

Pioneer Technology Center Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 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. Discussion and action to administer the oath of office and to seat Dr. Rachel Shuey-Bunney as board member for Zone #4
5. Reports and Presentations  
Report from Culinary Services — Mandy Farmer — Culinary Services Coordinator
6. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the Minutes of the March 10, 2026 regular Board of Education meeting
7. Discussion, review and vote to approve or not approve the Financial Reports; Activity Fund Report; and Encumbrances & Change Order Lists (General Fund #61497-61694 in the amount of \$253,272.48; Building Fund #60053-60080 in the amount of \$870,964.78; Payroll #70189-70189 in the amount of \$17,643.13)
8. Administrative Reports and Anticipated Discussion by the Board and Staff regarding facilities, district policy issues, community issues and/or personnel or student needs
  - 8.A. Traci Thorpe, Superintendent/CEO
  - 8.B. Kahle Goff, Executive Director Full-Time Programs
9. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2026-27. This resolution authorizes filing of the Form 471 application(s) for funding year 2026-27 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services
10. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the school calendar for 2026-2027 (FY27)
11. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve surplus items as listed on Appendix A.

12. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve purchases over \$10,000 as listed on Appendix B.
13. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve individuals on part-time and temporary employment contracts, and addenda to contracts as listed on Appendix C.
14. Discussion and vote to approve contract renewals for employees listed on Appendix D (Support Staff).
15. Vote to elect the President of the Board of Education
16. Vote to elect the Vice-President of the Board of Education
17. Vote to elect the Clerk of the Board of Education
18. Vote to elect the Deputy Clerk of the Board of Education
19. Recognition of outgoing Board President
20. Vote to approve or not approve the appointment of Kellie Johnson as Minutes Clerk and Aimee Snyder as Deputy Minutes Clerk for the Board of Education
21. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve hiring a Safety Instructor
22. New Business
23. Board Comment
24. 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.*

POSTED: Pioneer Technology Center, North Entrance  
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By Kellie Johnson, Minutes Clerk

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1. Call meeting to order

2. Roll call and establish a quorum

Also, in attendance were Traci Thorpe, Kahle Goff, Mike Orr, Aimee Snyder, Terri Busch, Kellie Johnson, Erin Mercer and Jay States of S&B CPA's and Associates.

3. Flag salute and moment of silence

4. Reports and Presentations

Presentation of FY 25 audit report- Jay States, S & B CPA's and Associates

5. Discussion and vote to accept or not accept FY25 Audit report.

Motion to accept FY25 Audit report. passed with a motion by Mr. Laurence Beliel 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

6. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve contracts for FY26 Audit and Financial Statement Services with S&B CPA's & Associates PLLC and Mary E. Johnson & Associates PLLC

Motion to approve contracts for FY26 Audit and Financial Statement Services with S&B CPA's & Associates PLLC and Mary E. Johnson & Associates PLLC 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

7. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the Minutes of the February 10, 2026 regular Board of Education meeting

Motion to approve the Minutes of the February 10, 2026 regular Board of Education meeting passed with a motion by Mrs Gay Norris and a second by Ms. Rachel Shuey.

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

8. Discussion, review and vote to approve or not approve the Financial Reports; Activity Fund Report; and Encumbrances & Change Order Lists (General Fund #61370-61496 in the amount of \$75,102.71; Building Fund #60048-60052 in the amount of \$117,135.50)

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 Ms. Rachel Shuey.

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. 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

Audra Mason, Student Services Coordinator, and her team have been conducting enrollment interviews at our area schools for the upcoming school year. We anticipate having potential program numbers in April. • PTC hosted the NW District leadership contest for SkillsUSA at the end of February. Over 350 participants were on campus and participated in a variety of leadership competitive events.

PTC will be hosting another Handheld Laser Welding Institute March 16-19th. We will see some out of state companies join our local folks for this event. Locally Cookshack, Mertz, and CME have participants registered, and we've reached out to CPM Bliss, Thermal seal Duct for invitations. We'll have a vendor here to provide demonstrations as well as the trainer from Washington providing the training. We will also have some returning participants to gain next level information and onsite troubleshooting for those who may want to look at their specific processes. This is the second training we've been able to provide with Rapid Response funds allocated to ODCTE from Workforce Oklahoma. PTC will be hosting testing for Firefighter 1

for OSFA on Saturday, March 7th. There are 16 participants coming, and most are from Perry and volunteer departments located in Noble, Payne and Lincoln counties. We're partnering with OSU-OKC, who provided the training. Our role will be to provide the testing, evaluations and live fire certification. The fencing around the back of the property has been completed. The drive around the BIS building and incubator facilities is scheduled to begin construction on March 9th and is anticipated to complete by May 1st

Kahle Goff- Executive Director of Full-Time Programs

10. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the ADPC software License and Support Agreement for FY27 — same as last FY (\$1,037 month / \$12,444 annual)

Motion to approve the ADPC software License and Support Agreement for FY27 passed with a motion by Mr. J.D. Soulek and a second by Ms. Rachel Shuey.

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. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve proposed equipment purchases

Motion to approve proposed equipment purchases as listed 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

12. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve a tuition increase for Full-Time Programs

Motion to approve a tuition increase of \$0.50 for Full-Time Programs, bringing total tuition to \$2.50. passed with a motion by Mrs Gay Norris and a second by Ms. Rachel Shuey.

Mr. Laurence Beliel: Yea  
Ms. Debbie Leaming: Nay  
Mrs Gay Norris: Yea  
Ms. Rachel Shuey: Yea  
Mr. J.D. Soulek: Yea  
Yea: 4, Nay: 1

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

Motion to approve individuals on part-time and temporary employment contracts, and addenda to contracts on Appendix A passed with a motion by Ms. Rachel Shuey 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

14. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the transfer of John Munger, Academic Lab Instructor to Share Coordinator effective July 1, 2026.

Motion to approve the transfer of John Munger, Academic Lab Instructor to Share Coordinator effective July 1, 2026. 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

15. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the transfer of Cortney Horne, Career Development Facilitator to Disabilities Services Specialist/Counselor effective July 1, 2026.

Motion to approve the transfer of Cortney Horne, Career Development Facilitator to Disabilities Services Specialist/Counselor effective July 1, 2026. 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

16. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve hiring a Training Navigator for New Beginnings.

Motion to approve hiring Katie Holman as the Training Navigator for New Beginnings. passed with a motion by Mr. J.D. Soulek and a second by Ms. Rachel Shuey.

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

17. Vote to approve contract renewals for the employees listed on Appendix B  
(Coordinators/Counselors/Managers)

Motion to approve FY 26 contract renewals for the employees listed on Appendix B  
(Coordinators/Counselors/Managers) passed with a motion by Mrs Gay Norris 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

18. New Business (None)

19. Board Comment- Dr. Shuey stated that she had some of the Vet tech students at her clinic  
and she is very pleased with this partnership.

20. President Leaming adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kellie Johnson*

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Board Minutes Clerk

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President, Board of Education

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Clerk, Board of Education

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Date of Approval

Motion:

Second:

Vote:

# Superintendent Report – April 2026

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## Meetings and Activities

- **March 11** – Careertech Foundation Board meeting
- 12 – Welcome new PN class; Apptegy/Rooms Communication platform training; Enrollment/Re-enrollment meeting
- 13 – Family funeral
- 16 – 20 – Spring Break
- 23 – Admin Team Reunification Planning meeting; PTC/Integris Health CNA/Patient Care Technician meeting; CTE Legislative Committee meeting
- 24 – Danielle Hoover event;
- 25 – TechCent\$ Graduation – Molly Kyler
- 26 – Careertech State Board Meeting – accreditation approval; Gubernatorial forum at PTC; 2<sup>nd</sup> Interview Safety position; NOC Alumni celebration event
- 27 – B&I Breakfast; PTC Supervisor Timeclock Guidance meeting; CTE Superintendent Zoom
- 30 – CTE Legislative Committee Zoom
- 31 – CTE Appropriations Discussion
- **April 1** – OASA Region 4/PTC Area Superintendent Meeting
- 2 – UC Board meeting; Integris Outpatient Infusion Center Ribbon Cutting; Integris Ponca City board meeting
- 3 – Good Friday
- 6 – Admin team meeting; CTE Legislative Committee meeting
- 7 – CTE Superintendent Tuesday Team at State Capitol;
- 8 – Employee Performance Review meetings
- 9 – Capital Planning committee meeting; OSSBA Region 3 @ Tonkawa
- 10 – 15 - Utah Vacation

## Full-Time Programs

- Legislative session is looking to wrap up early this year. The budget bill has been passed through committee and is moving on for approval on the floor of each chamber, before final approval by the Governor. This is the earliest that has happened. This budget includes flat funding for Careertech, but they did protect Flex Benefit Allowance and added longevity pay for state employees as well as a teacher pay raise for CTE. We are waiting to hear from ODCTE how that may be rolled out, once final approval has been granted.
- There are still several other tax reduction measures making their way through the process. We have been in contact with our legislators to share concerns with the impact those may have on our future school budgets. Some that we're still monitoring closely are: potential SQ 843 – Homestead tax exemption, SB227 - flowlines for oil and gas, HJR1087 – manufactures' exemption and SJR39 – Ad Valorem growth caps.

