

Laura Neel
Ross Gregg
Gene Knouse
Nicholas Kramer
Matt Harak

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Covington-Douglas School
University Center/Board Room
400 E Maine, Covington, OK 73730
February 3, 2026

- I. 6:00 pm
President Laura Neel called the Regular Meeting of the Covington-Douglas Board of Education to order. The notation of the compliance with the open meeting law was made.
- II. Answering roll call was Laura Neel, Ross Gregg, Gene Knouse, Nicholas Kramer, and Matt Harak. Also present was Superintendent Darren Sharp.
- III. Superintendent Darren Sharp commented on construction and legislative updates and initiative petition.
- IV. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to approve the consent agenda as presented:
- A. Approval of the December 18, 2025 Special Board Meeting and January 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - B. Approval of the General Fund 11 encumbrances and change orders #234-239 in the amount of \$15,608.00
 - C. Approval of the Building Fund 21 encumbrances and change orders #18 in the amount of \$2,000.00 and #1-17 in the amount of 33,765.00
 - D. Review the Investments and Expenditures of School District Funds..
 - E. Review of the school calendar
 - F. Approval of Activity Funds
- Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

- V. Business Items:
- A. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Gregg, to continue exploring options with Joseph Morrison to develop security construction needs at the west end of Maine Street.
Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes
 - B. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Knouse, approve the Covington-Douglas School-Parent-Student Compact.
Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes
 - C. Harak made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to approve the use of Mathematics and Science courses taken at the 11th and 12th grades from the Career Technology Centers to count for high school credit for the 2026-2027 school year.
Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

D. 6:28 p.m.

Knouse made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to convene into executive session pursuant to 25 O.S. Section 307 (B)(1) for the following specific purposes:

- a. Discussion of employment and contract of Brian Smith
- b. Resignation of Nash Poulter
- c. Discussion on the 2026-2027 school year and contract of Darren Sharp

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

E. 7:25 p.m.

President Laura Neel acknowledged returning to open session and gave a summary of the executive session. No votes were taken. Coming out of executive session were Neel, Gregg, Knouse, Kramer, Harak, and Darren Sharp.

F. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to employ Brian Smith for the 2026-2027 school year with a \$3,000.00 raise on his base salary from the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

G. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to accept the resignation of Nash Poulter, paying his salary through March 31, 2026.

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

H. Gregg made a motion, seconded by Harak, to approve the 2026-2027 contract of the Superintendent, Darren Sharp.

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

VI. No New Business

VII. 7:27 p.m.

Neel made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Passed 5-0, Neel-yes, Gregg-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes, Harak-yes

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Vice-President

Board Clerk

Board Minutes Clerk