



Locust Grove  
Regular  
Meeting  
Monday, April  
13, 2026 6:30 PM

Administration Building  
302 East Joe Koelsch  
Locust Grove, Oklahoma 74352

## Minutes

1. Call meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance  
Andrew Snell called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Oath of Office per 70 O.S. § 5-116 for newly elected Board of Education Member Seat #1, Jim Ward  
Loyalty oath was recited by Mr. Jim Ward.

### 3. Roll Call

Jeff Downing: Present  
Rick Pierce: Present  
Andrew Snell: Present  
Josh Wall: Present  
Jim Ward: Present

### 4. Take action on reorganization of the Board of Education

- a.) President
- b.) Vice-President
- c.) Board Clerk
- d.) Deputy Board Clerk
- e.) OSSBA Legislative Liaison

Nominations for Board President: Jeff Downing

Nominations for Vice-President: Josh Wall

Nominations for Board Clerk: Jim Ward

Nominations for Deputy Board Clerk: Rick Pierce

Nominations for OSSBA Legislative Liaison: Andrew Snell

Motion to elect Jeff Downing as Board President. This motion, made by Andrew Snell and seconded by Jim Ward, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes  
Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes  
Josh Wall: Yes  
Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion to elect Josh Wall as Vice-President. This motion, made by Andrew Snell and seconded by Jeff Downing, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes  
Rick Pierce: Yes  
Andrew Snell: Yes  
Josh Wall: Yes  
Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion to elect Jim Ward as Board Clerk. This motion, made by Andrew Snell and seconded by Jeff Downing, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes  
Rick Pierce: Yes  
Andrew Snell: Yes  
Josh Wall: Yes  
Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion to elect Rick Pierce as Deputy Board Clerk. This motion, made by Andrew Snell and seconded by Jim Ward, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes  
Rick Pierce: Yes  
Andrew Snell: Yes  
Josh Wall: Yes  
Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

Motion to elect Andrew Snell as OSSBA Legislative Liaison. This motion, made by Andrew Snell and seconded by Jim Ward, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes  
Rick Pierce: Yes  
Andrew Snell: Yes  
Josh Wall: Yes  
Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

5. Open Forum, Public Comment or Indian Education Comments/Concerns  
There were no public comments or Indian Education concerns.

6. Superintendent Report

Mr. Stokes gave a financial update to the board.  
Spring activities were discussed.

## 7. Consent Agenda

All of the items, which consist of a routine nature normally approved at Board meetings, will be approved by one vote unless any Board member desires to have a separate vote on any or all of these items. The consent agenda consists of the discussion, consideration and approval of the following items:

Motion to approve Consent Agenda a. thru d. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Rick Pierce, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

7.a. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, March 9, 2026

7.b. Treasurer/Financial Report

7.c. Approve financial statements, all warrants issued for payment, change orders and all purchase orders and activity fund balances:

General Fund 11 Encumbrances #463-492 for 2025-2026

Building Fund 21 Encumbrances #48-51 for 2025-2026

Activity Fund Report for March 2026

7.d. Contracts for FY27:

1.) Patten & Odom, CPAs, PLLC

2.) Elevate Pediatric Therapies

3.) RSU Concurrent Enrollment Agreement

4.) Transition School to Work Study Agreement

5.) Eduskills, LLC Agreement

8. Discussion and possible action to approve Temporary Appropriations for 2026-2027

Motion to approve Temporary Appropriations for 2026-2027. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Josh Wall, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

9. 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 setting the maturities, date, time and place of the bond sale

Acting President Nominations:

Acting Board Clerk Nominations:

Motion to appoint Josh Wall as acting President and Rick Pierce as acting Clerk for the School District to execute any and all documents pertaining to setting the maturities, date, time and place of the bond sale. This motion, made by Andrew Snell and seconded by Jeff Downing, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

10. Board to consider and take action on a resolution determining the maturities of, and setting a date, time and place for the sale of the \$550,000 Taxable Building Bonds of this School District, and designating bond counsel for this issuance of bonds

