businesses in November. The BIS team conducted 37 one-on-one consultations for 74 counseling hours.
- Dawn Brakey's clients were awarded 13 awards totaling \$1,847,035.
- The BIS team also logged
 - 1,000 Safety Training Contact Hours
 - 306 Customized Training (31) Contact Hours
 - 1,677 AT&D/Open Enrollment Contact Hours
- AT&D offered 13 on-campus classes: 10 were made, 3 were canceled, and 213 registrations were fulfilled.
- The Winter/Spring AT&D Brochure will be in your mailboxes soon!
- The team provided 282 service interactions. These interactions included activities related to Community Development, Curriculum & Program Development, Marketing Visits, AT&D Classes, Safety Training, Customized Training, Consulting, Personal Enrichment, Career Development Services, Incubator Assistance, Team & Professional Development, OK APEX Assistance, and Firefighter Training.
 - Specific services included consulting on strategic planning, business start-up, government contracting, plan room services, retreat planning, marketing, logo design, employee handbooks, and team building.
- Jenn Miller continues to be active with the local SHRM chapter.
- Janet Schwabe is continuing to coordinate the Own Your Future pitch off program with training this semester.
- Johnny Thornburgh helped coordinate some 3D scanning demos for FT program instructors and industry clients with Laurence Beliel.
- Johnny and Jenn are working with ODCTE on Rapid Response projects for local industry partners.
- BIS team members helped put on a "Leadership in Health Careers" workshop for HCC students.
- BIS team members also attended a special 3D concrete printed demo put on by the Kaw Nation's Skyland 3D enterprise.
- The BIS team went through the 6 Types of Working Genius refresh session for a team development activity.
- The BIS team hosted the PCDA staff for the PTC Thanksgiving luncheon.
- Molly mentored an ODCTE Business and Industry Services Certification Program participant from MetroTech and attended the statewide BIS/WED director meeting in Ada.

On the horizon for AT&D...

- Jan. 12
CNA-Long Term Care Nurse Aide
Soap Marking **NEW!**
- Jan. 13
Dental Assisting
Dance Fitness **NEW!**

- Jan. 21
A Taste of Greece **NEW!**
- Jan. 22
Cookie Decorating - Winter Cookies **NEW!**
Quilting Barns, Boats, and Birdhouses **NEW!**
- Feb. 2
Learning Studio Photography **NEW!**
- Feb. 3
Phlebotomy
- Feb. 9
CNA-Long Term Care Nurse Aide
Plumbing Journeyman **TEST PREP**
- Feb. 12
Valentine Cookie Decorating

On the horizon for BIS...

- Jan. 21
Refill Your Cup
Kaufmann Fast-Track! (Business Start-up classes)

Communications & Marketing

- The AT&D Winter/Spring Schedule should drop week of Dec. 9 -12 to mailboxes, the team added new classes to Facebook and promoted the new schedule in all area newspapers and on social media.
- The C&M Team helped CEA/Committee with RSVP's for the Staff Christmas Party and graphics for Diaper Showers, Retirements, and Kids party.
- The C&M Team assisted with Sophomore days, took photos, posted to social media, and created graphics for the event.
- Terri Busch attended the Centegix training along with other Admin team members and Supervisors.
- In conjunction with CTSO and the Holiday Market Committee we made \$4,930 on the Holiday Market and served 300+ for the Thanksgiving meal. It was a great day for Pioneer Tech. The day before the Foundation had 227 meals as well.
- The C&M Team celebrated Students of the Month on displays, on social media, and in print.
- Terri Busch along with Troy Buller and his student's set-up and helped host the 1 Million Cups presentation for Alli Kelly, Dirt Road Design.
- The C&M Team assisted Student Services with the Counselor Retreat, making graphics and providing promo items for the event.
- Terri Busch attended a Zoom Board meeting for OKSPRA State officers.
- Numerous pictures were taken and featured on social media and sent to area newspaper by the C&M Team.
- Terri Busch attended a Zoom Workshop with Team radio talking about SEO Optimization and feedback was given on our website and social media.

- Several BIS flyers were created to promote BIS classes coming up in December and January by Angie Ogden.
- The C&M Team assisted with the PN Graduation/Pinning. We took photos, did livestream, and helped with set-up.
- Angie Ogden assisted numerous teams with promo items and goody bags for speakers.
- The C&M team attended the OKSPRA monthly meeting at Piedmont High School, Terri Busch was in charge of the agenda, guest speakers Speak Now came to share with state school communicators.
- Terri Busch provided New Employee On-Boarding to Miranda Ramhorst.
- Angie Ogden assisted the PTC Foundation with help in designing of brochures for Giving Tuesday
- Angie Ogden assisted with goodies and packets for Industry Day for Leadership Ponca City.

Instructional Directors / Full Time Programs

Instructional Directors

- The Instructional Directors completed Mid-Year Reviews with their team.
- Kahle Goff, Traci Thorpe, Molly Kyler, and several other PTC Team Members met with representatives of Ponca City Fire Department to discuss a possible partnership for a Paramedic Program.
- Kahle Goff, Traci Thorpe, Jenn Miller, Caitlin Clark, Dawn Brakey, Kenny Brakey, Jennifer Wehrenberg, Tyler Foster, Jason Kubik, and Christine Kubik participated on PTC Route66 Marathon Relay Teams named "Run Like the Winded, and The Last Gasp."
- Kahle Goff and Mandy Farmer participated in a planning event for the Ponca City Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet.
- Kahle Goff participated in the Opportunity Center Board Meeting.
- Many PTC staff members volunteered to help with PTC's Annual Thanksgiving Day Luncheon.
- Many PTC staff members volunteered to help with PTC's Annual Holiday Market.
- PTC hosted Sophomore Success Tours, where local sophomores had the opportunity to tour programs at PTC.

Practical Nursing

- Michelle attended the PN Directors meeting Nov 3-5 at Lake Murray.
- The Fall 2025 Pinning Ceremony was held on Nov 14th. It was a great ceremony to celebrate the 10 graduates.
- Ashely took the second group of students to Bethany Children's home for Pediatric clinicals.
- 2 students from the March 24 cohort took NCLEX in November and passed on the first attempt. NCLEX pass rate for the year is 95%.
- PN Select students are finishing up A&P and starting on Intro to Nursing. They will start clinical rotations in the spring.
- The Sept 24 cohort is finishing up preceptor and will compete their hours before Christmas break.

Health, BITE and Special Programs

Medical Services

- Medical Assistant Program
CPR Certification: Most adult students successfully completed their Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training.
Note: One student was absent and is scheduled to complete the make-up session shortly to finalize their certification.
- Clinical Skills: Students gained practical experience in Urinalysis lab procedures, operating the Glucometer, and performing Flu and Strep testing.
- Veterinary Assistant Program:
 - The Veterinary Assistant students are continuing their progress at a steady pace through the curriculum and are gaining valuable hands-on experience:
 - We spent two productive afternoons with Dr. Rachel Shuey. Students practiced dog and cat restraints, reviewed various X-rays, and some students had the opportunity to manually palpate cattle to check for pregnancy. This was a very informative and helpful session that the students thoroughly enjoyed.
 - Students focused on practical skills, including accurately drawing up medications and performing essential medication calculations.
 - The students also completed a dissection of a chicken wing during their unit on anatomy to reinforce anatomical knowledge.

Academic Math

- More Math and Science students continue to complete their courses and begin the workkeys in Academic Lab.
- Adult CMA students are staying at pace and working towards completion of A&P and Medical Terminology in order to be ready for clinicals in the spring

Teacher Prep

- Students visited the University of Central Oklahoma for the Prospective Teacher Academy! It was our best field trip yet!
- Completed a service project for the Marland Mansion Candlelight Tour. We changed all the batteries in their candles to get them ready for their event!

Children's Lab and Preschool

- Tianna Tattershall obtained her Director's Credential.
- Cheyanne Herring and Kyla Carlson attended the NAEYC Annual Conference

HCC

- Miranda Ramhorst started as the instructor.
- Students continue working on curriculum related to the core.

WRO Ponca City

- November workshop was the week of 11/10 and had 10 participants complete the week. PO's include 1 CDL participant who will attend Enid class due to Ponca having a longer waiting list. Barrier removal includes 1 utility bill for an Oct. participant (who just successfully finished CDL), 2 participants to get work clothing, 1 to get tools, 1 to take certification tests for Real Estate 1 drivers license reinstatement, 1 pair of glasses, and background checks to prepare for C.N.A. acceptance.
- Community engagements included distributing flyers for workshop and signing up as Chamber Members for Blackwell and Tonkawa (Newkirk still pending returned call). We had our booth set up at a Veterans "Military Family Day" in Ponca on 11/8.

- Advisory attendance was wonderful with good input from participants including 10 community members to join WR staff.

