

Laura Neel
Ross Gregg (absent)
Gene Knouse
Nicholas Kramer
Matt Harak (absent)

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
Covington-Douglas School
University Center/Board Room
400 E Maine, Covington, OK 73730
September 1, 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 were Laura Neel, Gene Knouse, and Nicholas Kramer. Also present was Darren Sharp, Superintendent. Ross Gregg and Matt Harak were absent.
- III. Superintendent Darren Sharp reported on Drop-out Prevention Plan, Remediation Rates, Dropout Rates, financial update, legislative update, facility update, OSSBA Conference 2026, future bond issue, Pioneer Pleasant-Vale Ag students, Assessor evaluations, arbitrage, reel mower, and ground conditioner.
- IV. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to approve the consent agenda as presented:
 - A. Approval of the August 6, 2026 Special School Board Meeting Minutes
 - B. Approval of General Fund Encumbrances and Change orders
#159-173 in the amount of \$54,740.00 and #70015-70042 in the amount of \$1,776,721.56
 - C. Approval of the Building Fund Encumbrances and Change Orders
#14-16 in the amount of \$48,400.00
 - D. Approval of Building Bond Fund 37 change orders and encumbrances
#1 in the amount of 2,235,330.00 and #2-3 in the amount of \$6,785.21
 - E. Review of the Investment of School District Funds and Expenditures
 - F. Review of school calendars
 - G. Approval of Activity Funds

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes

- V. Business Items:
 - A. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to approve the Covington-Douglas Schools Athletic Medical Emergency Plan, (Riley's Rule Plan) as reviewed.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes

B. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to approve the school emergency plan as reviewed.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes

C. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to approve the Library Media Policy as reviewed.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes

D. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to approve the payscale of a bus driver who is not receiving extra duty pay for the activity being transported as follows:

\$25.00 per hour windshield time

\$15.00 per hour wait time

Minimum of \$100.00 weekday, \$150.00 on Saturday

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes

E. Public input concerning Title I (including CDAP, ELL/Bilingual Ed, and Homeless Ed), Title II, Title IV, Special Ed funds, G5 direct funds, SRSA Grant, and and/or all other federal fund plans, budgets, and/or goals.

No Public Comments

F. Public comment concerning the possible selection of the ACT as the school's college and career readiness assessment.

No Public Comments

G. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to approve selection of the ACT as the school's college and career readiness assessment.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes

H. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Knouses, to approve the fundraisers for Junior-Senior After Prom Committee and for elementary shirts, hat day, cookie dough, and freshman class keychains/wristlets.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes

I. Knouse made a motion, seconded by Kramer, to approve the creation of the activity fund account 0025 Class of 2028 sub account 002 After-Prom.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes

J. 6:50 pm

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

1. Contract of Darren Sharp
2. Resignation/retirement of Darren Sharp

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes

K. 7:07 pm

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, Knouse, Kramer, and Darren Sharp.

L. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to table the contract of Darren Sharp.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes

M. Kramer made a motion, seconded by Knouse, to accept the resignation of Darren Sharp.

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes

VI. No New Business

VII. 7:08 pm

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

Motion Passed 3-0, Neel-yes, Knouse-yes, Kramer-yes

President

Vice-President

Board Clerk

Board Minutes Clerk