Motion to approve a resolution determining the maturities of, and setting a date, time and place for the sale of the \$550,000 Taxable Building Bonds of this School District, and designating bond counsel for this issuance of bonds - May 4th, 2026 at the Administration Office, 302 E. Joe Koelsch, Locust Grove, OK at 12:00 Noon. This motion, made by Andrew Snell and seconded by Rick Pierce, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

11. Discussion and possible action to approve the bid for the pickleball court fencing project

Motion to approve the bid for the pickleball court fencing project - Triple AAA Fence \$12,975. This motion, made by Andrew Snell and seconded by Jeff Downing, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

12. Discussion and possible action to approve the High School Summer School Accreditation Applications for FY26

Motion to approve the High School Summer School Accreditation Application for FY26. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Josh Wall, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

13. Discussion and possible action to close sub-account #874 Carlos Wear Scholarship in Fund 60 and transfer remaining funds of \$513.16 to sub-account #846 MS Cheer  
Motion to close subaccount #874 Carlos Wear Scholarship in Fund 60 and transfer remaining funds of \$513.16 to subaccount #846 MS Cheer. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Josh Wall, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

14. Discussion and possible action to open a new project code Fund 61 in Sylogist Ed Accounting for the Carlos Wear Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$37,905.64  
Motion to open a new project code Fund 61 in Sylogist Ed Accounting for the Carlos Wear Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$37,905.64. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Andrew Snell, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

15. Proposed executive session for the purpose of discussing employment of Career Certified Teachers for 2026-2027 Exhibit A, Agriculture Education Teacher, High School Summer School teacher, Driver's Education Summer Course Teacher, Speech Language Pathologist and MS Paraprofessional for FY27, approve a request for sick days for Rachel Trammell and Stephanie Hendrickson and resignations of Jamie Ross, UE Counselor/Dean of Students and Tammy Bradish, HS Counselor position pursuant to Oklahoma Statute 25 Section 307(B)(1)  
a.) Vote to convene into executive session

b.) Acknowledge return to open session

c.) Statement of executive session minutes

Jeff Downing acknowledged the return to open session at 7:23 p.m.

Jim Ward read the executive session statement minutes.

Those present in executive session: Daniel Stokes, Jamie Hall, Jeff Downing, Josh Wall, Jim Ward, Andrew Snell and Rick Pierce.

Motion to enter executive session at 7:05 p.m. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Andrew Snell, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

16. Take action to employ Career Certified Teachers for 2026-2027 per Exhibit A

Motion to employ Career Certified Teachers for 2026-2027 per Exhibit A. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Andrew Snell, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

17. Take action to employ an Agriculture Education Teacher for 2026-2027

Motion to employ Matthew Breedlove, Agriculture Education Teacher for 2026-2027.

This motion, made by Andrew Snell and seconded by Josh Wall, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

18. Take action to employ a High School Summer School Teacher for FY26

Motion to employ Amanda Bennett, High School Summer School Teacher for FY26.

This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Josh Wall, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

19. Take action to employ a Driver's Education Summer Course Teacher for FY26  
Motion to employ Matt Tramel, Driver's Education Summer Course Teacher for FY26.  
This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Jim Ward, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

20. Take action to employ a Speech Language Pathologist for 2026-2027  
Motion to employ Gracie Blair, Speech Language Pathologist for 2026-2027. This  
motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Jim Ward, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

21. Take action to employ a MS Paraprofessional for 2026-2027  
to employ Lisa Caine, MS Paraprofessional for 2026-2027. This motion, made by Jeff  
Downing and seconded by Rick Pierce, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

22. Take action to approve a request for sick days for:

a.) Rachel Trammell

b.) Stephanie Hendrickson

Motion to approve a request for sick days for: 1.) Rachel Trammell 2.) Stephanie  
Hendrickson. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Jim Ward, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

23. Take action to accept the resignations of:

a.) Jamie Ross, UE Counselor/Dean of Students

b.) Tammy Bradish, HS Counselor position

Motion to accept the resignation of: a.) Jamie Ross, UE Dean of Students/Counselor b.) Tammy Bradish, HS Counselor position. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Rick Pierce, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0

24. New Business and action, if needed

There was no new business.

25. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn at 7:27 p.m. This motion, made by Rick Pierce and seconded by Andrew Snell, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Yes

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 5, No: 0