AEFL

- November Update---
 - 19 new students enrolled in the AEFL and TANF programs
 - 95 students currently enrolled
 - 3785 total attendance hours for all students
 - 10 high school equivalency tests passed this month
 - 2 students have graduated and earned their high school equivalency diploma
 - 22 students have made an EFL gain (Educational Functioning Level)
- AEFL Staff attended virtual and face-to-face training:
 - LACES Training
 - Centegix Responder Training

SHARE

- SHARE had 2 more students complete all their core classes in order to graduate.
- We now have 4 that are doing work based learning or internships.

New Beginning

- Two new students started in November
- 1 student in Long Term Nurse Aide
- 1 student has completed CDL training and passed all his tests
- Several students working in Aztec in medical classes.
- 7 students are in full time programs
- AMBUC's delivered Thanksgiving Baskets to all the TANF students
- Total of 20 students

BITE

- The Visual Communication and Information Technology (Vis Com and IT) departments have been diligently finalizing their curriculum before the break. The Esports program had 2 teams make playoffs in the high school division.

Biomed

- First year students are currently learning the ins and outs of an autopsy. Although we won't be dissecting any real human bodies, we will be looking at pictures of the human brain, tissue slides and performing a toxicology lab to see what substances may have been in our decedent's body. We have reviewed a medical examiner's report to help us determine post mortem changes. This helps us determine the time of death. Ultimately, we will use this new knowledge to help us discover what caused the death of Anna Garcia.
- Second year students are moving into the endocrine system and each student is getting a different patient case to try and diagnose what endocrine disease their patient is faced with and then research ways to help their patient treat the disease. They have also been exploring the urinary system and the kidneys. Students were able to do a kidney dissection of a healthy kidney and then they were able to compare that to a kidney with polycystic kidney disease.
- Students also spent a couple of days making candles for our annual Holiday Market. This is always a fun time where they can use their creativity to raise a little money for our CTSO's and we are able to take advantage of our lab and hot plates.
- This week we will be gearing up for sophomore tours and hopefully we will be able to show them what a great program we have here at Pioneer Tech.

T&I and Service Programs

Automotive

- Gearing up for shop finals and ASE testing
- Successful field trip to Bruckner Truck and Dunsworth Machine Shop in Enid
- Purchased 2 new scan tools that were both under \$500 and are working well

Cosmetology

- All 1st year students have reached the 150-hour mark and were able to start taking clients in the salon.
- Cosmetology Industry Mentor Days
 - November 3: Hands-on Chemical Texture Services-Perms The 2nd year students did 16 perms on live models. The 1st yr. Students learned how to do a perm using bendy rods on a manikin.
 - November 10: Topic: Hands-on Men's Haircuts. The students worked on clipper cutting with mentors in small groups on a rotation.
- November 17th: Kari Officer and Kayla Randol went to Northwest Technology Center to visit their cosmetology program.

Construction Trades

- Starting HVAC Amatrol
- Electric hands on
- Plumbing Hands on

Criminal Justice

- Criminal Justice Students toured Walmart Loss Prevention and talked to Asset Protection Officers. Students toured the Oklahoma Bureau of narcotics and dangerous drugs Headquarters in Oklahoma City. Students were given a tour of the Headquarters and were able to see a Drone surveillance Demonstration, K-9 drug interdiction demonstration and toured the Evidence room. An OBNDD Agent displayed and showed students the equipment agents use in the field and in undercover operations.
- Students Volunteered at NERA and the Festival of Angels opening night.
- During the month of November students continued to study on topics of Crime Scene Investigation: Topics learned were Fingerprinting, Evidence Collection, Evidence Packaging, Blood Spatter, Searches, Measurements and Sketches.

Culinary Arts

- Freeze-dried soup went well at the Holiday Market
- Will visit Great Plains Tech to meet my goal of visiting a tech center this semester
- Preparing for my advisory lunch meeting

Firefighter/EMT

- It has been a busy time for the fire program. We had two separate Firefighter One classes happening. The one for the volunteer departments concluded with testing and skills evaluations on the 15th and 16th. 25 firefighters completed and passed all skills and live fire evaluation.
- Over half were local to this area, but we also trained firefighters from across the state. This was done through our partnership with OSU-FST. Thanks to a grant this training was free for all participants.
- The Pioneer Tech Firefighter One also concluded on the 19th of November for written, skills evaluation. Live fire evaluation was December 2nd.
- 9 future firefighters completed

Mechatronics

- 4 students completed WorkKeys.
- 1 and 2 students visited Francis Tuttle for a day – other Career Tech visit, plus students learned programming PLC's.
- 2 students completed all six modules of Precision Measuring Instruments (each awarded 6 new certificates).

Precision Machining

- Student working on getting an apprenticeship.
- Several students have moved on to CNC
- Went on a field trip to Brunkner Trucking and Dunsworth Machine shop with Automotive.

Welding

- Shop Competition for skills USA
- Blue print reading
- Using blue prints to fabricate project

Student Services

Student Services:

- Assisted in the Testing Center and Career Center with testing
- Attended the College & Career Fair at Frontier on Nov 5th
- The team helped serve drinks for Advisory Night Nov 6th
- 4 team members stayed and took notes/minutes during advisory committee meetings
- Hosted an after school Special Education advisory meeting on the 10th
- Student Services Advisory Luncheon on the 11th
- Assisted with and served snacks for Life Launch on Nov. 11th
- Provided a Family Fun Night gift basket for the Holiday Market
- Helped serve, wash dishes, and clean up for the Thanksgiving Lunch Nov. 20
- Began planning for pre-enrollment
- Audra spoke at the AMBUCS meeting
- Visited sending schools. Had Sophomores fill out Sophomore Survey for upcoming Sophomore Visits
- A heartfelt THANK YOU for the Holiday Bonus. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

WorkKeys:

- Worked with students in Workkeys
- Several students have completed their Workkeys and earned certifications
- Took notes during Advisory Night for Precision Machining
- Helped with Thanksgiving meal and Life Launch Day

Employability Skills:

- We are working on resumes, and updating those who have one
- Workkeys tested several students to help them finish Workkeys
- Assisted with Advisory Night and sat in with Precision Machining
- Helped with Thanksgiving Dinner and Life Launch Day
- Veterans Day Assembly
- Special Ed. Advisory lunch
- Student Services Advisory Team Meeting

Career Development Facilitator:

- Explored the following Career Clusters with district 8th graders:
 - Arts, A/V Technology, and Communications
 - Information Technology
 - Manufacturing
- Visited Sophomores at sending schools to discuss the upcoming Sophomore Success Event and to have them sign up for six programs of their choice to visit
- Attended the Frontier Career Fair
- Met with Recruitment and Retention Committee regarding Sophomore Success
- Organized visit for Blackwell Middle School students to see Construction, Mechatronics, and Automotive

Counselor:

- Visited schools to complete Sophomore Success Survey-November 4, November 7, November 12, November 14
- Assisted Cortney with Sophomore Success survey data
- Assisted Laura in the Testing Center
- Met with students, instructors and directors regarding grades and attendance
- Assisted students with college applications
- Assisted students with high school assignments
- Assisted with providing snacks for students on November 11 for "Life Launch".
- Life Launch committee meeting

Testing Specialist:

A total of 197 exams were proctored in November, bringing our fiscal-year total to 985.

With only 12 active testing days, the Testing Center accumulated 278.16 contact hours (not including 17 untimed exams).

In addition to daily proctoring and scheduling responsibilities, I also:

- Participated in Advisory Night, serving drinks and taking minutes for Construction Trades.
- Attended the Annual Area Special Education Teachers Meeting.
- Attended the Student Services Advisory Meeting.
- Assisted with drinks during the Thanksgiving Lunch.