## Business and Industry Services

- Integris Hospital staff met with PTC team members to discuss a pathway to assist more of our CNA completers toward employment opportunities in a hospital setting. Discussions centered around the development of a stackable credential for Patient Care Technician which will include some clinical rotations in a hospital and can be an add-on beyond CNA.
- Mayor Kelsey Wagner has signed a proclamation in observance of National Apprenticeship Week, recognizing the vital role apprenticeships provide in creating opportunities for quality jobs and well-paying careers. PTC will be presented the proclamation on April 13 at the City of Ponca City Commission meeting. National Apprenticeship week will be observed April 26 - May 2.

- Several of our PTC team participated in the Central Technology Center CDL Statewide Program Advisory Committee meeting on April 8. The group met to discuss the statewide offering and network about what is working, needs/concerns, and what's next. PTC is one of the 18 technology centers partnering in the statewide offering.

## Capital Planning

- The drive around the BIS building and incubator facilities is underway and is anticipated to complete by early May.
- Plans for a low water crossing have been received from the City of Ponca City and will be constructed this spring/summer.
- The capital planning committee met to review upcoming Spring/Summer projects and priorities for future capital projects. Quotes for summer projects will be anticipated for approval at the May meeting.

## Retirements/Resignations/Staff Changes

- We are in the process of identifying candidates for several open positions: T&I Director, Secondary Math Instructor, Career Development Facilitator, WRO Job Specialist, and Bid Assistance Coordinator. We anticipate opening the Student Services Administrative Assistant later this month.

## Upcoming Events

April 17 – Spring State Department of Education Accreditation Site Visit; B&I Breakfast – Transportation and Logistics Sector  
April 21-22 – CTE Superintendent meeting - Kiamichi  
April 23 – Careertech Foundation Board meeting  
April 24 – PN Pinning Ceremony  
April 26 – May 2 – National Apprenticeship Week  
April 28 – Partners in Progress – Tom Riley and Tomco Fabrication FY26 honoree  
April 30 – May 1 – PTC 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Days

**Directors' Report to the PTC Board of Education – April 2026  
(Alphabetic by Area)**

**Business & Industry Services & Safety**

- The BIS team served 78 different in-district businesses and 21 out-of-district businesses in March.
- Three hundred fifty-five (355) services were rendered by the team last month. These activities include Community Development & Involvement, Apprenticeships, Marketing Visits, Safety Training, Customized Training, Consulting, Personal Enrichment, Team & Professional Development, and OK APEX Accelerator access.
- The BIS team conducted 75 one-on-one consultations for 137.35 counseling hours.
- The BIS team also logged
  - 727 Safety Training Contact Hours
  - 1,620 Customized Training Contact Hours
  - 1,221 AT&D/Open Enrollment Contact Hours
- AT&D offered 19 on-campus classes: 15 made, 4 canceled, and 269 registrations were fulfilled. Two classes offered certification in CMA/CE and CMA.
- Markesha Duggan led the coordination of the special event with Danielle Hoover. One of the writers of Netflix Ginny & Georgia series.
- Kyle Batson facilitated the safety instructor interview panel.
- The PTC BIS team received positive feedback on their multiple presentations at the ODCTE WED Forum. Topics they presented on included: Finding the Right Instructor, Leadership, and Capturing Impact.
- Johnny Thornburgh and Gary Vap hosted staff from NE Tech at the Training Tower and Fire Service program.
- Johnny Coordinated another Handheld Laser Welding Institute over Spring Break.
- Jenn Miller, assisted by Molly and Heather, put on a customized Manager's Tool Belt for the Kay County Detention Center and Sheriff's Department Leadership.
- Sylvia trained over 500 individuals in Guest Services over the past two months.
- Dawn Brakey held an OkAPEX Accelerator Program Advisory Committee meeting.
- Janet Schwabe attended the Oklahoma Talent Accelerator Overview meeting. Janet also coordinated the monthly B&I breakfast. The focus was on our non-profit partners. We had 27 folks attend and 11 non-profits were represented.
- Johnny and Molly, along with Matt Weinrich from ODCTE, met with a local industry partner to put together a potential TIP incentive.
- Ian Freeman and Molly Kyler participated in Leadership Ponca City's (LPC) State Government Session.
- This year's LPC class project was Pack the Pantry benefitting PCPS nutrition program. Ian Freeman was a key organizer for the event.
- This year's Leadership Blackwell project was a Bingo night. Janet Schwabe is in that class and helped with the program.
- Molly participated in PCDA's annual strategic planning retreat.
- Molly continues to participate in the Entrepreneur Leadership Network (ELN), a local industry executive roundtable group.
- Molly Graduated from ODCTE's TechCent\$ program.
- The Admin Team worked to complete Mid-Year team goal check-ins.

**On the horizon in April for AT&D...**

Intro to Photo Editing, CNA-Long Term Care Nurse Aide.  
Container Gardening  
Cell Phone Photography  
Excel 2019 Level 2  
CPR/FIRST AID  
Couples Date Night - **NEW Menu!**

**On the horizon for BIS**

*Mark your calendars . . . May is National Small Business Month!*

- New Business Workshop - Wednesday, May 6
- BBQ with BIS - Friday, May 8
- Small Business Conference - Tuesday, May 12

**Communications & Marketing**

- The C&M Team is attending the Oklahoma School Public Relations Conf in Hochatown, OK. Terri Busch is President Elect and has been planning the 3 day event.
- Troy Buller and his student filmed the 1 Million Cups Presentation assisted by Terri Busch who promoted it on social media.
- Angie Ogden assisted with numerous flyers and hand-out creations for both AT&D and BIS.
- Terri Busch attended the Truck Driver Training Advisory Board meeting at Central Tech with other BIS staff in Drumright.
- Angie Ogden created monthly eblasts for AT&D and BIS.
- The C&M Team attended the Graduation planning meeting and is assisting in numerous areas for the May 14<sup>th</sup> event.
- Terri Busch met with the Director of Newkirk Main Street to assist them in future planning.
- March Students of the month were placed on all social media, newsprint and throughout the campus displays by the C&M Team.
- The C&M team put together goodie bags for several different groups on campus.
- Angie Ogden created next year's tshirt designs and they are being approved by Student Services.
- The C&M Team continues to update the website for ADA Compliance standards.
- Terri Busch had lunch with Ponca City Schools Public Information Officer Katie Parr discussing ADA Compliance.
- Angie Ogden is putting together the summer classes mailer and communicating with the printers for the mailers to go out in May.
- Terri Busch provided New Employee On-boarding to Paula Ford.
- Angie Ogden is working on the Full-Time Programs catalog and updating it.
- The C&M Team is making plans with Clean Uniforms to update the Employee portal for our new recruitment wear for next school year.
- Angie Ogden assisted with future HOSA Tshirt designs.
- The C&M Team met with Student Services to finalize plans for Summer Camps/Academies in June and July.
- Terri Busch assisted tour with Attorney General Gentner Drummond when he was on campus.

- The C&M Team continues to monitor Summer Camp numbers through the new jotform platform.
- Terri Busch was interviewed on a podcast for PC Monthly that will run in April.

## **Instructional Directors / Full Time Programs**

### **Instructional Directors**

- Several team members reviewed PTC's Rooms 1-1 communication platform to determine if the district should continue with the service.
- Kahle Goff, Traci Thorpe, Audra Mason, and Jayme Evans met to discuss PTC's Enrollment Process and Rubric.
- Kahle Goff participated in a Blackwell Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting and is helping plan the Annual Night Golf Tournament.
- Kahle Goff participated in an Opportunity Center Board Meeting.
- Several team members hosted a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for students and staff. Kayla Randol planned and organized the event.
- Traci Thorpe and Kahle Goff attended the Oklahoma State Board of CareerTech meeting where PTC received full accreditation.
- Kahle Goff conducted phone interviews for the Trade and Industry Instructional Director position. PTC is in the process of scheduling in person interviews.
- Kahle Goff attended PTC's Business and Industry Breakfast focusing on non-profit organizations.
- Multiple PTC programs attended the Annual Blackwell Career Fair.
- PTC Graduation and Student Awards Committees met to plan the annual events.
- Kahle Goff, Kendra Knight, and Jennifer Wehrenberg produced the monthly Instructional Staff Meeting Video.

