



Minutes of the Monday, March 9, 2026 Board Meeting

The Board of Education of Independent School District No. 93, Pottawatomie County, met in Regular Session on Monday, March 9, 2026 at the Board of Education - Administration Building, 326 N. Union Ave., Shawnee, OK 74801.

1. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Attendance Taken at 6:00PM.

Present:	Clif Harden	Board President
	Russ Oliver	1 st Vice President
	Jeanne Swinney	Clerk
	Turner Bass	Member
	Casey White	Member
	Mandy Hillhouse	Member

Absent:	Kristen Wilson	Member
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a. Swearing in of new board members to seat #3 and seat #6.

Turner Bass, Office 6, took the oath of office.

Kristen Wilson, Office 3, was not in attendance,

b. Reorganization of board officers in accordance with 70 O.S. Section 5-119.

Motion was made by Clif Harden and seconded by Mandy Hillhouse to approve Turner Bass as Board President, Clif Harden as 1st Vice President, Jeanne Swinney as 2nd Vice President, and Mandy Hillhouse as Board Clerk. Motion carried.

Ms Kristen Wilson: Absent, Jeanne Swinney: Yes, Casey White: Yes, Mandy Hillhouse: Yes, Russ Oliver: Yes, Clif Harden: Yes, Turner Bass: Abstain (With Conflict)

Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

B. Board to recognize Mrs. Christi Lovelady, Principal Horace Mann Elementary, and her students for Minute of Silence, Invocation, and Flag Salute

C. Minute of Silence and Invocation

D. Flag Salute

E. Horace Mann Student Presentation

2. Opportunity for Public Comment

No Public Comment.

3. Report of the Superintendent

- Gordon Cooper agreement
- OSSBA policy section A, B, & C

A. Board discussion on 2026-2027 DRAFT Instructional Calendar.

Dr. James shared that the 2026-2027 Instructional Calendar is a draft and is going to change when laws are passed that add time or days. Dr. James stated that if time has to be added, he prefers to add days at the front of the calendar to allow more time for students to be prepared for testing.

B. Board discussion and possible action on agreement with Gordon Cooper Technology Center for full-time programs and academic credits.

Motion was made by Jeanne Swinney and seconded by Russ Oliver to approve agreement with Gordon Cooper Technology Center for full-time programs and academic credits. Motion carried.

Ms Kristen Wilson: Absent, Russ Oliver: Yes, Clif Harden: Yes, Casey White: Yes, Mandy Hillhouse: Yes, Jeanne Swinney: Yes, Turner Bass: Yes
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

C. Board discussion and possible action on OSSBA Policies in Section A as presented:

Motion was made by Turner Bass and seconded by Mandy Hillhouse to approve OSSBA Policies in Section A as presented. Motion carried.

Ms Kristen Wilson: Absent, Clif Harden: Yes, Russ Oliver: Yes, Jeanne Swinney: Yes, Mandy Hillhouse: Yes, Casey White: Yes, Turner Bass: Yes
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

D. Board discussion and possible action on OSSBA Policies in Section B as presented:

Motion was made by Clif Harden and seconded by Mandy Hillhouse to approve the OSSBA Policies in Section B with amendments made during board meeting tonight. Motion carried.

Ms Kristen Wilson: Absent, Mandy Hillhouse: Yes, Clif Harden: Yes, Turner Bass: Yes, Casey White: Yes, Jeanne Swinney: Yes, Russ Oliver: Yes
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

E. Board discussion and possible action on OSSBA Policies Section C as presented:

Motion was made by Turner Bass and seconded by Casey White to approve OSSBA Policies Section C as presented. Motion carried.

Ms Kristen Wilson: Absent, Russ Oliver: Yes, Turner Bass: Yes, Jeanne Swinney: Yes, Clif Harden: Yes, Casey White: Yes, Mandy Hillhouse: Abstain (With Conflict)
Yes: 5, No: 0, Absent: 1, Abstain (With Conflict): 1

F. Central Office Reports

- Educational Services Report
- Special Services Report
- Counseling and Community Engagement
- Communications Report
- Operations Report

Matt Johnson, Director of Operations, shared that construction on Stucker is moving faster now that underground work has been completed. Piers should be poured any day.