Testing Breakdown**Public Testing – 103 Testers**

- **84** Kay County residents
- **12** Kansas residents
- **7** from surrounding counties

WorkKeys

In addition to the six sessions held in the Career Center, I proctored:

- **85** Student WorkKeys
- **25** Entrance WorkKeys
- **6** Employer-Requested WorkKeys

AT&D Course Completers – 16 Total

- **HCP – CNA: 13**
- **CDA Competency Exam: 2**
- **Phlebotomy Competency Exam: 1**

ABE – 19 Total

- **HiSET: 17**
- **GED (PearsonVUE): 2**

CTTC Health & Professional Certifications – 18 Total

- **CNA: 13**
- **DPS Driver's License Test: 1**
- **Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services – Case Management I: 1**
- **Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services – Case Management III (Rehab Only): 1**
- **Commercial Fire Alarm Technician: 1**
- **CLEET Phase I & II: 1**

PTC Student Competency Exams – 9 Total

- **Visual Communications: 7**
- **Teacher Prep: 2**

Pearson VUE – 17 Total

- **CEOE (Oklahoma Educators): 6**
- **Pharmacy Technician Certification Board: 2**
- **Kansas Insurance: 2**
- **Basic EMT: 1**
- **Advanced EMT: 2**
- **GED: 2**
- **CDA: 1**
- **Oklahoma Real Estate: 1**

PSI – 15 Total

- OK Life, Accident & Health Producer: 4
- OK Property & Casualty Producer: 4
- OK Workers' Comp Adjuster: 1
- OK Plumbing Journeyman & Gas: 3
- OK HVACR Journeyman Limited: 1
- OK Core Exam (Dept. of Agriculture): 2

PROV (Cosmetology Exams) – 4 Total

Disability Services Facilitator:

- Attend and host IEP/504 Meetings
- Update files, listings and Orange Binders
- Assist in Testing Center as needed and provide Read Aloud and Individual Testing accommodations for qualifying students.
- Planned and Hosted Special Education Teachers Advisory Meeting
- Conferences with students reviewing grades and progress.
- Assisted with PTC booth at Frontier School College and Career Fair

Plant/Facilities/Maintenance

- Install of new video monitors in the conference center, and prepping the seminar center for similar monitor install.
- Crisis alert Centegix responder training for PTC responders on Nov. 21st, 2025
- Tested the Centegix badge response of PTC responder badges.
- Mid-year review of facilities staff
- Working with neighbor residents on getting their fence line cleared for our fence install in the future.
- Working through issues with the server and software for the access control system. (board agenda for new server and software to get the system back to allow user adjustment, which currently it is not.

Paperclips

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Pioneer Technology Center Names November Students of the Month

Pioneer Technology Center (PTC) is proud to recognize Emma Deming and Seth Rhodes as the November Students of the Month, honoring their dedication and achievements inside and outside the classroom. These outstanding students were selected by their instructors for their high performance in their career programs.

Deming, a Ponca City High School senior in the PN Select program, is known for her leadership, kindness, and strong commitment to learning. She consistently asks thoughtful, critical questions that deepen her understanding of the nursing curriculum and support classroom discussion. Her determination is evident in

both her coursework and her service as the HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) chapter secretary.

Rhodes, a Ponca City senior in the Construction Trades program, earned recognition for his steady work ethic and mature approach to hands-on learning. His craftsmanship reflects strong attention to detail and adherence to safety protocols. Rhodes collaborates well with peers, communicates clearly during group projects, and demonstrates initiative by asking insightful questions, seeking solutions, and adapting positively to challenges.

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Students Con't from Page 1

Both students exemplify PTC's mission of Enhancing Lives and Securing Futures. As part of their recognition, they will enjoy the perk of filling their Student of the Month cups with their favorite beverages at no cost throughout November.

For more information about Pioneer Technology Center's programs and services, call 580-762-8336 or visit www.pioneertech.edu.

Candidates for school boards can file soon

Press Release

Candidates for the boards of education in Kay County can file declarations of candidacy starting at 8 a.m. on Monday.

Elections will be held in school districts of Kildare, Ponca City, Blackwell, Newkirk, Peckham, Tonkawa and the Pioneer Technology Center.

Carol Learning, Kay County Election Board secretary, said the declaration forms must be completed

and submitted to the Kay County Election Board no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, when filing period ends. Learning reminds voters that Contest of Candidacy must be filed no later than Friday, Dec 5 and may only be filed by another candidate for that office. Contest against unopposed candidates may be filed by contacting the Kay County Election Board Office.

If more than two candidates file for the same board of education seat, a primary election will be held Feb. 10, 2026. If one candidate receives more than 50% of the votes, that candidate will be declared the elected official. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the votes, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will vie for the office during the board of education general election on April 7.

If only two candidates file for the same board of education office, those two candidates' names will appear on the general election ballot in April.

Declarations of Candidacy will be accepted for the following offices:

- Kildare School District, Board Position No. 2
- Ponca City School District Board Position No.1
- Blackwell School District Board Position No. 1
- Newkirk School District, Board Position No.1
- Peckham School District Board Position No. 3
- Tonkawa School District Board Position No. 1

• Pioneer Technology Center, Board Position No. 4

Declaration of Candidacy forms can be downloaded from the State Election Board website at oklahoma.gov/elections or by contacting the county election board office at (580) 362 2130 or kaycounty@election.ok.gov

The election board is at 219 S. Main Street in Newkirk and is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.



JOIN OUR TEAM! WELDING INSTRUCTOR (EVENING)

Pioneer Technology Center, an engaging and supportive workplace providing high-quality programs and services, is looking for a full-time **Evening Welding Instructor**

Are you someone who is moved by facilitating all aspects of instruction and developing and maintaining positive working relationships with other professionals? To be successful in this job, you must be dependable, supportive, encouraging, and productive. You must also qualify for the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education Teaching Certification. Additionally, you must have 3+ years of related experience and/or training, a clear criminal background check, and the ability to build relationships and relate to students. Previous teaching experience is preferred, but not required. You must be able to work in a team that values people, innovation, character, learning, and economic development. If this is you, and you can prove it, you could be a great fit for our team.

PTC offers excellent pay and benefits and provides a supportive, relationship-based environment. We are committed to assisting employees in developing strengths, focusing on opportunities, and performing purposeful work. We hire based on individual talent and fit for the organization. With his full-time position, the work day may alternate from 8 to 10 hours depending on class assignments, with an afternoon and evening work schedule.

Pioneer Technology Center considers all qualified applicants for each position and does not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex/gender, age, religion, disability or veteran status.

Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications
For application and full performance profile go to pioneer.tech.ninjagtg.com or scan the QR Code here:



Candidate filing begins for Board of Education

Candidates for the Board of Education in Kay County School Districts: Kildare, Ponca City, Blackwell, Newkirk, Peckham, Tonkawa and the Pioneer Technology Center will file Declarations of Candidacy beginning at 8 a.m. on Monday December 1, 2025.

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Candidate filing begins for Board of Education

Candidates for the Board of Education in Kay County School Districts: Kildare, Ponca City, Blackwell, Newkirk, Peckham, Tonkawa and the Pioneer Technology Center will file Declarations of Candidacy beginning at 8 a.m. on Monday December 1, 2025.

Carol Leaming, Secretary of the Kay County Election Board, said Declaration of Candidacy forms must be completed and submitted to

the Kay County Election Board no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday December 3, 2025 when filing period ends. Leaming reminds voters that Contest of Candidacy must be filed no later than Friday, December 5, 2025 and may only be filed by another candidate for that office. Contest against unopposed candidates may be filed by contacting the Kay County Election Board Office.

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THE PONCA City Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Shawn Manor Nursing Home's new 20-bed Memory Care Unit on Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 2 pm. The Memory Care Unit is designed to provide a safe, supportive, and nurturing environment for residents living with Alzheimer's, dementia, and other memory related conditions. (Photo by Calley Lamar)





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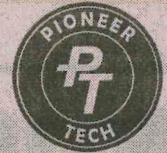
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PTC to host annual Holiday Market

By CALLEY LAMAR
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Pioneer Technology Center (PTC) is gearing up for their 7th annual PTC Holiday Market event on Thursday, Nov. 20 from 9 am to 2 pm.

The PTC Conference Center will be transformed into a festive holiday marketplace with hand-crafted items from the many programs and staff represented at PTC. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Career Tech Student Organizations (CTSO).

In addition to the holiday market, the public is also invited to attend the annual PTC Thanks-

giving Dinner held at the cafeteria from 11 am to 1 pm on Nov. 20.

"Our hope is that visitors will come for lunch, but stay and shop for all kinds of crafts made by students and staff," said Traci Thorpe, PTC Superintendent/CEO.

Guests attending the events can park and enter by the cafeteria west entrance for lunch, or must the main west and north entrances.

For more information about PTC programs and services, call 580-718-4222, or visit pioneertech.edu.



