

Regular Board Meeting
Monday, January 12, 2026
6:00 PM

The Board of Education of Pryor School District No. I-01 met in Regular Session in the Board Conference Room located in the Administration Building at 405 SW First Street on Monday, January 12, 2026. All business at said meeting was conducted in accordance with the OKLAHOMA OPEN MEETING LAWS.

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM.

Jeanette Anderson: Present
Paul Melchior: Present
Branson Perry: Present
Fred Sordahl: Present
Chris Van Natta: Present

1. Procedural Item

1.A. Call to Order

1.B. Pledge of Allegiance

1.C. Review and Approval of Minutes of December 8, 2025.

Motion to approve minutes of December 8, 2025, Regular Board Meeting. This motion, made by Paul Melchior and seconded by Branson Perry, Carried.

Jeanette Anderson: Yea

Paul Melchior: Yea

Branson Perry: Yea

Fred Sordahl: Yea

Chris Van Natta: Yea

1.D. Public Comment

2. Presentation

2.A. Recognition of the Pryor High School Pom Squad - Large 5A Hip Hop State Champions.

2.B. Recognition of the Unified Cheer Team for their Special Olympics gold medal.

2.C. Recognition of the Pryor Public Schools Board of education members for their service to the District

2.D. Presentation of Child Nutrition Department Update

3. Consent Agenda

3.A. Treasurer's Report

3.B. Encumbrance Report & Other Expense Reports

3.C. Approval of sub-accounts and fundraisers for the 2025-2026 school year.

3.D. Approval of Practicum Agreement between the District and Rogers State University School of Nursing and Health Professions Master of Science Nursing Program.

3.E. Approval of a memorandum of agreement with the Pryor Creek Recreation Center for use of the facility by the Pryor Public School For Physical Education and POM practice.

3.F. Approval of Practicum Agreement between the District and Arbiter for ArbiterPay.

3.G. Approval for Jefferson Elementary 5th grade students and teachers to use district transportation to travel out-of-state to Crystal Bridges Museum in Bentonville, AR, on January 26, 2026.

3.H. Approval for the high school baseball team and coaches to use school transportation to travel out-of-state to Gulf Shores, AL, March 13-20, 2026.

3.I. Approval for Sharon Rash and the Fashion Three students to travel to the Dallas Market Center in Dallas, Texas, March 24-27, 2026.

3.J. Approval to declare the attached items as surplus.

3.K. Discuss then vote to approve or not approve items A-J. (These items may be approved by one Board motion, unless any Board member desires to have a separate vote on any or all of these items).

Motion to approve Consent Agenda. This motion, made by Jeanette Anderson and seconded by Chris Van Natta, Carried.

Jeanette Anderson: Yea

Paul Melchior: Yea

Branson Perry: Yea

Fred Sordahl: Yea

Chris Van Natta: Yea

4. Action Agenda

4.A. Motion, discussion and vote to convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing any resignations or retirements tendered. Hiring Certified Personnel on a temporary contract for the 2025-2026 school year and discussion of employment of the superintendent, pursuant to Okla. Stat. tit.25 § 307 (B1)(B7).

executive session. This motion, made by Paul Melchior and seconded by Branson Perry, Carried.

Jeanette Anderson: Yea

Paul Melchior: Yea

Branson Perry: Yea

Fred Sordahl: Yea

Chris Van Natta: Yea

4.B. Return to Open Session

4.C. Statement of executive session minutes (topics discussed and persons present)

4.D. Discussion then vote to approve or not approve any resignations or retirements tendered.

Motion to approve any resignations - Joyce Cox. This motion, made by Paul Melchior and seconded by Branson Perry, Carried.

Jeanette Anderson: Yea
Paul Melchior: Yea
Branson Perry: Yea
Fred Sordahl: Yea
Chris Van Natta: Yea

4.E. Discussion then vote to approve or not approve hiring the following Certified positions on a temporary contract for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year. All Personnel will be hired by one vote unless any Board member desires to have a separate vote on any or all listed personnel.

Motion to approve hiring the following Classified positions on a temporary contract for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year. Kacey Holt. This motion, made by Jeanette Anderson and seconded by Chris Van Natta, Carried.

Jeanette Anderson: Yea
Paul Melchior: Yea
Branson Perry: Yea
Fred Sordahl: Yea
Chris Van Natta: Yea

4.F. Discussion then vote to approve or not approve hiring staff for the Tiger Pride After School Program as presented.

Motion to approve hiring staff for the Tiger Pride After School Program as presented. This motion, made by Branson Perry and seconded by Paul Melchior, Carried.