### **Practical Nursing -Program Highlights & Student Success**

- **NWOSU Partnership:** During the April contract day, NWOSU representatives met with our students to discuss their new hybrid LPN to BSN program, which launches in January 2027.
- **NCLEX Success:** We are thrilled to report that a PN Select student recently passed their NCLEX on the first attempt.
- **Cohort Updates:** Our newest cohort successfully launched on March 12th with 18 incoming students.
  - The March '25 cohort is making excellent progress as they finish up their clinicals and begin their preceptorships.
  - Our current PN Select students are diligently working through their FON coursework and attending clinicals one day a week in Fairfax.

### **Health, BITE and Special Programs**

#### Medical Services

- Medical Assistant Program
  - The MA students are now deep into their clinical rotations and are receiving wonderful feedback from their host sites! They have proven to be incredibly fast learners, gaining invaluable experience working directly with live patients. When back on campus, we are either diving into focused assignments on specific medical

specialties or gearing up for upcoming certifications. I've implemented individualized focus assessments, allowing students to choose areas of study that best meet their specific needs.

- Veterinary Assistant Program
  - Our VA students are continuing their veterinary clinical rotations with Dr. Rachel Shuey in Tonkawa. They are thoroughly enjoying the experience and gaining high-level, practical knowledge from Dr. Shuey and her talented staff in both small and large animal care. Back at PTC, the students are pushing through their final veterinary medical terminology course and have reached their final curriculum chapter: Avian and Exotic animals.
- Clinical Rotations & Feedback
  - We are so grateful for the partnerships that make these hands-on experiences possible. Across both programs, the transition from the classroom to the clinic has been seamless.

#### Academic Math

- Students are progressing and finishing their math or science. Those who have completed, are finishing Workkeys placement tests with me.
- Adult MA students are doing their clinicals. Those on Scholarship or financial aid are still coming to class

#### Teacher Prep

- Taking Certification tests
- Taking Work Keys tests
- Listening to Jessica Thompson speak on Epic schools
- Preparing for FCCLA State Convention
- Beginning CDA portfolio's

#### HCC

- Students completed CNA clinicals and skills and written testing
- Students starting A&P curriculum

#### AEFL

- March Update
  - 11 new students enrolled in the AEFL and TANF programs
  - 86 students currently enrolled
  - 7017 total attendance hours for all students
  - 5 high school equivalency tests passed this month
  - 8 students have graduated and earned their high school equivalency diploma
  - 36 students have made an EFL gain (Educational Functioning Level)
- AEFL Staff attended virtual and face-to-face training:
  - Increasing Your GED Pass Rate and Your Learners' Scores!
  - How Top Career and Technical Education Programs Succeed
  - How Stimulation Expanded Capacity and Improved Safety in Heavy Equipment Education at Alfred State College
  - Harnessing AI to Transform Personal Financial Teaching

#### SHARE

- SHARE had 3 more students complete their core classes to graduate.
- Added on more student to the program.

#### New Beginning

- 23 Students at this time attending Pioneer Technology Center.

- 2 Non TANF Students
- 1 student at Meridian Tech.
- 1 student in CDL, 1 student in Long Term Nurse Aide
- 3 students in internships
- 1 student became employed
- Several students are job searching and waiting to attend short term classes.
- 1 student has been approved for PN in the fall

#### Children's Lab and Preschool

- In March, we completed our full QRIS 5-Star review. Overall, the review went very well, and I am proud of our team's performance. We only had a few minor items to address, primarily related to additional documentation, which have since been corrected.
- We also had an Osage Nation review and received zero non-compliances, which is a great reflection of our program's quality and compliance.
- During Spring Break, the Children's Lab remained open for three days to continue supporting our families.
- On the staffing side, we had a few updates:
  - Cheyanne Herring returned from maternity leave
  - Kaitlynn Clark welcomed her baby and has begun maternity leave

#### BITE

- The BITE programs recently competed in the State BPA contest. We had four students advance to Nationals this year held in Nashville, TN.
  - Bryce Klinger - Network Administration Using Cisco
  - Christian Fezer - Device Configuration and Troubleshooting
  - Jhet Jackson - Device Configuration and Troubleshooting
  - Nykol Luna - Intermediate Word Processing
- Vis Com had a speaker from Dead Center Film recently. Victor Caballero the DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION + OUTREACH. The mission of Dead Center Film is to inspire, promote, and celebrate creativity and community through film

#### Biomed

- This month's theme has been DNA and genetics!
- First year students have been looking at different patient cases and discovering how genetic mutations can lead to both acute and chronic diseases. In these scenarios, the students are the healthcare providers and they have to come up with a plan of care for their assigned patient. This can be challenging, as many of them have never been put in a role to have to make decisions about someone else or choose the best method of care, moving forward. In these scenarios, we have also been discussing HIPAA regulations and telehealth options for their patients considering this has become an integral part of healthcare since Covid.
- Second year students just finished a lab using their own DNA! We made multiple copies using a process called polymerase chain reaction or PCR, then we created a DNA profile using gel electrophoresis. Students were able to look at their results and see if they had a specific taste gene. Students became really engaged being able to test their own DNA.
- We also took a field trip to the OSBI forensics lab and toured UCO's Forensic Science Institute. This was a great experience! Students noticed that many of the terminology and lab procedures they have been learning in class are the same as what they use to solve crimes! It's always impactful for the students to see how the curriculum can apply to real world situations.

- Many students took a first round qualifying test for HOSA. Four biomed students were able to advance to the state competition being held in Norman in April. We are excited for them to be able to perform skills taught in the classroom or learn a new skill in a category that interests them!

#### WRO

- March workshop is finishing this week 3/23//26 with 20 participants planned for completion. Now exceeding our 150 FY!
- We have Katie Holman returning to the New Beginning team as we will begin interviewing for the Job Coach position at the beginning of April.
- PO's for participants include 3 short term certification choices and we held Forklift Certification 3/27/26 for our participants thanks to partnering with BIS- this is such a confidence booster for individuals entering this area of work. Barrier removal includes 2 vehicle expenses, and 1 full and 2 partial rent, 3 individuals needing work clothing and haircut, and partial of 1 utility bill. Other WR expenditures include gas cards and transit passes as we invoice these in bulk then note individual files as participants need them for class or work.
- Community engagements included Dondi attending Tonkawa leadership- with last class happening April 16- this has been a great experience! Dondi and Fae took turns cohosting a few days at WBBZ. 4 of us went to 2 different schools to help with Read Across America in Ponca and plan to help in Tonkawa in May. Our office stayed open through Spring Break with 1 staff, still hosting Info Session with good turnout on St. Patrick's Day.

#### **T&I and Service Programs**

##### Automotive

- Visited other Auto programs at Moore Norman in OKC and Francis Tuttle in Edmond and got a lot of great ideas and feedback
- Visiting Po Hi to talk to AP students
- Approved for 3 new additional lifts that will be installed over the summer

##### Cosmetology

- Sixteen first-year students are currently enrolled in the Oklahoma State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering Blow-Dry Certification Course. This 12-hour program provides students with foundational training in shampooing, blow-drying, and basic styling techniques.
- Upon successful completion of the course and passing a written examination in Oklahoma City, students become eligible to work in a salon setting, where they may perform shampoo, blow-dry, and styling services.
- This opportunity allows students to build confidence, gain hands-on experience, and begin developing professional skills while continuing their cosmetology education.
- 1st year students completed their direct hair color project, voting for the people's choice is open until April 2nd.
- 2nd-year students are preparing to take their Oklahoma State Board Exams
- Thirteen students are preparing for the SkillsUSA State Contest that is on April 19-21

##### Construction Trades

- practicing for Skills USA
- end of the year side table project

- WBL trailer re decking job

#### Criminal Justice

- Students have been training with the Ponca City Police Department on Domestic Violence Investigations and Report Writing.
- Students continue to Intern with the Kay County Detention Facility, Ponca City Police Department and the 8th District Attorney's Office. Students Participated in the Oklahoma City Police Department 2 person building clearing contest. Students participated in the Physical Fitness Challenge in Oklahoma City. PCPD Sgt. Corey Vincent trained students on fingerprinting and crime scene investigation.

