

Regular Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026 5:30 PM Central

Board Room of Central Office
500 E. North Ave
Tonkawa, OK 74653

Mr Brian Bowling: Present
Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Present
Mr. Jerry Hook: Present
Mr Tyler Langston: Absent
Mr Casey McAninch: Absent
Present: 3, Absent: 2.

1. Call to order: Brian Bowling, President

2. Roll call of members and recording of present and absent

3. Reading of the minutes of the February 9, 2026 regular meeting and vote to approve or not approve

Motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2026. This motion, made by Mr. Jerry Hook and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Tyler Langston: Absent, Mr Casey McAninch: Absent, Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

4. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve General Fund purchase order encumbrance numbers 630 through 711 in the amount of \$109,852.44 with change order #630-711.

Motion to approve encumbrances. This motion, made by Mr Brian Bowling and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Tyler Langston: Absent, Mr Casey McAninch: Absent, Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

5. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve Building Fund 21 purchase order encumbrance numbers 10 & 11 in the amount of \$14,186.12 with change order #10 & 11.

Motion to approve Building Bond Fund encumbrances. This motion, made by Mr. Jerry Hook and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Tyler Langston: Absent, Mr Casey McAninch: Absent, Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

6. Presentation of Activity Fund activity and balances for the month and vote to approve or not approve financial report and transfers.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Brian Bowling and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Tyler Langston: Absent, Mr Casey McAninch: Absent, Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

7. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve transferring \$3,000.00 from TES Activity Fund Account 816 to TSA Activity Fund Account 804.

Motion to approve the transfer. This motion, made by Mr Brian Bowling and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Tyler Langston: Absent, Mr Casey McAninch: Absent, Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

8. Treasurer's Report

The board was presented with the treasurer's report. No action was taken by the board.

9. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve resignations to date.

Motion to approve the resignation of Deborah Shawn Staton. This motion, made by Mr Brian Bowling and seconded by Mr. Jerry Hook, Carried.

Mr Tyler Langston: Absent, Mr Casey McAninch: Absent, Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

10. Proposed executive session to discuss the hiring of a custodian and computer tech for the 2025-26 school year and an elementary principal for the 2026-27 school year. 25 O.S. Section 307 (B)(1).

11. Board to appoint minutes' secretary and vote to convene or not to convene in executive session.

Motion to convene into executive session. This motion, made by Mr. Jerry Hook and seconded by Mr Brian Bowling, Carried.

Mr Tyler Langston: Absent, Mr Casey McAninch: Absent, Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

The board appointed Melanie Bellinghausen as executive session minutes' secretary.

12. Acknowledge board's return to open session.

13. Executive session compliance announcement.

The board entered into executive session at 6:08 p.m. on March 9, 2026 to discuss the hiring of a custodian and computer tech for the 2025-26 school year and an elementary school principal for the 2026-27 school year, as authorized by 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1). Those present in the executive session were Jerry Hook, Brian Bowling, Melanie Bellinghausen, and Lori Simpson. Returned to open session at 6:34 p.m. No action was taken by the board of education.

14. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the Superintendent's recommendation for hiring of a custodian for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion to approve hiring Bradley States as custodian. This motion, made by Mr. Jerry Hook and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Tyler Langston: Absent, Mr Casey McAninch: Absent, Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

15. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the Superintendent's recommendation for hiring of a computer tech for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion to approve hiring Mason Childers as computer tech. This motion, made by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen and seconded by Mr Brian Bowling, Carried.

Mr Tyler Langston: Absent, Mr Casey McAninch: Absent, Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

16. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the Superintendent's recommendation for hiring of an elementary principal at Tonkawa Elementary School for the 2026-27 school year. Motion to approve hiring Debbie Anderson as elementary principal for 2026-27 school year. This motion, made by Mr. Jerry Hook and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Tyler Langston: Absent, Mr Casey McAninch: Absent, Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

17. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve allowing out of state travel to Segwick County Zoo in Wichita, Kansas for 2nd grade students and staff at Tonkawa Elementary in April. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Brian Bowling and seconded by Mr. Jerry Hook, Carried.

Mr Tyler Langston: Absent, Mr Casey McAninch: Absent, Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

18. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve allowing out of state travel to Cowley County Community College in Arkansas City, Kansas for a robotics competition in April. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr. Jerry Hook and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Tyler Langston: Absent, Mr Casey McAninch: Absent, Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

19. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve a resolution regarding a lease purchase contract for the purpose of financing a digital scoreboard for the football field/track. Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen and seconded by Mr Brian Bowling, Carried.

Mr Tyler Langston: Absent, Mr Casey McAninch: Absent, Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

20. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve contract between Tonkawa Public Schools and S&B CPAs and Associates, PLLC to complete the 2026-27 Estimate of Needs and the 2025-26 school year audit.

Motion to table. This motion, made by Mr Brian Bowling and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Tabled.

Mr Tyler Langston: Absent, Mr Casey McAninch: Absent, Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

21. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve surplussing E-Sports equipment.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr. Jerry Hook and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Tyler Langston: Absent, Mr Casey McAninch: Absent, Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2

22. Superintendent's report

Lori Simpson presented her superintendent's report to the board. No action was taken by the board.

23. Principal's reports

Joey Reinart presented his principal report to the board. No action was taken by the board.

24. New Business

There was no new business.

25. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. This motion, made by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen and seconded by Mr. Jerry Hook, Carried.

Mr Tyler Langston: Absent, Mr Casey McAninch: Absent, Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea
Yea: 3, Nay: 0, Absent: 2