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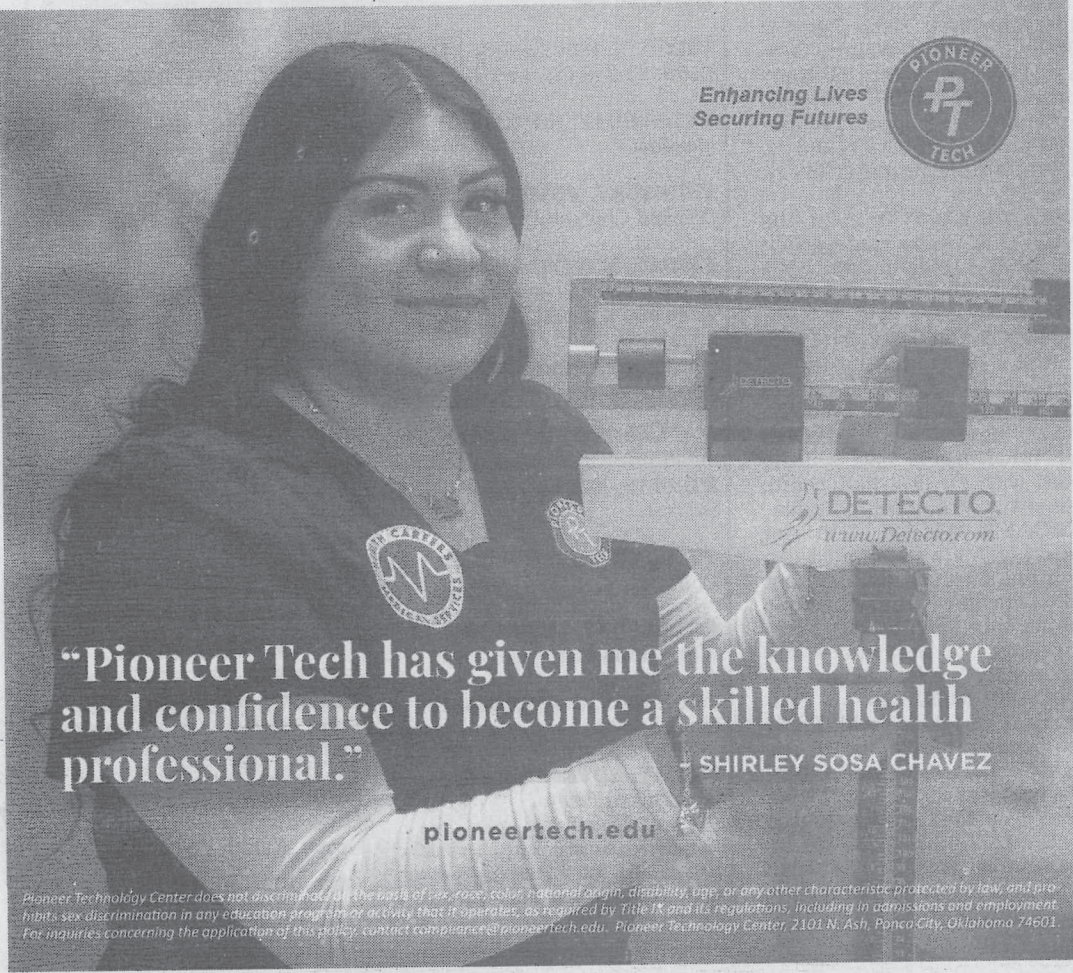
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PTC Announces Students of the Month

Pioneer Technology Center (PTC) has announced the October Students of the Month, Serenity Cady and Malorie Prince.

Serenity Cady, a junior from Tonkawa High School, is enrolled in PTC's Visual Communication program. Instructor Troy Buller describes Serenity as a talented artist whose creativity shines through in everything she creates. She works diligently, pays close attention to detail, and continually looks for ways to improve her craft. Though she leads with a quiet and gentle presence, her actions speak volumes. Cady exemplifies the qualities of a thoughtful leader and outstanding citizen, consistently modeling respect and excellence in the classroom.

Malorie Prince, a senior from Blackwell High School, is enrolled in Pioneer Tech's

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Criminal Justice program. Instructor Tom Burg commends Malorie for her leadership, professionalism, and initiative. A second-year student and two-year PTC Student Ambassador, Prince has served as a role model and representative for her peers. She is also the Secretary of Blackwell High School's FCCLA chapter, where she helps promote community service and student leadership. Her initiative extends beyond the classroom; Prince played a key role in redesigning the

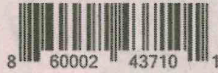
Criminal Justice curriculum, contributing to updates in Traffic Stop and Dispatcher procedures. Her academic achievement, leadership experience, and community involvement make her an outstanding representative of Pioneer Tech's values.

These students will receive the special honor of filling their Student of the Month cups with their favorite beverages at no cost for the entire month. For more information about Pioneer Technology Center's programs and services, call 580-762-8336 or visit pioneer.tech.edu.

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Whimsy Kids showcased at 1 Million Cups

By CALLEY LAMAR

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The monthly 1 Million Cups meeting was held in the cafeteria atrium at Pioneer Technology Center (PTC) on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 8:30 am. This monthly meeting gives local entrepreneurs the opportunity to share their stories with others. And the meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday in a month. This past Wednesday's meeting saw Julie Grigsba, the director of the Opportunity Center speak about Whimsy Kids.

The Opportunity Center, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that provides support to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Part of their work is to empower those individuals by helping them work and thrive in community settings, with the ultimate goal to employ those individuals in a community job of their choosing.

The Opportunity Center has created businesses for their clients to give them work training in different settings. To this end, they have a thrift store, Village Screen Print, and the Whimsy boutique, which is like a gift store. And now, they have Whimsy Kids.

In 2012, the Union Street Marketplace was set up at the Opportunity Center's facility to give their clients workplace skills. This evolved into a once a year event.

Opportunity Center eventually began to utilize some extra buildings in the back of the facility, one of which use to be a chocolate factory. They used the property to move their crafts into including candles, purses, jewelry, and the things that their clients were good at.

As their clients rotated, the Opportunity Center had to adapt and come up with a new



JULIE GRIGSBA (left), the director of the Opportunity Center spoke about Whimsy Kids during the 1 Million Cups meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 5. Following Grigsba's presentation, she was presented with an orange cup, which is given to all speakers at 1 Million Cups events by Brook Lindsay (right). (Photo by Calley Lamar)

model for a store.

When laws changed that stated that their clients need to be more community integrated, and their place of work would have to be out in the community.

Thus, they moved to Ponca Plaza with a space that became Whimsy. In 2016, it moved to downtown at 318 E. Grand Avenue. This storefront shared a back common area with the next door 316 E. Grand Ave., and seeing an opportunity to have another business along side it, they moved Village Screen Print next door.

In 2019, they were approached by the hospital to open another Whimsy store-

front to serve as the hospital's gift shop called "Whimsy Too."

There, they sold chocolate and baby clothes, but then the pandemic hit in 2020, and as people were staying away from hospitals, the business began to struggle.

A downtown building became vacant, and Grigsba presented to the board that they needed to move to grow the business or otherwise shut it down.

The first couple of months saw an almost 500% increase in sales just for moving downtown.

"So it's been very beneficial. It's a source of revenue that it helps to support our other businesses, our residential

program, and the other things that we do as a nonprofit, but it's it's very beneficial to this community, I believe," said Grigsba. "It's a great need that we had in Ponca City and it's something that's fun. It's just a fun little store to go into."

Whimsy Kids is located at 324 E. Grand Ave., and is filled with clothing, gifts, and accessories for kids. Every dollar spent at the business goes to help the Opportunity Center with their vital services and programs.

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The Ponca City Noon Lions Pioneer Technology Ambassador Student of the Month for October is Annie Cloud. Annie is a Blackwell High School Senior, Medical Services Student. Annie always brings a positive attitude and enthusiasm with her each day! She is kind and inclusive to her fellow students, ensuring that everyone feels supported and welcome! Shown with Club President Cathie Huddleston.

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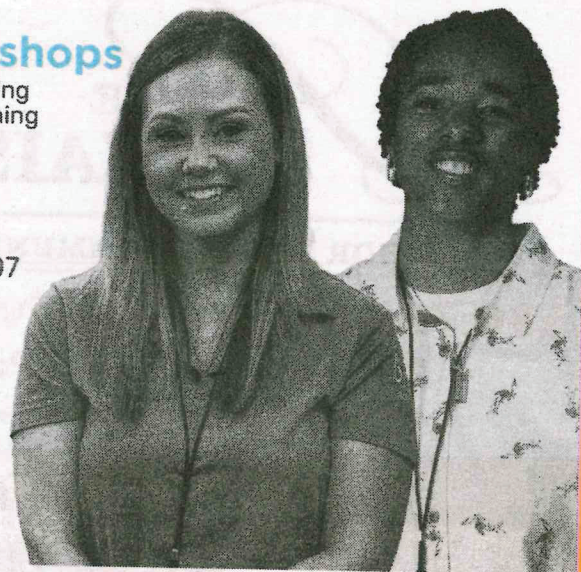
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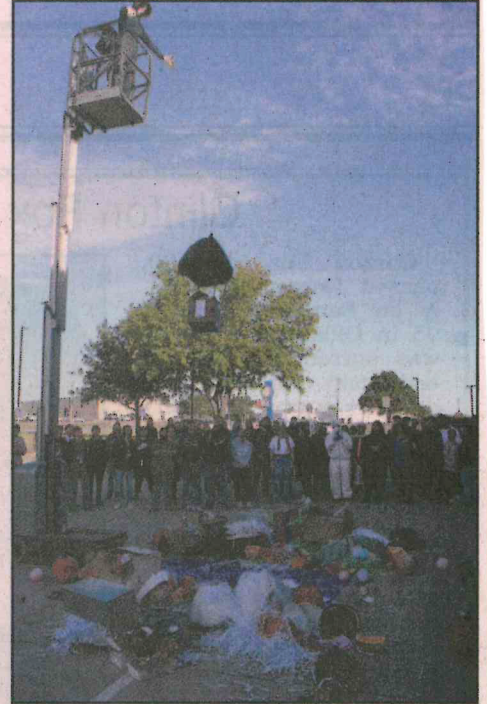


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PIONEER TECHNOLOGY Center (PTC) held their Fall Fest event on Friday, Oct. 31 from 9 am to 11 am, and from 1:30 pm to 3:35 pm. This event included food and drinks, a pie in the face, carnival games, pickleball, a costume contest, and the Pumpkin Drop (pictured) that saw pumpkins from PTC's departments with different designs to see which would survive a fall. The winners of the Pumpkin Drop Contest were the students with the Information Technology department are pictured on the left. (Photos by Calley Lamar)

Business & Industry Breakfast highlights manufacturing challenges

By **CALLEY LAMAR**
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The Pioneer Technology Center (PTC) Business & Industry Breakfast was held at 7:30 am on Friday, Oct. 31, with this month's focus centered on manufacturing.