#### Culinary Arts

- First time taking a student to the FCCLA State Star Events in the Culinary Grill competition
- Students are preparing for their competency tests taking place next week
- Two high school students are preparing for the SkillsUSA Baking and Pastry competition

#### Firefighter/EMT

- EMT students will complete their course training next week and will test on national psychomotor skills on April 10th. National Registry certification testing will begin April 15th.
- Several students are in the testing process for employment at area fire departments. I believe that some will be hired once they have their NREMT certification.
- We have found and procured a new (used) fire engine to replace the old one. We should take delivery by the end of April.

#### Mechatronics

- Mr. Rector obtained Robotics Operations 1 certificate (SACA)
- Class field trip to OSU-OKC
- Mr. Rector is working on a Drone License. Will get it this summer.

#### Precision Machining

- Had a student start WBL at Ditch Witch.
- Submitted to Kahle a new CNC lathe for the lottery grant.
- Submitted to Kahle the new floor plan layout for the shop facelift

#### Welding

- Weld Certification testing
- Complete project for 101 wild west rodeo
- Practice Weldments that will be performed on test day

### **Student Services**

#### **Student Services:**

- Completed interviews at Wildcat Academy, Ponca City, Newkirk and PTC
- Administered Workkeys test to students at Blackwell High School for enrollment
- Assessed applications, transcripts, and test scores for enrollment
- Entered data for applications/enrollment on Google sheet
- Worked on information for NTHS
- Attended meeting for 3rd Grade Days and Summer Camp
- Administered WorkKeys assessments in the evenings
- Administered CNA Assessments
- Assisted in the testing center
- Began cross training for when Laura is out this summer with the new baby
- Assisted in planning a FAFSA Support night
- Assisted with the Danielle Hoover Presentation during the morning and evening sessions
- Attended Director's meeting @ Kiamichi Tech

**Career Development Facilitator:**

- Attended Tech Access Oklahoma 2026 Professional Development virtually
- Attended People with Disabilities Awareness Day 2026
- Organized Blackwell Middle School visit to see the Fire/EMT and IT programs
- Explored the Hospitality and Tourism Career cluster with district 8th graders
- Explored the Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security with district 8th graders
- Made recruitment visits to district 9th graders at Woodland, Newkirk, Blackwell, and Tonkawa
- Organized Recruitment and Retention Committee meeting to discuss 3rd Grade Days and Summer Camp

**Counselor**

- Met with students and directors regarding attendance and grades
- Assisted students with scholarship and college applications
- Assisted students with FAFSA
- Completed interviews at Wildcat Academy, Ponca City, Newkirk and PTC
- Administered Workkeys test to students at Blackwell High School for enrollment
- Attended Ponca City Internship and Career Fair
- Assisted with the organization of FAFSA Support Workshop
- Continued to work through enrollment
- Monitored grades, attendance for NTHS
- Attended meeting for 3rd Grade Days and Summer Camp

**Disability Services Facilitator**

- Continued scheduling, attending, hosting IEP and 504 meetings with sending schools.
- Assisted with sending school enrollment interviews.
- Attended People with Disabilities Day in Oklahoma City.
- Continued providing testing accommodations for WorkKeys and Certification Tests for IEP/504 Students.

**Employability Skills:**

- Finished up the resumes for the students going to SkillsUSA State
- Did several mock interviews for LPN students
- Helped with the Danielle Hoover presentation
- Students are working on Team Building Activities in the Career Center. We have made the tallest tower with toothpicks and marshmallows as well as 15 sheets of paper. They have had to learn how to work in groups and brainstorm ideas together. We also solved a Ted Talks video which challenged the students.

**Testing Specialist**

A total of **295 tests** were proctored in February, bringing our fiscal-year total to **1,656**.

With only 13 testing days, we accumulated **302.5 contact hours**, not including **76 untimed exams**. We had **2 no-shows**.

CNA: 8

## Test Breakdown

### Student Testing (141 testers)

- Career Center WorkKeys Students: 48
  - Teacher Prep: 14
  - FF/EMT Practice Tests: 34
  - Health Careers CNA Tests: 34
  - SkillsUSA State Tests: 11
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### Public Testing (163 testers)

- Kay County residents: 129
  - Kansas residents: 6
  - Surrounding Areas (Stillwater, Pawhuska, Guthrie, Hunter, Broken Arrow, OKC, Perry, Fairfax, Perkins, Wakita): 28
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## Details

### Evening Testers — 3 testers

Employer Requested (Paraprofessionals) WorkKeys: **9 total**

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### WorkKeys

I continue to dedicate Mondays to in-house WorkKeys testing for Career Center students. I have also proctored:

- Student WorkKeys: 48
  - Entrance WorkKeys: 58
  - Employer-Requested/Paraprofessional WorkKeys: 9
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### AT&D Course Completers – 8

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### ABE / High School Equivalency- 16

HiSET: 13

GED (via Pearson VUE): 3

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## **CTTC Health & Professional Certifications**

CLEET Phase I & II: 3

CMA: 1

ODHMSAS (Oklahoma Dept. of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services): 2

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## **Pearson VUE – 13**

- CEOE (Oklahoma Educators): 2
- NES (National Evaluation Series): 3
- NREMT Advanced: 2
- EMT: 1
- PTCB (Pharmacy Tech): 1
- GED: 3
- Texas Department of Insurance: 1

### **• PROV (Cosmetology Exams) – 3**

Oklahoma Residents: 3

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## **PSI – 27**

- OK Unlimited Electrical Jrny (240 mins): 6
- OK Plumbing Journey & Gas (180 mins): 4
- OK Core Exam (75 mins): 3
- OK 7B- General Pest Control (75 mins): 1
- OK Life, Accident and Health or Sickness Producer (150 mins): 2
- OK Service Technician Exam (75 mins): 3
- OK 1A- Agricultural Plants Exam (75 mins): 1
- OK 3A-Ornamental & Turf Pest Control: 1
- OK Property & Casualty Producer (150 mins): 1
- OK 6-Right-of-Way (75 mins): 3
- OK HVACR Jrny Unlimited (180 mins): 2

## **BPOC Applicants- 1**

MMPI: 1

POSSE:

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## Other Testing

NCCT: N/A

Proctored College Course Exams: N/A

**\*\*This was our busiest month yet!**

### WorkKeys:

- Created Validus accounts for potential incoming students
- Proctor workkeys for potential incoming students
- Work on workkeys with current students
- Proctor HOSA testing
- Attended Internship Fair in Ponca City
- Attended Danielle Hoover Speaker
- Typed resumes for Skills USA

## Plant/Facilities/Maintenance

- The Criminal Justice police truck body damage and repairs completed by Klingler's Collision Center. Progressive Insurance is responsible for payment.
- New equipment and furniture ordered for the facility.
- Admin team working on the reunification goal.
- The BIS service road project is approximately 70% complete with a projected completion date of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026. A few days delayed due to rain. Scheduled to pour concrete on 4/9/26.
- PTC North building had new steel soffit material replace to ensure a sealed building envelope.
- Working with the City of Ponca City for MOU's for a possible reunification temporary and primary location.
- Quotes for low water crossing to allow safe passage of staff and students to temporary reunification building.
- New sidewalk installed on the northside parking lot area for Early Care access.
- New sidewalk installed around the North side of the BIS building to allow access to walk around the building to access the back parking area.

