



Locust Grove
Special Meeting
Wednesday,
July 29, 2026
1:00 PM

Administration Building
302 East Joe Koelsch
Locust Grove, Oklahoma 74352

Minutes

1. Call meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Jeff Downing called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Roll Call

Jeff Downing: Present

Rick Pierce: Present

Andrew Snell: Absent

Josh Wall: Present

Jim Ward: Present

3. Discussion and possible action to approve the proposed amendments to the 2026-2027 academic calendar and daily bell schedules for elementary sites (Grades K-5), extending the operational school day by 20 minutes effective August 6, 2026, to ensure compliance with state-mandated recess requirements under Senate Bill 1481

The ELC and UE start time will be moved to 7:50 a.m. - 3:05 p.m. to meet the state-mandated requirements.

Motion to approve the proposed amendments to the 2026-2027 academic calendar and daily bell schedules for elementary sites (Grades K-5), extending the operational school day by 20 minutes effective August 6, 2026, to ensure compliance with state-mandated recess requirements under Senate Bill 1481. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Rick Pierce, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes

Andrew Snell: Absent

Josh Wall: Yes

Jim Ward: Yes

Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1

4. Proposed executive session for the purpose of discussing employment of a Middle School Certified Teacher, Upper Elementary Certified Teacher and accepting resignations of Samantha Sloan and Angela Marston pursuant to Oklahoma Statute 25 Section 307 (B)(1)

- a. Vote to convene
- b. Acknowledge return to open session
- c. Statement of executive session minutes

Jeff Downing acknowledged the return to open session at 1:16 p.m. Jim Ward read the executive session minutes statement.

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

Motion to enter executive session at 1:06 p.m. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Josh Wall, passed.

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

Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1

5. Take action to employ a Middle School Certified Teacher for 2026-2027

Motion to employ Taylor Ragsdale, Middle School Certified Teacher for 2026-2027. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Jim Ward, passed.

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

Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1

6. Take action to employ an Upper Elementary Certified Teacher for 2026-2027

Motion to employ Madaline Goins, Upper Elementary Certified Teacher for 2026-2027. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Josh Wall, passed.

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

Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1

7. Take action to accept the resignations of:

- a.) Samantha Sloan
- b.) Angela Marston

Motion to accept the resignations of: a.) Samantha Sloan b.) Angela Marston. This motion, made by Jeff Downing and seconded by Josh Wall, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes

Rick Pierce: Yes
Andrew Snell: Absent
Josh Wall: Yes
Jim Ward: Yes
Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 1:18 p.m. This motion, made by Rick Pierce and seconded by Josh Wall, passed.

Jeff Downing: Yes
Rick Pierce: Yes
Andrew Snell: Absent
Josh Wall: Yes
Jim Ward: Yes
Yes: 4, No: 0, Absent: 1