The event saw manufacturing representative from Ponca City, and other areas in Kay County such as Blackwell and Tonkawa. Those in attendance discussed several topics, including successes and obstacles that they were presently facing.

Discussions began with some programs at PTC including welding, precision machining, and mechatronics, the latter focusing on performing maintenance procedures on machines, tools, and equipment.

They are also planning to add to evening program offerings, as well as financial aid options for those struggling with tuition.

Workforce and the need for educated and qualified workers was one such topic, with some of those in attendance citing people unable to use precision tools or even read a tape measure.

Tariffs were also highlighted as a major obstacle recently. While some did note that the tariffs have provided an opportunity to quote and grow, others other noted instances of overcharges, as well as the capricious nature of the tariff policies make it difficult to plan how to do business.

The topic of tariff insurance, was also brought up. This can include protections

in the event of losses in the event that international buyers are unable to pay for goods or services; coverage for physical loss or damage of property; and/or political risk insurance for coverage against due to political decisions or conditions.

There were also discussions related to utilizing AI and automation.

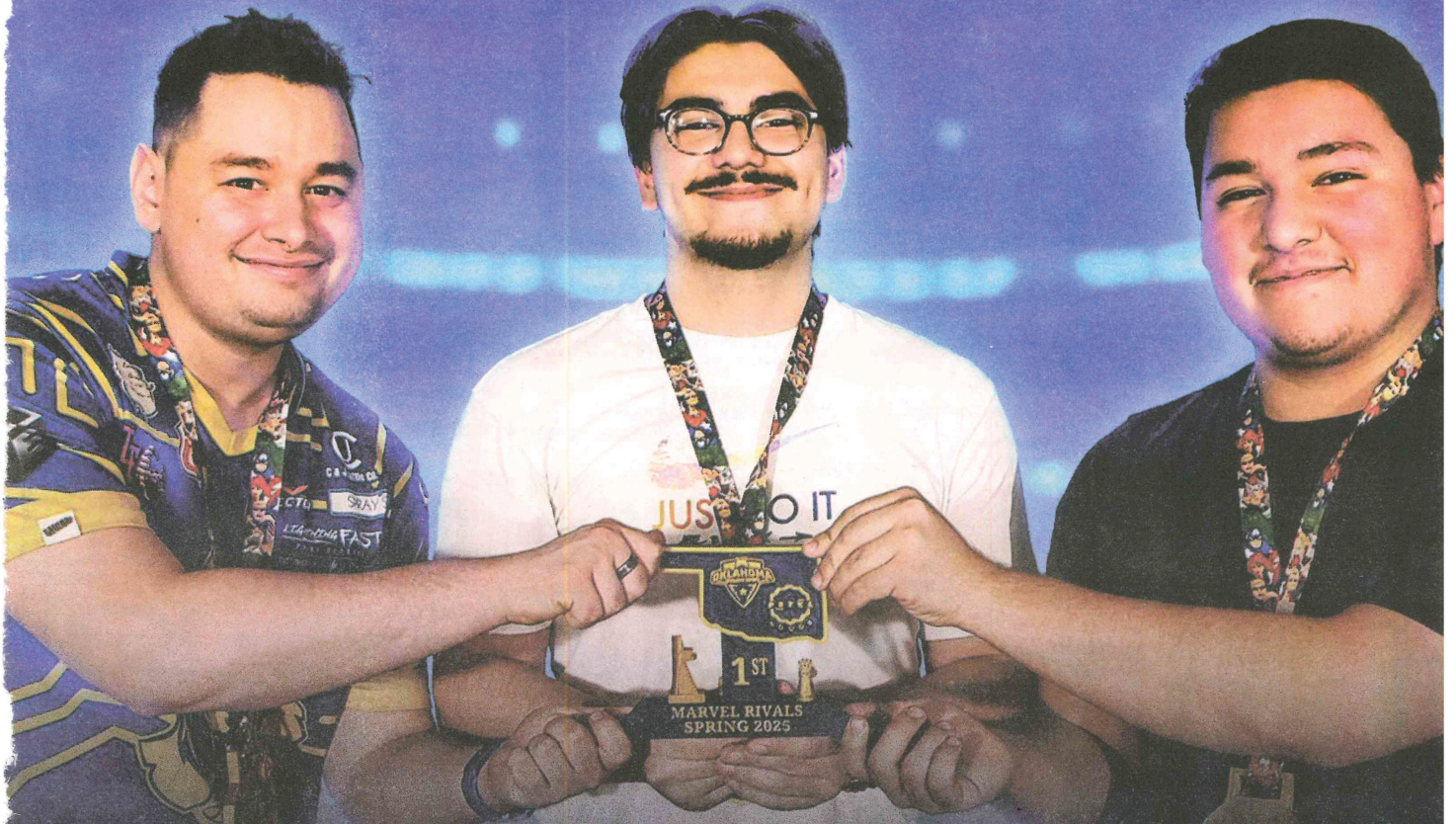
As many of these manufacturers are pulling from the same labor pool, that leads to two options. The first to find labor pools outside of Kay County, and the second is automation to fill the gaps, or utilizing AI to substitute certain skill sets that aren't available like those for ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) systems.

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Game On:

The Rise of Esports in Oklahoma Schools



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Story by **Charles Gerian** | Staff Writer

For generations, ambition for college-bound students followed a familiar script: lace up cleats, polish a trumpet, join the choir, take center stage on the court or the field.



Pioneer Tech Manticores Tyler Busby, Devin Taberas and Rodrigo Navarro won the State Championship in May, defeating Central Tech Team 2, 2-0. They defeated Central Tech Team 1, 3-0 to capture the second State Championship in two days.

These were the

golden tickets—the résumé-builders that caught the eyes of scholarship committees and admissions offices. Parents and teachers encouraged it, telling their kids that sports and music weren't just pastimes, they were stepping stones to a brighter future.

But for just as long, another pastime was pushed aside. "Put down the controller," kids were told. "Pause the game. Go do something productive." Gaming was seen as a distraction, a hobby best left in the basement.

Now the script has flipped. In a digital age where competition takes place on glowing screens instead of grassy fields, young people are finding real opportunities in the very activity adults once dismissed as a waste of time. Professional streamers build entire careers on YouTube and Twitch. College recruiters now scout talented gamers with the same seriousness once reserved for quarterbacks or point guards. In 2020 alone, more than \$16 million in esports scholarships were awarded across the country.

Oklahoma is no stranger to this shift. The Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association has officially recognized esports, with high schools statewide fielding teams through PlayVS,





a sanctioned partner helping to organize competitions nationwide. Just as students can go out for football, baseball, wrestling or softball, they can now represent their schools in titles as varied as Street Fighter, Overwatch 2 and Mario Kart.

It's not a trend anymore—it's an institution in the making. And right here in Kay County, the movement is already reshaping how students, parents and educators think about competition, teamwork and the future.

When Ponca City High School opened its new STEM building in 2024, students gained more than classrooms filled with technology. They also gained an arena—one without bleachers, but with rows of computers, consoles and headsets. It was here that Ponca City launched its esports program, an idea championed by Superintendent Adam Learning and one that has quickly become a home for students who want to compete on a different kind of playing field.

At the center of it is coach Ian Rand, a lifelong gamer who wishes he'd had the same opportunity when he was in high school. "I wanted to coach esports because I play several of the video games, and I wished I could have been on a high school esports team when I was in high school," he said. Now, he's the one helping students turn their hobby into a team sport—and in some cases, into a path for their futures.