CAREER FIELD	A.M.	P.M.	Total Slots Enrolled	High School A.M.	High School P.M.	PT Adult A.M.	PT Adult P.M.	Full-Time	Total Students	# of Slots Capacity	% Enrolled
<b>PN - M. Tripp</b>											
Practical Nursing*	42		42	0	0	0	0	42	42	40	105%
PN Select Aug 25	4										
	Sep-25		9								
	Mar-26		18								
PN Select Aug 25	9										
	Sep-25		12	PN Select Transfer							
<b>BPOC - T. Hodgson</b>											
Basic Police Officer	6		6	0	0	0	0	6	6	8	75%
<b>T&amp;I</b>											
	242										
Automotive Tech	12	16	28	11	17	1	0	0	29	40	70%
Construction	21	19	40	16	13	2	2	3	36	40	100%
Cosmetology	20	24	44	17	19	0	2	1	39	40	110%
Criminal Justice	15	14	29	15	10	0	2	0	27	24	121%
Culinary Arts	9	14	23	7	12	1	1	1	22	30	77%
Firefighter/EMT	15	7	22	6	2	3	0	6	17	20	110%
Mechatronics	6	4	10	6	3	0	1	0	10	40	25%
Precision Machining	15	12	27	12	9	1	1	2	25	30	90%
Welding	20	17	37	19	16	1	1	0	37	40	93%
<b>Health, BITE, TP, Sp Prog - K Keelin</b>											
	135										
Information Technology	14	8	22	8	4	4	2	2	20	30	73%
Teacher Preparation	10	8	18	10	7	0	1	0	18	30	60%
BioMedical Sciences	11	7	18	10	6	0	0	1	17	30	60%
Health Careers	16	12	28	16	12	0	0	0	28	30	93%
Medical Services	6	6	12	4	2	0	0	6	12	30	40%
PN Select	2	2	4	2	2	0	0	0	4	12	33%
Visual Communications	12	10	22	11	8	0	1	1	21	30	70%
SHARE	9	6	15	10	5	0	0	0	15	40	38%
Academic Lab	51	29	80								
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>432</b>			<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>410</b>		

HIGH SCHOOLS	a.m.	p.m.	Both	Total Students
Blackwell	19	25	2	46
Frontier	2	1	0	3
DCLA	1	0	0	1
EPIC	2	16	0	18
HomeSchool	3	0	0	3
Newkirk	15	22	1	38
Medford	12	0	0	12
Ponca City	68	71	6	145
Shidler	10	0	0	10
Tonkawa	11	10	0	21
Woodland	23	0	0	23
<b>Total High School</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>320</b>	
Adults - full-time	61		61	
Adults - part-time	13	15	29	
<b>Total Adults</b>			<b>90</b>	
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>410</b>	

**NOTES:** In the top table, the Total Students column counts each student on campus one time by program. The bottom table counts each student once by classification.

\* Practical Nursing total of 5 start dates.  
 \*\*SHARE has 15 students that are combined SHARE/CareerTech courses both a.m. and p.m.; and 0 who are SHARE Academic Only full time.

Special Programs	Total Enrollment
AEFL	86
New Beginnings	21
Apprenticeship	5

# **Paperclips**

## **March 2026**

# Wednesday

March 18, 2026

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## Lights, Camera, Courage: An Evening with screenwriter Danielle Hoover

Ponca City, OK ----- Ponca City will welcome home one of its own as accomplished screenwriter, producer, and actress Danielle Hoover headlines a special community event titled Lights, Camera, Courage, Tuesday, March 24th at 9:30am and 6:00pm in the Pioneer Tech Conference Center.

This free event, open to the public with required registration, celebrates Hoover's remarkable journey from her childhood in Ponca City to her thriving career in the film and television industry. The evening is designed to inspire and engage the community by highlighting the success of a former Ponca City native who has built an influential career in Hollywood.

Hoover currently writes for the hit Netflix series *Ginny & Georgia* and has contributed to numerous television projects throughout her career, including *Insatiable* in 2018, *Life in Pieces* in 2015, and *Liv and Maddie* in 2013. She will also share insights into her current film project, *Goodbye Girl*, offering attendees a behind the scenes look at her creative process and storytelling approach.

In addition to discussing



her professional accomplishments, Hoover will reflect on pivotal transformational moments that shaped her career path. She will also speak about her role during the 2023 Writers Guild strike, including her involvement in helping advance critical contractual changes that strengthened and protect future opportunities for writers across the industry.

The event is all about sparking excitement for the arts, celebrating one of Ponca City's own, and encouraging future

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## Lights, Camera, Courage

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writers, performers, and creatives to chase their passions. Hoover's journey shows that even in a competitive industry, success is within reach when passion meets hard work and a willingness to keep going when things get tough. Hoover's achievements are a good reminder that global impact can begin in small towns and that creative ambition can flourish with courage and commitment.

Community members of all ages are encouraged to attend this inspiring celebration of storytelling, perseverance, and hometown success on Tuesday, March 24th at 9:30am and 6:00pm in the Pioneer Tech Conference Center. For more information about Pioneer Technology Center's programs and services, call 580-762-8336 or visit [www.pioneertech.edu](http://www.pioneertech.edu).



## JOIN OUR TEAM! WORK READY OKLAHOMA (WRO) JOB SPECIALIST

Pioneer Technology Center, an engaging and supportive workplace providing high quality programs and services, is looking for a **WRO Job Specialist**

Are you someone who is motivated by helping internal and external customers, as well as collaborating with a diverse group of clientele to provide high quality training and services? If so, to be successful in this position you must be supportive, productive, goal-oriented, team-focused, reliable, responsible, and self-motivated.

This position is designed for a unique person who has excellent skills in the following areas:

- Integrity, credibility, and a commitment to and passion for the program's mission
- Understanding of the methods and techniques of job development and client placement and/or current practices in CareerTech education
- knowledge of job search/job readiness techniques and the ability to teach these techniques
- Problem solving and decision making
- Ability to work with limited supervision, plan projects and set goals, demonstrate initiative
- Ability to build relationships with diverse groups
- Excellent verbal and written communication
- Self-motivation, with an attitude toward work that is resourceful and innovative
- Working in a team environment

Associate's degree required; Bachelor's degree in business administration, marketing, education or other related fields preferred

The successful applicant must have 2-4 years related experience and/or training in social work, administrative assistant or related field: or equivalent combination of education and experience. Experience representing a program and its services to stakeholders. Experience with outreach, sales, or job placement is preferred. Experience managing business and community relationships to achieve objectives, is preferred. A combination of equivalent education and work experience may be substituted for the above requirements.

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 talent and fit. Apply only if you meet our performance and abilities guidelines. Find our application information at [www.pioneertech.edu](http://www.pioneertech.edu).

Salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications. (Grant Funded)

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

Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation records check required upon employment.

A complete job description, list of qualifications, and application can be found at [pioneertech.ninjabig.com](http://pioneertech.ninjabig.com) or scan the QR Code



# Thursday

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**STUDENTS IN the Pioneer Technology Center (PTC) Practical Nursing program have been awarded scholarships funded by the Community Health Foundation. Scholarship recipients include front row, left to right, Nichole Axelson, Noemi Recio, and Varonica Frey, all of Ponca City. Back row, left to right, Amber Kline and Michaela Lee of Ponca City, and Grace Roth of Tonkawa. Established in 2006, the Community Health Foundation works to improve the health and well-being of Kay County residents through education, scholarships, and community partnerships. Each fall and spring semester, the Foundation provides financial support to students enrolled in Pioneer Tech's Practical Nursing program, helping them continue their training and advance toward careers in healthcare. PTC appreciates the Foundation's continued investment in students and its commitment to strengthening the region's healthcare workforce. The district extends congratulations to these dedicated students for earning this scholarship recognition and wishes them continued success in their training and future careers.**



## JOIN OUR TEAM! TRADE & INDUSTRY INSTRUCTIONAL DIRECTOR

Pioneer Technology Center, an engaging and supportive workplace providing high-quality programs and services, is looking for an Instructional Director of Trade & Industry.

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 position you must be dependable, team-focused, reliable, and responsible. Master's degree with three to five years' experience in a technology center or school administration is required. Oklahoma Department of Education Principal's Certification required. Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education Administration Certificate required. Three to five years of instructional leadership and supervising teachers preferred. You must be able to work on 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.

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. Contract length is 12 months.

Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation records check required upon employment.

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# Wednesday

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## Pioneer Tech Names February Students of the Month

and daily preparation. He arrives early, ready to work, and consistently demonstrates a willingness to assist classmates. Ramey's reliability, initiative, and commitment contribute to a productive learning environment and exemplify the qualities valued in advanced manufacturing careers.

Ponca City, OK - Pioneer Technology Center (PTC) proudly recognizes Zady Stoll, a graduate from Ponca City High School in the EMT Program, and Tripper Ramey, a junior from Newkirk High School in Precision Machining, as the February Students of the Month. PTC is honoring their dedication and leadership within their respective career programs.

Students of the Month are selected by instructors based on performance, character, and leadership within their programs. As part of their recognition, Stoll and Ramey will receive Student of the Month cups, allowing them to enjoy complimentary beverages throughout the month.

Zady Stoll is in his second year of the Firefighter/EMT program. He is known for his strong work ethic, organized study habits, and focused approach to training. Stoll consistently demonstrates a positive attitude in the classroom while remaining task oriented and committed to mastering the skills required in emergency services. His professionalism and steady determination reflect the high standards of the program.

Pioneer Technology Center congratulates these students for their achievements and for representing their programs, schools, and communities with pride and purpose. For more information about Pioneer Technology Center's programs and services, call 580-762-8336 or visit [www.pioneerotech.edu](http://www.pioneerotech.edu).

