



**Ada City Schools
Board of Education Meeting
August 10, 2026
Superintendent's Report**

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Monday, July 27 kicked off our New Teacher Academy week. **Rachel Keith, Lisa Fulton, and Shelly Lticker** did a fantastic job organizing the week for our new additions. **Kim Rolan** also did a great job in securing food and refreshments. All of our district personnel presented relevant topics and provided support to the new staff. Representative **Ronny Johns** was our tour guide as we went on a bus tour of Ada. Our advanced teachers gave all new teachers tutorials on their unique site procedures on Thursday, July 30.

Monday, August 3, through Friday, August 7, was our back to school week for our teachers. We welcomed all staff members into the ACAC for a celebration of our return to school. We recognized our returning teachers of the year, praised our "summer champions" and gave away door prizes from our gracious vendors and Love Theory. We also had wonderful performances by **Audrey Freeman** and **Ava Morris** from competitive drama. We closed the meeting out with the unveiling of our Mission, Vision, and Values.

All of this was followed by an all district lunch provided by Trinity. We are very thankful for a community that supports our educators. It was great to see such a tremendous turnout from our staff.

We continued the week with professional development in Professional Learning Communities and site collaborative team work. Our goal through the week of professional development was to establish strong collaborative teams at our sites and gain clarity around what we want students to learn. Our Lead Teachers who attended the PLC Conference in Tulsa last May presented sessions on what the PLC process looks like in our schools. They all did a phenomenal job!!!

Following Thursday, August 6, our teachers now have time to breathe, rest, and prepare their rooms. Meet and Greet was held on Monday, August 10. Tuesday is a day for teachers to have to do whatever is necessary to prepare for students. We look forward to welcoming our students Wednesday morning.

Enrollment Confirmation

Enrollment confirmation was a one day event this year. We were open from 7:30 to 7:00 to allow parents time to come enroll or confirm their students' enrollment. We had over 2000 come through for the day. Thank you to the PTA for keeping everyone fed and hydrated throughout the long day.

Extra Curricular Activities

Fall sports have begun. Softball and Football have been going strong in practice but being cautious with the heat. (Our new airconditioned bus has been a nice relief!) The band has also been hard at practice for about a month now. Competitive Drama also finished off a great week of camp for our younger students. HS STUCO has been busy getting the high school ready to have a strong student body oriented culture.

Bond Projects Facility Update

The wrestling facility is getting the final touches added and should be fully complete (minus the mats) soon. The old Washington site is gone. They are now removing the concrete and finishing the dirt work. On Thursday, August 13, contract bids for the new school will be opened. Once this is completed, we should receive a guaranteed maximum price in a few weeks.

Extras

We will begin this school year with four hundred and nineteen (419) employees. Two hundred and forty two (242) of them are full time certified employees. We have eleven (11) part time certified employees and one hundred and sixty six (166) support employees.

Willard has undergone quite a facelift over the summer. The outside has been cleaned and refreshed. The gym has new acoustic sound barriers and the kitchen has been completely redone. North facing classrooms have all new blinds for privacy and heat barriers. Willard also has a new intercom/communication system.

All of our first round of branding projects have been completed and the East Gym Airconditioning should be wrapping up.

AECC's entry way is also being outfitted with acoustic sound blockers.

Facility maintenance and cleanliness is non-negotiable.

Five Absolutes

I have stressed with our district leadership Five Absolutes (non-negotiables) for the school year:

1. Focus on Learning
2. Facility Maintenance and Cleanliness
3. Communication
4. Safety and Security
5. Accountability

For us to be the district we envision, these areas must be monitored and evaluated continually.