Explaining esports to skeptics is one of Rand's favorite challenges. "Esports are competitive video games played

against other high schools in the state of Oklahoma," he said. "They're more than just playing video games because it requires communication with team members, self-reflection, discipline and good sportsmanship."

Ponca City's team competes in Overwatch 2, Marvel Rivals, Super Smash Bros. Ultimate, Rocket League, Fortnite and Apex Legends—games chosen by the students themselves. Rand said the program has grown rapidly, and not just in numbers. "The biggest growth is how our student gamers communicate with their teammates," he said. "When they started, they were only used to playing by themselves and had no communication. Now they're able to talk, give callouts and cooperate, all while playing their video game."

The team's roster is as varied as the games themselves. Students come from different grade levels, skill sets and interests, with some also involved in football, band, yearbook or other school activities. "All sorts of students are drawn to esports," Rand said. "It gives them a place to belong." He has seen players gain confidence that carries into other parts of their lives, and especially into leadership roles. "Their teamwork and leadership have grown, especially in the team captains as they have to lead their teams in the games."

"One stereotype I wish I could change is that it's just playing video games"

A typical match day at Po-Hi depends on the format. Most competitions are virtual, with students gathering an hour early in the esports room to practice before facing another school online. Coaches then report scores on the league website. But there are also travel days, where the Wildcats pack up their consoles and controllers, load the bus and set up at another school to compete in person.

Preparation goes beyond practice matches. Players review their own game footage, study professional esports players and drill strategies specific to their chosen titles. And when the stakes are high—such as the in-person state tournaments—the atmosphere rivals any traditional sport. "The energy of a live esports competition is crazy," Rand said. "Coaches, other players, parents and other spectators cheer and yell for their teams."

The Wildcats have already carved out rivalries, with Bixby standing as their biggest competitor. A highlight for the team came when Ponca City toppled Bixby in Overwatch 2, a win that Rand still remembers with pride.

The success isn't limited to competition, either. One senior recently earned an esports scholarship to Cowley College, while another went to the University of Oklahoma to work as a video editor for the OU esports team. For Rand, those opportunities prove the legitimacy of the program. "Life skills that students take away from esports are communication and self-reflection," he said. "Academics are still the priority, and when students are ineligible, they know practice comes

second to homework. But esports can open doors."

Rand also wants to change the way people perceive esports. "One stereotype I wish I could change is that it's just playing video games," he said. "These video games are some of the most difficult games to play. To add to that, the whole team has to communicate, remember in-game locations and abilities, and time their abilities for the best plays."

Even with the serious side, there are lighter moments that keep things fun. Rand laughs about practices where his team is suddenly matched against some of the top 500 players in the nation—a nerve-wracking but exciting challenge. And despite the intensity, the moments that make him most proud aren't always victories. "The moments I am most proud of as a coach are when I see my student gamers talking and hanging out with each other outside of esports practice," he said. "I am proud that they are making friends and are engaged in bettering themselves outside of esports."

Looking ahead, Rand believes the future of high school esports is only going to grow. With esports now recognized by the Olympics and colleges across the country offering scholarships, he sees opportunities expanding rapidly. "In the next five years, I see high school esports growing to amazing levels," he said.

At Ponca City High School, that growth is already underway—one match, one team and one headset at a time.

When you walk into the Blackwell Middle School esports room on match day, the energy feels familiar, even if the arena looks different. Instead of a gym floor or a football field, the battleground is a row of glowing

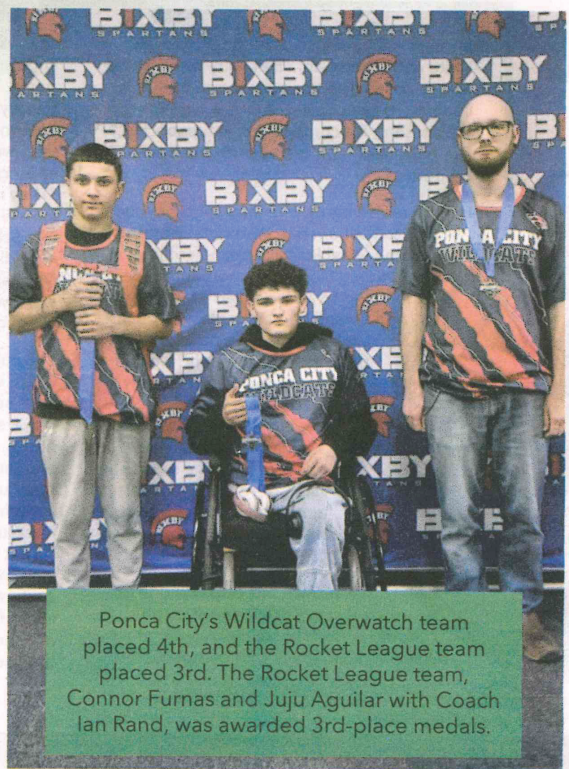
monitors, and the roar of the crowd comes from teammates huddled close, calling out plays with headsets on. For Coach Amber Dunham, that scene is the culmination of a vision that began with a grant proposal and has since grown into one of the school's most exciting programs.

"We put together an OTTE grant proposal through the K12 Foundation at the University of Oklahoma to secure the equipment we needed," Dunham explained. "The whole process involved clearly outlining what we needed, why it was crucial for our project, and how it would make a significant impact." That impact has been felt quickly. What started with a handful of curious gamers has grown into a competitive program with more than 20 students and even an expansion into Blackwell High School in just four years.

For Dunham, the motivation to coach was about more than just games. "It was a way to reach different groups of kids that aren't necessarily in the spotlight," she said. "It allowed them to create a specialized community within our school, foster communication skills and encourage students to keep up their grades. Plus, it just seemed like a fun way to connect with students in this generation."

Esports, she insists, are anything but "just video games." She calls them a mental battleground. "Unlike physical sports, where raw athleticism often takes the lead, this game demands quick thinking, sharp focus and the ability to anticipate moves in real time. Every call counts, and the mental endurance required is unlike anything you'd find in a typical physical sport."

The Blackwell teams compete in the Oklahoma Scholastic Esports League, with students choosing from titles like Rocket League, Halo, Fortnite and Pokémon Unite. Dunham builds the teams based on student interest and skill, while her assistant coach, Chad, and IT support, John, help manage the logistics of



competition. Match days look different depending on the format: monthly core games with three-round matches against assigned opponents or weekly virtual contests that connect Blackwell to schools across the state. Some events are streamed, and plans are underway to add shoutcasters to give broadcasts the same energy as professional tournaments.

Behind those matches is plenty of preparation. In addition to after-school practices, Blackwell students train in a dedicated esports class that emphasizes communication, strategy and self-improvement. They watch recordings of their matches, study professional players and refine their gameplay in warmups and scrimmages. And while every competition brings intensity, the state tournaments carry a special electricity. "Anytime we qualify for state, the energy is absolutely infectious," Dunham said.

The program has already made its mark at the state level. A thrilling comeback victory in Halo against Canute secured a championship for Blackwell, and the Maroons have also claimed a title in Valorant and runner-up



finishes in Overwatch, Fortnite, Pokémon Unite and Mario Kart. The rivalry with Canute, whose coach also happens to run the OKSE League, has become one of the highlights of the season. "It's competitive, yet respectful," Dunham said. "Our teams push each other to be better."

But the real rewards, she insists, go beyond trophies. Dunham has seen quiet students become vocal leaders, taking command during high-pressure moments and learning to analyze their play afterward. She's watched students who once kept to themselves now build friendships that extend well beyond the esports room. "It's incredible to watch them become more active and engaged in their daily school life," she said. "They step out of their comfort zones, take on leadership roles and show a confidence that maybe wasn't there before."

That growth has become one of the program's defining strengths. Students learn accountability by balancing academics with competition—

grades come first, and struggling players are supported before being allowed back in the game. They also practice skills that translate far beyond gaming: time management, teamwork, problem-solving and resilience. "They're learning real-life skills that carry over into school, work and everyday situations," Dunham said. "And it all starts with something they enjoy."

The culture of the team is rich with traditions, both serious and silly. Players have pregame rituals, from music playlists to lucky gear. Their unofficial theme song has become the Backstreet Boys' "I Want It That Way," after one student's impromptu performance turned into a full-team singalong. And between matches, the students once entertained themselves by sliding down the hallway in their

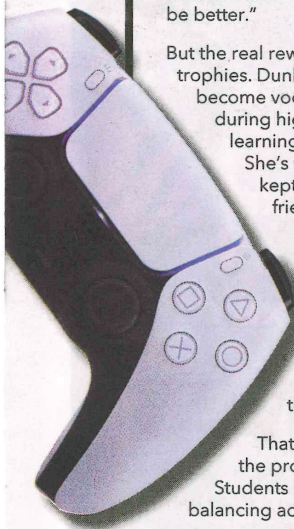
socks, "skiing" as Dunham laughingly recalls, to burn off nervous energy.