Tripper Ramey has distinguished himself in Precision Machining through outstanding attendance, punctuality,



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## The Power of Proximity: How Ponca City's Partnerships Fuel Local Growth

Story by **Katherine Long** | Contributing Writer

That old saying "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work" is so very relevant and true for Ponca City. Ponca City Development Authority (PCDA) is tasked with economic development for the City of Ponca City, funded by a ½ cent sales tax voted on every five years by citizens of Ponca City. Economic development looks very different now than it did 20 years ago. What hasn't changed is the partnerships, collaboration and teamwork by all the organizations, educational institutions, the City, Chamber, Main Street, regional alliances and so much more. Let us take a stroll through the myriad of ways PCDA forges partnerships to create economic vitality in Ponca City.

Economic vitality: there's a phrase for you. A little Arnold Schwarzenegger combined with some horn-rimmed glasses, a really techie calculator and piles of reports and files thrown in for good measure. You get the picture? Ponca City's vitality is because of those partnerships.

Beginning with The Ponca City Area Chamber of Commerce's support of small businesses, Chamber members and start-ups. The Chamber participates in events (not just their own), houses and supports the Visit Ponca City (Tourism) arm and shores up local politics by hosting informative sessions and attending meetings (we might even say lobbying for Ponca City) at the State Capital. Chamber staff attend local meetings and gatherings, and are a resource for anything Ponca City related. The Chamber utilizes PCDA data points, pay rate surveys, internship programs and small business assistance in the form of business planning, marketing information, and anything City Central related. The Chamber is often the "face" of Ponca City and our community is better for their involvement.





And then there are other organizations which also “face forward”. Orgs like Ponca City Main Street. Though small (with only two employees), Main Street represents a vibrant (and growing) downtown corridor. Hosting quarterly shopping events, supporting downtown merchants, hosting coffee chats to promote store collaboration and marketing open main street buildings, Ponca City Main Street has been instrumental in the resurgence of the downtown corridor. Ice on the Plaza, while a fundraiser, also serves as a focal point during the Christmas shopping timeframe. And speaking of timeframe, make sure to take the historical building tour downtown. History is so important to Ponca City, and honoring the buildings and businesses, even when they are no longer present, reminds Ponca Citizens of the importance of the past.

And without the City of Ponca City, there would be no “economic” in our vitality. Our city operates as a municipality with key operations being Public works (streets, drainage), energy, public safety, and Parks & Recreation; which includes the RecPlex and Ponca Lake. Every time you walk one of the 27 parks, attend a function at the Marland Mansion, get a workout at the RecPlex, pay your utility bill or play your video game on the Ponca City broadband, that’s our City at work. Ponca has a robust broadband network because The City saw the need 18 years ago and got to work building infrastructure to support it. Ponca City Utility Authority supports all infrastructure from electric to sewer. Our elected City Commissioners and Mayor are progressive, collaborating with other larger cities and learning from them. Regionally,

Ponca City participates in a Council of Mayors and our Mayor works with and through the City Commissioners to engage with Ponca Citizens and grow into the next, best City of Ponca City.

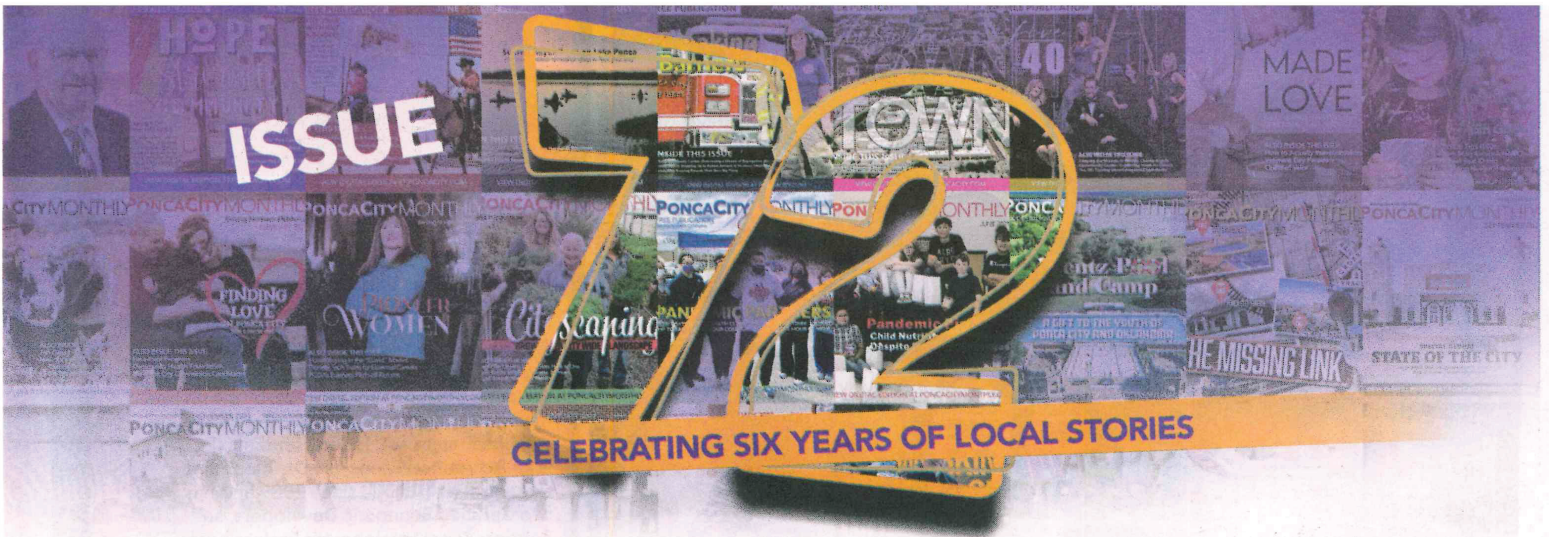
And then there is Pioneer Technology Center, and our special partners in Business & Industry Services. PCDA collaborates with them to support the Shared Equipment Room and Plan Room. These two areas support local industry, manufacturing and construction by allowing equipment such as laser welders, measuring equipment and specialized 3D printers to be used by companies for proof of concept, try before they buy it, as well as training for their employees. Because Pioneer Tech does training and education, it’s kind of their claim to fame. But wait, there’s more. Business & Industry also houses the Business Incubator. Companies like Centerline, Log10 and Sooner Heat & Air are just a few companies who began business at the Incubator. Current businesses include Az-Tec LLC and Fat & Skinnies Sandwiches. Their staff includes marketing support, a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) representative, government contracting, ag business management

and the Business Incubator space for your start-up. The support there is amazing!

Now, you might ask with all this collaboration and support, why does PCDA exist? PCDA is the sand that binds all these things together. We are a trusted third party working with retail, manufacturing, housing and industry to align with local, state and federal funding. PCDA is an Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO) since 2009 and has two Certified Economic Developers, an Entrepreneur Development Professional (EDP) and a Black Belt/Six Sigma/Lean Manufacturing Professional on staff. PCDA is tasked with operating in the gra,; Staff cannot share project information, or a company name; or an upcoming expansion. This is the quiet work that must be completed prior to company announcements. And press releases. And final phases.

So please, support and participate with all of the resources you have available to you in Ponca City. This includes all of us here at PCDA. But more importantly, staff promises to get you to the right person or organization or group. Sharing is caring. Teamwork Makes the Dream Work. Collaboration means more resources for Ponca City businesses and citizens. **PCM**





**Editor's Note:** *They say that opportunity is a door you must be willing to walk through. In the case of Ponca City Monthly, opportunity walked through my door. I am thrilled for the 6th Birthday of Ponca City Monthly to remind our readers how it all began. I hope you enjoy reading it, as much as we have enjoyed living it.*

### AUGUST 2017

MyMediaMatters Marketing Agency was founded one week after I was given notice of being laid off from a local company. I continued working at that company until my separation date of November 2017. I then took the giant leap to full-time business ownership.

### NOVEMBER 2017

Determined to chart my own course, I worked and grew MyMediaMatters for the entirety of 2018 from my home office, slowly building my clientele and establishing my business. At that time, I designed websites and did graphic design work.

### OCTOBER 2018

After a very successful first year, I realized I was overwhelmed and needed help, so I hired my first employee who helped me exponentially grow our company over the next year, and by April 2019, we knew that we needed an office.



