

Pioneer Technology Center Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, May 13, 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, Ryan Burkett, Kendra Knight, Kahle Goff, Stacey Rush, Molly Kyler, Mike Orr, Terri Busch, Aimee Snyder and Kellie Johnson.

3. Flag salute and moment of silence
4. Reports and Presentations

- Blackwell Gateway to Technology - Kari Widener, Instructor
- Woodland STEM Program - Lauren Graham, Instructor
- Newkirk Technology Education Program - Paytan Hodgson, Instructor and Wendy Terrazas, Middle School Principal
- Tonkawa Proposed STEM Program - Joey Reinart, High School Principal

Kahle Goff passed out the information for the Woodland public schools STEM program. This is Woodlands second year for the program.

Kari Widener-Blackwell STEM added a digital electronics class and tied it into mechatronics, 12 active members in TSA this year.

Wendy T and Paytan Hodgson- Newkirk Gateway have upgraded the room and equipment and is focusing on Digital Technology.

Mr. Reinart and Mr. Higgins - Tonkawa STEM offers middle school and high school courses and are going to focus on Robotics.

5. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2025, regular Board of Education meeting

Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 8, 2025, 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

6. Discussion, review and vote to approve or not approve the Financial Reports; Activity Fund Report; and Encumbrances & Change Order Lists (General Fund #51524-51782 in the amount of \$243,839.32; Building Fund #50076-50081 in the amount of \$1,125,344.78; Payroll #70187-70192 in the amount of \$22,209.41)

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

A. Traci Thorpe, Superintendent/CEO

Kahle Goff and numerous PTC programs represented PTC during Blackwell's Annual Career Fair. Schools from the region were invited to connect with business and education providers to learn about opportunities in the region. PTC's Post-Secondary E-Sports competitors were the state winners against the Central Tech team in the Marvel Rivals state championship. Rodrigo Navarro, Devin Tabares and Tyler Busby defeated both Central Tech teams for the win. PTC's summer activities for younger students are open for registration. Summer Camp for incoming 6-7th graders will be held June 3, 4 and 5. Summer Academies, for students entering 8-10th grades will be held throughout the summer and feature a variety of program areas. We met with the Law Enforcement, Fires Service and EMS sector for the B&I Breakfast in April. We had a great group with 26 participants. PTC's Fire Services instructor, Gary Vap, Tom Burg, Criminal Justice Instructor, and Tucker Hodgson shared with the group about their programs and the pathways and skills students are able to obtain. The group discussed employment openings and additional training needed for their industry as well as the upcoming Emergency Vehicle Train the Trainer on May 31-June 1 here at PTC. Jenn Miller, PTC's Leadership Development Coordinator, has been working with Continental Carbon on a customized offering of the Manager's Toolbelt program for their managers and supervisors. A standard Manager's Toolbelt cohort is also underway at this time. Jenn is joined by a variety of guest presenters from PTC and the community to share leadership skills and strategies with the MTB participants. PTC BIS will host their annual BBQ with BIS on May 16th from 11 am to 1 pm in the BIS Building. This event is a thank you to our community business clients and partners.

For the welding remodel, the ceiling foam has been repaired on the shop floor ceiling and ceilings throughout the project have been painted. Outside concrete repair has been completed, and a concrete subcontractor is in the process of cleaning the areas around the existing lot. The Bottle Storage I-Beam wrap build-out has been completed. Roofing on the Tool Room and Bottle Storage will be completed when the weather allows. The first coat painting in the shop

area started on the walls. MEP rough in on schedule to complete this week. Interior finishes should start shortly after MEP rough in is completed. Mechanical equipment for welding exhaust (Dust collector, fume arms, etc.) has a delivery delay but, currently, we're hoping it does not impact the schedule more than we have been projecting. We have concrete floor polishing scheduled to start at the end of this month. Lockers were installed towards the middle of June. Exterior painting has been scheduled for the ADPC building and will begin as the weather allows. The

B. Molly Kyler, Executive Director, Business & Industry Services

8. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve revisions to the 2025-2026(FY26) Pioneer Technology Center school calendar

Motion to approve revisions to the 2025-2026(FY26) Pioneer Technology Center school calendar 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

9. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2025-26. This resolution authorizes filing of the Form 471 application(s) for funding year 2025-26 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services

Motion to approve Resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2025-26. This resolution authorizes filing of the Form 471 application(s) for funding year 2025-26 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services 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

10. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve FY26 resource allocations to support Blackwell Gateway Partnership Program

Motion to approve FY26 resource allocations to support Blackwell Gateway Partnership Program passed with a motion by Ms. Debbie Leaming 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 FY26 resource allocations to support Newkirk Technology Education Partnership Program

Motion to approve FY26 resource allocations to support Newkirk Technology Education Partnership Program passed with a motion by Ms. Debbie Leaming 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

12. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve FY26 resource allocations to support Woodland STEM Partnership Program

Motion to approve FY26 resource allocations to support Woodland STEM Partnership Program passed with a motion by Ms. Debbie Leaming 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

13. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve FY26 resource allocations to support Tonkawa STEM Partnership Program

Motion to approve FY26 resource allocations to support Tonkawa STEM Partnership Program passed with a motion by Ms. Debbie Leaming 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

14. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve a contract with the Gooden Group, Inc. to serve as the consultant for a joint marketing and public relations initiative involving multiple technology center districts for FY26 (\$5,526.00 same as FY25).

Motion to approve a contract with the Gooden Group, Inc. to serve as the consultant for a joint marketing and public relations initiative involving multiple technology center districts for FY26 (\$5,526.00 same as FY25). passed with a motion by Mr. J.D. Soulek 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

15. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve a contract with Statewide Marketing Cooperative Agreement for FY26 (\$13,750 - same as FY25).

Motion to approve a contract with Statewide Marketing Cooperative Agreement for FY26 (\$13,750) 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

16. Discussion, Review and vote to approve or not approve purchases over \$10,000 as listed on Appendix A

Motion to approve purchases over \$10,000 as listed on Appendix A 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

17. Discussion, review and vote to approve or not approve Oklahoma Association of Career & Technical Education (OKACTE)/Association for Career & Technical Education (ACTE) positional memberships for the 2025-2026 School Year.

Motion to approve Oklahoma Association of Career & Technical Education (OKACTE)/Association for Career & Technical Education (ACTE) positional memberships for the 2025-2026 School Year. passed with a motion by Ms. Rachel Shuey 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

18. 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

Motion to approve individuals on part-time and temporary employment contracts, and addenda to contracts as listed on Appendix B 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

19. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve contract renewals for employees listed on Appendix C (Instructors & Facilitators)

Motion and vote to approve contract renewals for employees listed on Appendix C (Instructors & Facilitators) passed with a motion by Ms. Debbie Leaming 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

20. New Business

21. Board Comment

22. Adjournment