Looking to the future, Dunham believes the growth of esports in Oklahoma is only just beginning. When Blackwell first joined the OKSE league, about 50 schools were involved. Today, that number has passed 200, with more joining each year. Colleges are offering scholarships, and career pathways in gaming—from media production to event management—are opening up. "I think high school esports is going to keep expanding," Dunham said. "And I expect to see more schools in our Kay County area getting involved as the scene continues to grow."

For now, the Blackwell Middle School esports team is proving that competition doesn't have to take place on a



Blackwell Middle School's Esport students work hard, readying for the fall 2025 season. Here, a young student athlete is immersed in Fortnite.



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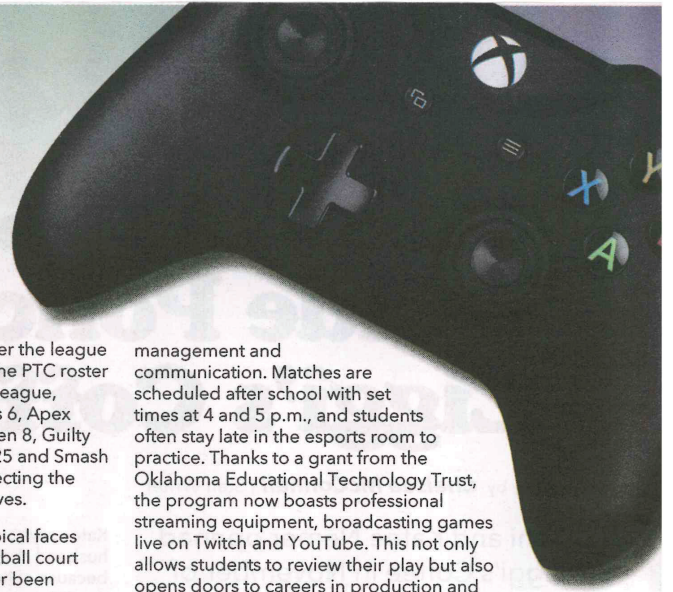
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When Pioneer Technology Center in Ponca City launched its esports program in 2021, it was little more than an experiment. Administrators had seen the rise of competitive gaming in education and asked IT instructor Zac Ladner to explore whether it could work at PTC. With little experience in gaming himself, Ladner leaned on his students to help host a trial run: a campuswide Super Smash Bros. tournament. The event was a success, proving that esports could find a home at Pioneer Tech.

"From that proof of concept, it just grew," Ladner said. "We went from one tournament to playing well over a dozen different games in the Oklahoma Scholastic Esports League."

Today, just four years later, the program has blossomed into one of PTC's most unique student offerings. Participation has swelled from 18 players in its first year to more than 45 this fall, so many that the school had to hold tryouts for starting spots. For Ladner, who never considered himself a gamer before stepping into the role, the journey has been eye-opening.

"I just kind of fell into coaching the team," he admitted. "At first, I didn't really understand it. But once I started playing the games myself and saw what it did for the kids, it clicked."

For outsiders who dismiss esports as "just playing video games," Ladner has an answer. He points to a graphic he often shows parents and administrators—a chart mapping the many careers tied to the industry. "On the surface you see kids with controllers," he said. "But really, it's teamwork, communication, problem solving, strategy, leadership. And behind the scenes, there are roles in IT, production, broadcasting, marketing. It's no different than any other sport when it comes to preparing kids for the future."

The games themselves range widely, with

students choosing from whatever the league offers each semester. This fall, the PTC roster includes Marvel Rivals, Rocket League, Fortnite, Call of Duty: Black Ops 6, Apex Legends, Street Fighter 6, Tekken 8, Guilty Gear Strive, NCAA 26, NBA 2K25 and Smash Bros. It's an eclectic lineup, reflecting the diversity of the players themselves.

And those players aren't the typical faces you'd expect to see on a basketball court or football field. Many had never been part of a team before joining esports. For some, physical sports weren't accessible; for others, traditional athletics simply didn't spark their interest. "Esports give them that first chance to belong," Ladner said. "It's their community, their team. And once they get in, you see them start talking, start leading. It pushes them out of their comfort zones."

That growth is one of the coach's proudest rewards. He recalled a student who once tried to disappear into the back of the classroom, quiet and unnoticed. "He told me he finally found confidence through competing," Ladner said. "He ended up on our adult Marvel Rivals team, and they won the championship. That confidence spilled over into his schoolwork and his personal life. That's the stuff that sticks with me."

Live competitions bring their own energy—something Ladner compares to "a fourth-and-goal moment in football with the game on the line." He described watching a practice duel between two students, one from high school and one from the adult league, who battled in Tekken. The match ended in a rare double knockout, and the entire room erupted. "You know a good game when you see one," he laughed.

PTC has had its share of good games. One of the most memorable came last season, when the team fought its way out of the losers' bracket in Marvel Rivals, defeating their opponents twice to win the championship. Rivalries have emerged, too, adding to the drama and fueling the students' drive to improve.

Beyond the thrill of victory, the program emphasizes critical thinking, time

management and communication. Matches are scheduled after school with set times at 4 and 5 p.m., and students often stay late in the esports room to practice. Thanks to a grant from the Oklahoma Educational Technology Trust, the program now boasts professional streaming equipment, broadcasting games live on Twitch and YouTube. This not only allows students to review their play but also opens doors to careers in production and digital media.

Of course, academics come first. Players must maintain eligibility both at PTC and at their sending schools to compete. When students struggle, Ladner steps in to help—even if it means brushing up on English homework, something he jokes is not his favorite. "Since esports started, I've been an everything teacher," he said.

The players have embraced the identity of their team, even crafting a mascot: Petey the Manticore, a mythical mashup combining pieces of the sending schools' mascots. Ponca, Woodland and Newkirk each contributed their feline imagery; Tonkawa brought in its Buccaneer roots; and Blackwell's Spirit of the Maroon rounded out the design. Petey now stands as the guardian of PTC esports, complete with a fight song that, fittingly, was drafted with the help of artificial intelligence.

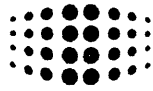
As Ladner looks ahead, he sees nothing but growth. Colleges are adding programs, scholarships are expanding and the industry itself is booming, generating billions annually worldwide. Several of his players have already attracted college offers, though none have signed yet. "It's just going to get bigger and bigger," he said. "Esports are here to stay."

And though some may still dismiss it as screen time, Ladner insists the truth is clear to anyone who steps into the esports room on match day. "Until you see it in action, you just don't get it," he said. "I didn't. But once you do, you realize it's the same as Friday night lights. It's kids competing, learning, growing—and finding a place where they belong." PCM

PIONEER TECHNOLOGY CENTER
PURCHASES OVER \$10,000
Equipment/Furniture/Remodel or Repairs/Technology
December 9, 2025

<u>Program/Area</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Building Maint/ Safety Major Repair/Remodel	Firetrol	Avigilon Enterprise Appliance & Uninterruptible Power Supply Installation Labor	\$ 11,796.00 <u>\$ 3,750.00</u>
		Total	\$ 15,546.00

State Contract Pricing #SW1048F



FIRETROL Protection Systems

To: Jason Kubik

December 2nd, 2025

RE: Pioneer Technology Center 2101 N. Ash St, Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601 – Avigilon AC Appliance Upgrade

Thank you for the opportunity to offer you this proposal for the above-referenced project.

Scope of Work:

Firetrol Protection Systems will provide equipment and labor to install a new Avigilon Enterprise Appliance and Uninterruptible Power Supply for the access control system. Firetrol will install the new appliance and manually copy the programming from the existing system. Only the license keys will be reused from the existing ACM6 due to file corruption and potential exposure to the new machine.

Inclusions and Exclusions:

- This proposal **does not include** access control credentials.
- The customer is responsible for system programming after the completion of this project.
- The customer is to provide an IP address, subnet mask, and gateway for the new appliance.
- The customer is to provide unlimited access to the existing ACM6 deployment.
- This proposal pricing is based on (17) existing doors and (120-140) cardholders.
- Pricing is based on unrestricted access during regular working hours, M-F. 8 AM – 5 PM.
- The customer is to provide keys and access control credentials for access to all areas of the building for expedited installation.
- The proposal is based on single-phase construction; this proposal has no provisions for re-mobilization fees.
- The customer is to provide a 110VAC outlet within five feet of the proposed server and UPS locations.
- The customer is to provide 4U of rack space.
- This proposal does not include design or CAD labor for this project.

Pricing Breakdown

Quantity	Unit	Description	Unit Cost	Total
30	Hours	Install Labor (Mixed Labor Rate, Install Tech, and Helper)	\$ 125.00	\$ 3,750.00
1	Lot	Equipment and Installation Material (see details on the next page)	\$ 11,796.00	\$ 11,796.00
Total:				\$ 15,546.00

Pricing, Terms, and Conditions per State Contract SW1048F. The customer must provide a P.O. referencing State Contract SW1048F or sign below.