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### JANUARY 2019

I had heard that The Ponca City News owned an extensive portfolio of domain names and emails, so seeing an opportunity to expand my business, I walked into Tom Muchmore's office in January 2019 and asked if he would ever consider selling them. Tom looked at me and said he had just sold The Ponca City News a few days before that and that I should talk with the new owner who was in the next office. I was anxious to add email hosting to my list of offerings to my website clients, so we struck a deal, and I became the new owner of PoncaCity.net's portfolio domain and email clients. As it happened, through my purchase of the emails, I met many local Ponca City citizens who utilized the PoncaCity.net email service, including Robyn Ryan, who at this time was still working at The Ponca City News. Robyn wished me well with the email service. Robyn and I knew of each other because her father, Fred Boettcher, had been a business mentor to me. I found out from a Facebook post that Robyn Ryan officially retired from The Ponca City News in June of 2019.

### MAY 2019

My first employee and I moved into our first teeny tiny 10-ft by 12-ft office in City Central in May of 2019.

### OCTOBER 2019

In October, we hired an office manager. My team and I continued to work on websites and graphic design, but I was looking ahead at this point at how else I could diversify our business.

### THE BIRTH OF PONCA CITY MONTHLY

MyMediaMatters's first office was in the Link on the first floor of City Central. The Link has a large common area with couches, and it was often used as a meeting location, so we were used to having lots of random visitors. One day in late October, such a meeting took place between PCDA and an Oklahoma tech company. The tech company was working on a project for PCDA. The CEO of the tech company was very familiar with Ponca City and had some ideas on a different project. A staffer from PCDA brought him into the MyMediaMatters office and introduced him to our staff. He explained that his firm, in addition to technology, also produced a hyperlocal magazine and had for a decade. Still, he had always felt that a publication similar to his could do very well in a town like Ponca City.

# RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that the governing board for Pioneer Technology Center

1. Authorizes the filing of FCC Form 471, Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program Services Ordered for the fiscal year 07/01/2026-06/30/2027.
  
2. Authorizes payment of the applicant's share subject to the following conditions:
  - (1) Approval of funding of the discounted portion by the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) and
  - (2) Receipt of services during the fiscal year 07/01/2026-06/30/2027.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_



# FRN Report

04/05/26

Report Filters:  
 Entity Number: 140268  
 Funding Year: 2026

BEN	Applicant Name					Applicant City	ST	Sites	471 No.	Filing Date	SPIN	Service Provider		471 Nickname
Year	FRN	Status	Wave	Type	486 SSD	Cont. Date	Contract Number	Award Amt.	Disc%	Request	Commitment	Disbursed	Contract Exp	FRN Nickname
140268	Pioneer Technology Center					Ponca City	OK	1	261004069	2026-03-05	143015254	OneNet (Oklahoma State Regents)		PITC 2026-C1
2026	2699003838	Pending	N/A	IA		03/07/2023	PITC OneNet INT 100	8,760.00	80%	7,008.00	0.00	0.00	2027-06-30	1 - Internet Access 100 Mbps
140268	Pioneer Technology Center					Ponca City	OK	1	261004069	2026-03-05	143015254	OneNet (Oklahoma State Regents)		PITC 2026-C1
2026	2699003845	Pending	N/A	IA		03/07/2023	PITC OneNet INT 200	20,508.00	80%	16,406.40	0.00	0.00	2027-06-30	2- Internet Access 1 Gbps
<b>Grand Total</b>								<b>29,268.00</b>		<b>23,414.40</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>		



# 2026-2027 Calendar Pioneer Technology Center (Draft)



JULY 2026						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	
	6	7	8	9	10	
	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST 2026						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	10	11	12	13	14	
	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	10
	31					

SEPTEMBER 2026						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	21
	28	29	30			

OCTOBER 2026						
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	12	13	14	15	16	
	19	20	21	22	23	19
	26	27	28	29	30	

NOVEMBER 2026						
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	16	17	18	19	20	
	23	24	25	26	27	16
	30					

DECEMBER 2026						
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	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	14
	28	29	30	31		

JANUARY 2027						
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	18	19	20	21	22	18
	25	26	27	28	29	

FEBRUARY 2027						
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	22	23	24	25	26	18

MARCH 2027						
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APRIL 2027						
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MAY 2027						
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	17	18	19	20	21	
	24	25	26	27	28	13
	31					

JUNE 2027						
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	14	15	16	17	18	
	21	22	23	24	25	
	28	29	30			

\* **Holiday/ Campus Closed** \* **In-Service/Staff Development** \* **Student Break/HWS** \* **Conferences** \* **See List**

2026
<b>July</b>
3 Fourth of July Holiday/ Closed
<b>August</b>
3-4 OkACTE Oklahoma Summit
5-7 Welcome & Professional Development
10-17 In-Service / Professional Days
13 Evening—Back to School Event
18 First Day of School
<b>September</b>
7 Labor Day Holiday/ Closed
<b>October</b>
9 End of First Grading Period
13 Evening P/T Student Evaluations Day
15 P/T Student Eval. Day / No Classes
16 & 19 Fall Break / No Classes
<b>November</b>
23-27 Thanksgiving Holiday / Closed
<b>December</b>
18 End of Second Grading Period
21 Winter Break / No Classes
22-31 Christmas Holiday / Closed

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Learning, and Economic

**1086 Hour Calendar**

376 Minutes of Instruction/Day  
6.2666667 Hours of Instruction/Day

Days/Hours Semester 1 - 80/501.33  
Days/Hours Semester 2 - 87/545.20

**Days of Instruction: 167 - 1046.53**  
PD Days/Hours - 5 x 6 - 30 Hours  
P-T-C Days/Hours - 2 x 6 - 12 Hours

**Total Days: 174**  
**Total Hours: 1088.53**

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2027
<b>January</b>
1 New Year's Holiday / Closed
4 Winter Break / No Classes
5 First Day of Second Semester
18 Martin L. King Jr. Holiday / Closed
<b>February</b>
12 P/T Student Eval. Day / No Classes
15 Presidents' Day Holiday / Closed
<b>March</b>
12 End of Third Grading Period
15-19 Spring Break / No Classes
26 Good Friday Holiday/Closed
<b>April</b>
9 Professional Day/No Classes
<b>May</b>
19 Last Day of School
31 Memorial Day Holiday / Closed
<b>June</b>
Summer Camp and Summer Academics
Increment weather make-up days: March 26, May 20, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28

\* Travel time counts toward calendar hours for secondary students.



**PIONEER TECHNOLOGY CENTER**  
**PURCHASES OVER \$10,000**  
**Equipment/Furniture/Remodel or Repairs/Technology**  
**April 14, 2026**

<u>Program/Area</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Construction Trades	Tech-Labs	(2) T7130- Residential Mini-Split Heat Pump Learning System	\$61,630.00
		(1)T7032- Refrigeration Recovery and Charging Learning System	\$12,355.00
		(1)Installation & Orientation	<u>\$ 3,250.00</u>
		Total	\$77,235.00

*Other quotes:*  
*Sole Source Vendor*

## Technical Laboratory Systems, Inc.

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P.O. Box 218609  
Houston TX 77218-8609  
United States  
(800) 445-1088  
<https://tech-labs.com/>

Date	Estimate #
03/11/2026	ESTTL1444

Prepared For
Kahle Goff Pioneer Technology Center 2101 N. Ash Street Ponca City OK 74601 United States

Expires	Sales Rep
04/10/2026	22 - Jamey Deloney

Item #	Quantity	Description	Unit Price	Amount
T7130	2	<p>Residential Mini-Split Heat Pump Learning System            Uses R-410a refrigerant. Requires 220V/60Hz/1ph split phase 4-wire electrical, 120V/60Hz/1ph electrical, PC and customer-supplied floor drain. See <a href="http://www.amatrol.com/support">www.amatrol.com/support</a> for PC requirements. Requires a forklift for unloading due to oversized pallet. It is the customer's responsibility to have a forklift onsite at time of delivery.</p> <p>Includes (1) Mobile Workstation; (1) Heat Pump Condenser; Refrigerant R-410a; (1) Evaporator; (1) Condensate Pump; (1) Computer-Based Fault Insertion System; (1) M19174 Student Curriculum - PC-Based Multimedia; (1) C19174 Instructor's Guide; (1) K19174 Instructor's Resource Print CD; (1) D19174 Installation Guide; (1) H19174 Student Reference.</p>	30,815.00	61,630.00
T7032	1	<p>Refrigerant Recovery and Charging Learning System for R-410a            Requires learning system that uses refrigerant R410a (950-GEO, T7130, or customer supplied system) and 120V/60Hz/1ph electrical. Also requires customer-supplied R-410a refrigerant, recovery tank and a PC. See <a href="http://www.amatrol.com/support">www.amatrol.com/support</a> for PC requirements. Also requires instructor to have EPA 608 Certification for United States customers, or equivalent protocol for local authorities outside the US. Customer assumes all risk for customer supplied system.</p> <p>Includes (1) Mobile Workstation; (1) Recovery Machine; (1) Charging Hose Set; (1) Temperature Probe; (2) Valve Core Removal Tools; (1) Manifold Gauge Set; (1) Submersible Cooler, (1) Electronic Scale, (1) Filter Dryer, (1) Liquid Vaporizer, (1) M19175 Student Curriculum - PC-Based Multimedia; (1) C19175</p>	12,355.00	12,355.00