Jeanette Anderson: Yea
Paul Melchior: Yea
Branson Perry: Yea
Fred Sordahl: Yea
Chris Van Natta: Yea

4.G. Discussion then vote to approve or not approve extra duty, professional development stipends and salary adjustments as submitted for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion to approve extra duty, professional development stipends and salary adjustments as submitted for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Paul Melchior and seconded by Jeanette Anderson, Carried.

Jeanette Anderson: Yea
Paul Melchior: Yea
Branson Perry: Yea
Fred Sordahl: Yea
Chris Van Natta: Yea

4.H. Discussion then vote to approve or not approve payment for compensatory time earned for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion to approve payment for compensatory time earned for the 2025-2026 school year. This motion, made by Branson Perry and seconded by Jeanette Anderson, Carried.

Jeanette Anderson: Yea
Paul Melchior: Yea
Branson Perry: Yea
Fred Sordahl: Yea
Chris Van Natta: Yea

4.I. Discussion then vote to approve or not approve allowing interest income to be deposited into any fund account that is appropriate as determined by the superintendent and treasurer. Motion to approve allowing interest income to be deposited into any fund account that is appropriate as determined by the superintendent and treasurer. This motion, made by Chris Van Natta and seconded by Jeanette Anderson, Carried.

Jeanette Anderson: Yea
Paul Melchior: Yea
Branson Perry: Yea
Fred Sordahl: Yea
Chris Van Natta: Yea

4.J. Board to consider and take possible action, in the absence of the President and/or Clerk, to appoint an acting President and/or acting Clerk for the School District to execute any and all documents pertaining to the calling of a special election to authorize general obligation bonds.

4.K. Board to consider and take action on a resolution authorizing the calling and holding of a special election to be held in this School District to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds.

Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the calling and holding of a special election to be held in this School District to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds. This motion, made by Branson Perry and seconded by Jeanette Anderson, Carried.

Jeanette Anderson: Yea
Paul Melchior: Yea
Branson Perry: Yea
Fred Sordahl: Yea
Chris Van Natta: Yea

4.L. Discussion then vote to approve or disapprove modifications to the Open Records policy. open record. This motion, made by Paul Melchior and seconded by Branson Perry, Carried.

Jeanette Anderson: Yea
Paul Melchior: Yea
Branson Perry: Yea
Fred Sordahl: Yea
Chris Van Natta: Yea

4.M. Discussion then vote to approve or not approve the following courses for local applied mathematics and applied science credit: CADD II H8904 (Applied Math Credit); Applied Engineering I H8848 (Applied Science Credit); Aviation IV - Tango Flight H8877 (Applied Science Credit); Introduction to Animal Science H8012 (Applied Science Credit).

Motion to approve the following courses for local applied mathematics and applied science credit: CADD II H8904 (Applied Math Credit); Applied Engineering I H8848 (Applied Science Credit); Aviation IV - Tango Flight H8877 (Applied Science Credit); Introduction to Animal Science H8012 (Applied Science Credit). This motion, made by Paul Melchior and seconded by Branson Perry, Carried.

Jeanette Anderson: Yea
Paul Melchior: Yea
Branson Perry: Yea
Fred Sordahl: Yea
Chris Van Natta: Yea

4.N. Discussion then vote to approve or not approve the Pryor High School Course Planning Guide for 2026-2027.

Motion to approve the Pryor High School Course Planning Guide for 2026-2027, including approval of graduation pathway units. This motion, made by Chris Van Natta and seconded by Paul Melchior, Carried.

Jeanette Anderson: Yea
Paul Melchior: Yea
Branson Perry: Yea
Fred Sordahl: Yea
Chris Van Natta: Yea

4.O. Discussion of the addition of a student board member position to serve in an advisory capacity to the board of education for the 2026 calendar year.

4.P. Board discussion of Superintendent's evaluation.

4.Q. Discussion then vote to approve or not approve extending the employment of the Superintendent.

Motion to approve the employment of the Superintendent for the 2026-2027 school year and to extend the employment contract of the superintendent through the 2028-2029 school year. This motion, made by Paul Melchior and seconded by Jeanette Anderson, Carried.

Jeanette Anderson: Yea
Paul Melchior: Yea
Branson Perry: Yea
Fred Sordahl: Yea
Chris Van Natta: Yea

5. Superintendent's Report

5.A. Superintendent's Report

6. New Business

6.A. Board will address any pertinent new business that has arisen since the agenda was posted if deemed necessary. ("Any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting." 25 O. s. § 311)

7. Adjourn

7.A. Adjournment