This proposal includes a **one (1) year Standard Parts and Labor Warranty**. Pricing is valid for 30 days from the date of this proposal. Please feel free to call if you have any questions or if I can be of any further service.

Sincerely,

Will Jackson

Will Jackson
Security Department Manager / Estimator
(405) 361-2176

Authorized Signature

Printed Name

Date

Purchase Order Number

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FIRE PROTECTION AND LIFE SAFETY SPECIALISTS



FIRETROL Protection Systems

RE: Pioneer Technology Center 2101 N. Ash St, Ponca City, Oklahoma 74601 – Avigilon AC Appliance Upgrade

Estimated Equipment List:

Quantity	Part Number	Description
1	UA-APP-ENT-7	UA7 Enterprise Appliance
1	UA-APP-ENT-WARR-EXTEND-2YR	2 Year Extended Warranty for UA Enterprise Appliance
1	UA-SW-LIC-UPGRADE-PLAN-250-1Y	ACM6 to UA7 Upgrade Package for up to 250 doors
1	UA-SW-LIC-SERVICE-PLAN-250-1Y	UA7 Service Plan for up to 250 doors: 1 Year
1	U01N11L	SmartZone Panduit UPS

Clarifications and Exclusions:

1. This proposal **does not include** cable or cable supports
2. Installation Pricing **does include** labor to:
 - i. **Install and program a new Avigilon appliance**
3. This proposal **does not include** applicable permits.
4. This proposal **does not include** 120VAC work—all 120VAC for all panels provided by **others**.
5. This proposal **does not include** premium time; overtime or holiday work required due to project delays created by others will be justification for a Change Order.
6. This proposal **does not include** access panels, penetrations, cutting, or coring. Others shall provide and install these items.
7. This proposal **does not include** painting, patching, drywall repairs, etc., for areas where the current device has been removed.
8. This proposal **does not include** fire stopping; others shall provide and install fire-rated caulking.
9. This proposal **does not include** the installation of workstations.
10. This proposal **does not include** the installation of any software.
11. This proposal **does not include** the demolition of devices, cables, etc., associated with the existing system.
12. This proposal **does not include** new ceiling tiles. Firetrol will do its best not to damage existing tile during removal and replacement. Tiles needing to be replaced due to the removal of old devices will be done by **others**.
13. This proposal **does not include** lifts, scaffolding, etc., to access high areas. If needed, others will provide any specialty lifts or scaffolding.
14. This proposal **does not include** sales tax.
15. This proposal **does not include** performance or payment bonds.
16. This proposal includes a **one (1)** year Standard Parts and Labor Warranty.
17. This proposal **does not include** installation to be UL Certified or FM Global Placarded
18. This proposal **does not include** wire mold, rough-in boxes, or back boxes for Firetrol-provided equipment
19. Cancellation charges: In the event of project cancellation after award, Firetrol Protection Systems will invoice for any costs in place (i.e., engineering, project management, material returns, etc.).
20. The commissioning and testing of the access control system specified in this agreement will include a single instance of programming, based on customer-provided data and code specifications/requirements. Any modifications to the previously established and executed programming parameters requested after the initial commissioning shall be subject to review. Should such modifications be necessary, the adjustments will be evaluated, and any additional work required will be re-estimated and added to the contract pricing through a formal change order process.
21. Due to the current global supply chain issues and their effect on most of our suppliers, Firetrol will not be held liable for any damages for any delays caused by product availability. Firetrol will do its best to secure all material and equipment required immediately upon approval of all submittals.
22. Any delays in the project schedule that are not attributable to Firetrol Protection Systems may result in additional costs. Such costs may include, but are not limited to, extended labor, material price fluctuations, and equipment rental fees. Such delays will be subject to review, and the resulting costs will be incorporated into the final billing through a formal change order process.
23. In consideration of current market pricing volatility on raw material and other construction related products due to potential US tariffs and the project duration, we have included current material pricing and request that commercial terms include allowance for pricing adjustments based on the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS) Producer Price Index (PPI) and/or actual tariff costs based on the country of origin for any material included in this quote. The inclusion of mutually agreeable application of the BLS PPI and/or tariff costs allows for equitable pricing updates to an agreement based on current competitive market conditions.

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PIONEER TECHNOLOGY CENTER
Part-Time & Temporary Employment Contracts and/or Addenda to Contracts
Date 12/09/2025 FY 2025/2026

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Class Taught</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contract amount</u>
Keri Bartley	AEFL @ PTC	12/1-31 (17.5 hrs)	437.50
Wendy Burg	Canning Class	11/17 (5 hrs)	150.00
Chad Chrisco	Culinary Services Asst.	1/1-6/30 (up to 29 hrs/week)	15.00/hr
Chad Chrisco	Warm & Wonderful Class Asst.	11/12 (4 hrs)	60.00
Chad Chrisco	Warm & Wonderful Class 2 Asst.	11/19 (4 hrs)	60.00
Chad Chrisco	Canning Class Asst.	11/17 (4 hrs)	60.00
Aimee Clark	AEFL @ PTC	12/1-31 (31.5 hrs)	787.50
Angelica Gatchell	Clutter Free Class	11/12-13 (6 hrs)	300.00
Larry Godley	AEFL @ Tonkawa	12/1-31 (18.5 hrs)	555.00
Vina Gowdy	Google Workspace Class	11/11-20 (12 hrs)	360.00
Elaine Harman	AEFL @ PTC	12/1-31 (24.5 hrs)	637.00
Katheryn Johnson	CSO Skills Check-Off	11/3-20 (12 hrs)	420.00
Mallory Kyler	Safety Proctor at CBT Lab	11/17 (3 hrs)	60.00
Julie Lawrence	AEFL @ PTC	12/1-31 (42 hrs)	1092.00
Allyson Leonard	AEFL @ PTC	12/1-31 (28 hrs)	700.00
Jeff Lockett	Ag, Bus, & Fin Consultant	12/16-1/15 (up to 50 hrs)	26.00/hr
Jeff Lockett	Ag, Bus, & Fin Consultant	1/16-2/13 (up to 50 hrs)	26.00/hr
Jeff Lockett	Ag, Bus, & Fin Consultant	2/16-3/13 (up to 50 hrs)	26.00/hr
Jeff Lockett	Ag, Bus, & Fin Consultant	3/16-4/15 (up to 50 hrs)	26.00/hr
Jeff Lockett	Ag, Bus, & Fin Consultant	4/16-5/15 (up to 50 hrs)	26.00/hr
Jeff Lockett	Ag, Bus, & Fin Consultant	5/18-6/15 (up to 50 hrs)	26.00/hr
Jeff Lockett	Ag, Bus, & Fin Consultant	6/16-6/30 (up to 30 hrs)	26.00/hr
Steven Long	EMT Instructor	1/16-2/15 (up to 48 hrs)	25.00/hr
Steven Long	EMT Instructor	2/16-3/15 (up to 48 hrs)	25.00/hr
Steven Long	EMT Instructor	3/16-4/15 (up to 48 hrs)	25.00/hr
Sandy May	AEFL @ PTC	12/1-31 (21 hrs)	525.00
Joni Murphy	AEFL @ Osage Site	12/1-31 (14 hrs)	350.00
Ashley O'Hara	RN Supervisor	12/21-1/20	250.00
Ashley O'Hara	RN Supervisor	1/21-2/20	250.00
Ashley O'Hara	RN Supervisor	2/21-3/20	250.00
Ashley O'Hara	RN Supervisor	3/21-4/20	250.00
Ashley O'Hara	RN Supervisor	4/21-5/20	250.00
Ashley O'Hara	RN Supervisor	5/21-6/20	250.00
Ashley O'Hara	RN Supervisor	6/21-6/30	250.00
Eric Payne	Class B CDL Class	12/1-16 (96 hrs)	2880.00
Brenda Pollak	Warm & Wonderful Soup Class	11/12 (5 hrs)	150.00
Brenda Pollak	Warm & Wonderful Soup Class 2	11/19 (5 hrs)	150.00
Pam Powers	AEFL @ PTC	12/1-31 (68 hrs)	1700.00
Kellie Rains	Watercolor 101 Class	11/13 (5 hrs)	150.00
Kellie Rains	Resin Art Class	11/11-19 (3 hrs)	90.00
Kellie Rains	Resin Art Cutting Board Class	12/2-9 (2 hrs)	60.00
Ben Steichen	CPR First Aid Class	10/31 (6 hrs)	180.00
Rebecca Stephens	AEFL @ PTC	12/1-31 (37.5 hrs)	937.50
Mary Ann Sudbury	AEFL Corrections	12/1-31 (11.5 hrs)	299.00