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		Instructor's Guide, (1) K19175 Instructor's Resource Print CD, (1) D19175 Installation Guide, and (1) H19175 Student Reference.		
Freight	1	Freight	2,500.00	2,500.00
Installation & ...	1	Installation & Orientation	3,250.00	3,250.00
Message	1	Estimated delivery is 120+ days after receipt of order. This offer expires in 30 days unless otherwise specified in writing. A convenience fee of 3% will be applied to all transactions paid using a credit card.	0.00	0.00
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$79,735.00</b>



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1-800-445-1088  
Fax: 281-391-1113

March 24, 2026

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[kahleg@pioneertech.edu](mailto:kahleg@pioneertech.edu)

Reference: Sole Source Letter

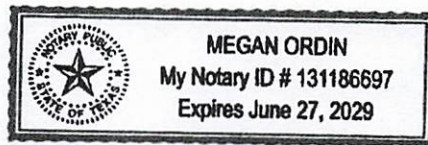
This letter serves as notice that Technical Laboratory Systems, Inc. is the sole source educational distributor in the state of Oklahoma for all Amatrol products (including all hardware, software, and eLearning).

Regards,

TECHNICAL LABORATORY SYSTEMS, INC.

Allison Mata  
Sales Support Manager

*Allison Mata*



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Notary Public

Subscribed and sworn before me this 24 day of March, 2026.

My commission expires: June 27, 2029

**PIONEER TECHNOLOGY CENTER**  
**Part-Time & Temporary Employment Contracts and/or Addenda to Contracts**  
**Date 4/14/2026 FY 2025/2026**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Class Taught</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Contract amount</u>
Keri Bartley	AEFL/ESL Class @ PTC	4/1-30 (24.5 hrs)	621.50
Gail Boswell	Asst. to Adv. Beverage Service	3/23 (4 hrs)	60.00
David Cheek	Become a Beekeeper	3/30-4/16 (20 hrs)	500.00
Chad Chrisco	Asst. to Sourdough Cinn. Rolls	3/10 (4 hrs)	60.00
Chad Chrisco	Asst. to Sauces II	3/11 (4 hrs)	60.00
Chad Chrisco	Asst. to Pizza Baking	3/12 (4 hrs)	60.00
Chad Chrisco	Asst. to Pizza Baking	3/26 (4 hrs)	60.00
Stephanie Sims Chrisco	Pizza Baking	3/12 (5 hrs)	125.00
Stephanie Sims Chrisco	Pizza Baking	3/26 (5 hrs)	125.00
Stephanie Sims Chrisco	Cake Decorating	4/2/20 (15 hrs)	375.00
Aimee Clark	AEFL Class @ PTC	4/1-30 (49 hrs)	1225.00
Kathy Farmer	CSO Skills Check-Off	3/11-20 (6 hrs)	210.00
Larry Godley	AEFL Class @ Blackwell	4/1-30 (21 hrs)	630.00
Vina Gowdy	Excel 1 2019	3/24-4/7 (17 hrs)	510.00
Julie Grigsba	MTB Classes	4/2-5/21 (6 hrs)	150.00
Elaine Harman	AEFL Class @ PTC	4/1-30 (49 hrs)	1274.00
Tiffany Holman	Women's Health Holistic	3/26-4/2 (6 hrs)	300.00
Katheryn Johnson	CSO Skills Check-Off	3/11-20 (4.5 hrs)	157.50
Bridget Krisel	Raising Chickens 101	3/2 (4 hrs)	120.00
Bridget Krisel	Raising Chickens 201	3/9 (4 hrs)	120.00
Michiel Landers	Beginning Knitting	3/26-4/30 (8 hrs)	240.00
Julie Lawrence	AEFL Class @ PTC	4/1-30 (56 hrs)	1456.00
Allyson Leonard	AEFL Class @ PTC	4/1-30 (43.5 hrs)	1087.50
Brad Matson	Advanced Beverage Service	3/23-30 (8 hrs)	272.00
Sandy May	AEFL Class @ PTC	4/1-30 (31.5 hrs)	787.50
Jamie Miller	Sourdough Cinnamon Rolls	3/10 (5 hrs)	150.00
Ahely O'Hara	CSO Skills Check-Off	3/12-20 (1.5 hrs)	52.50
Brenda Pollak	Sauces II	3/11 (5 hrs)	150.00
Pam Powers	AEFL Class @ PTC	4/1-30 (106 hrs)	2650.00
Kristi Reed	CMA	3/9-3/20 (60 hrs)	1800.00
Kristi Reed	CMA Cont. Ed	3/6 (8 hrs)	240.00
Kristi Reed	CNA Class	4/6-20 (95.5 hrs)	2865.00
Joby Sadler	Phlebotomy	2/3-3/20 (48 hrs)	1536.00
Bobbi Steier	Women's Health	3/5 (4 hrs)	200.00
Rebecca Stephens	AEFL Class @ PTC	4/1-30 (37.5 hrs)	937.50
Mary Ann Sudbury	AEFL Class @ KCDC	4/1-30 (35.5 hrs)	923.00

## APRIL BOARD MEETING CONTRACT RENEWALS

### Support Staff FY27

POSITION/TITLE	EMPLOYEE NAME
Administrative Assistant, ABE/HSE- FT Programs	Brisa Linnebur
Finance Specialist, Payroll	Erin Mercer
Assistant Manager, Plant/Facilities	Jason Kubik
BIS Administrative Assistant/Registrar	Gail Boswell
Bursar/Activity Fund Clerk	Carol Cales
Career Center Specialist	Lacey Smith
Career Center Specialist	Pam Keeler
Children's Lab & Preschool Teacher	Kaitlynn Clark
Children's Lab & Preschool Teacher	Heather Golay
Children's Lab & Preschool Teacher	Layne Johnson
Children's Lab & Preschool Teacher	Tianna Tattershall
Cook, Culinary Services	Nolan Overman
Cook, Culinary Services	Dwayne Bass
Custodian/Bus Driver	Connie Steele
Custodian/Inventory Clerk	Debbie Johnson
Evening Custodian	Michael Assidio
Evening Custodian	Lori Copeland
Evening Custodian	Jon Young
Evening Custodian	Darlene Anderson
Evening Custodian/Bus Driver	John Maupin
Financial Aid Officer	Lisa Jackson
Fleet Maintenance/Bus Driver	Random Massey
Graphic Design/Marketing Specialist	Angela Ogden
Human Resources Manager/Administrative Assistant	Kellie Johnson
Kitchen/Teaching Asst, Children's Lab & Preschool/Teacher Prep	Cheyenne Herring
Maintenance Technician/Bus Driver	Jeff Robbins
Maintenance/Bus Driver	Keith Burge
Grounds Maintenance/Bus Driver	Clay Massey
Network Administrator	Kevin Bell
Network Administrator	Scott Overman
Receptionist	Chelsea Todd
Finance Specialist, Accounts Payable & Activity Fund	Katy Mayer
Registrar, AT&D	Marcie Close
Registrar-Full-Time Programs	Holly Farmer
Safety Registrar	Shelly Houston
Secretary (Evening), AT&D	Dolor Assidio
TANF Training Navigator	Katie Holman
Teaching Assistant, Cosmetology	Kari Officer
Teaching Assistant, Health Programs	Kindal Eller
Teaching Assistant, Practical Nursing	LaRhonda Rudd
Teaching Assistant, SHARE	Celeste Hardiman
Work Ready Oklahoma- Employment & Job Specialist	Fae Rabb
Work Ready Oklahoma- Administrative & Program Support	Rebecca Hodgson
Teaching Assistant, T&I	Melinda Phillips

Teaching Assistant, T&I	Phylisha Kimbrel
Teaching Assistant, T&I	Tyler Evans
Teaching Assistant, Teacher Prep/BITE	Heather Underwood
Testing Specialist	Laura Fields

Appendix D