G. Recognitions & Announcements

Wrestling State Qualifiers
Swimming State Qualifiers
Dax Leone

Coach McCune, wrestling coach, recognized wrestlers who qualified for state and shared that girls' wrestling has grown over 600% in the last year.

Coach Price, head swim coach, recognized the swim teams and shared that 16 students went to Regionals and 14 qualified for State. Girls finished 4th out of 32 teams and boys finished 10th out of 35 teams.

Athletic Director, Dax Leone, recognized a young lady who was indoor state champion in 60m hurdles and broke the school records with a time of 9.6.

Dax Leone shared that an SHS graduate of the class of 1965, Spike Kelley, passed away last month. Spike was a state champion in golf and tennis. Spike started a career in golf and played professionally for 7 years. A scholarship in Spike's name is in the works for the golfing program. Dax offered condolences to his family.

4. Consent Docket Items: All of the following items will be approved by one vote unless any Board Member desires to have a separate vote on any or all of these items. Possible action by the Board of Education to approve:

Motion was made by Casey White and seconded by Turner Bass to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Ms Kristen Wilson: Absent, Turner Bass: Yes, Casey White: Yes, Russ Oliver: Yes, Mandy Hillhouse: Yes, Clif Harden: Yes, Jeanne Swinney: Yes
Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

A. Minutes of the February 9, 2026 Regular Board Meeting

B. Report of the Chief Financial Officer

a. Treasurer's Report

b. Encumbrance Registers for 25-26FY
BOND FUND 03 REGISTERS 40-50
GENERAL FUND 11 ENCUMBRANCES 913-995
BUILDING FUND 21 ENCUMBRANCES 175-189
BOND FUND 33 ENCUMBRANCES 38
GIFT FUND 81 ENCUMBRANCES 59-63

c. School Activity Fund Transfers for the 25-26 FY

d. FY 2026-2027 Insurance Broker RFP

C. Agreements:

- a) Speech Therapy Contractual Agreement 2025-2026 with Alia Brewer, MS CC/SLP
- b) Audit Contract with Jenkins & Kemper CPA P.C.
- c) Ohiopyle Prints, Inc. Royalty Agreement

5. Proposed Executive Session to discuss:

Title 25, Section 307 of the Oklahoma Statutes (25 O.S. § 307 Section B(1)).

Quarterly Evaluation of the Superintendent
Superintendent's Personnel Report

Exhibit A

Exhibit B (filed under separate cover)

A. Superintendent's Personnel Report

a. Vote to convene or not to convene into Executive Session

Board convened to Executive Session at 6:53pm.

Motion was made by Casey White and seconded by Jeanne Swinney to approve to convene to Executive Session. Motion carried.

Ms Kristen Wilson: Absent, Casey White: Yes, Mandy Hillhouse: Yes, Jeanne Swinney: Yes, Turner Bass: Yes, Clif Harden: Yes, Russ Oliver: Yes

Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

6. Acknowledge to return to Open Session

Board members returned from Executive Session at 7:47pm.

7. Board President's Statement of Executive Session Minutes.

Board Members in attendance were Clif Harden, Russ Oliver, Jeanne Swinney, Turner Bass, Casey White, Mandy Hillhouse, and Superintendent, Jason James. No votes were taken and no other matters were discussed in Executive Session.

8. Approval of Superintendent's Personnel Reports, Exhibit A (and Exhibit B that was presented under separate cover)

Motion was made by Casey White and seconded by Russ Oliver to approve Superintendent's Personnel Reports, Exhibit A (and Exhibit B that was presented under separate cover). Motion carried.

Ms Kristen Wilson: Absent, Jeanne Swinney: Yes, Turner Bass: Yes, Russ Oliver: Yes, Mandy Hillhouse: Yes, Casey White: Yes, Clif Harden: Yes

Yes: 6, No: 0, Absent: 1

9. New Business: New business means any matter not known about or which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to the time of posting. 25 O.S. § 311.

No new business.

10. Board member comments and announcements

Mandy Hillhouse reminded everyone that the Shawnee High School girls basketball team will play Thursday at noon in the state tournament.

Mandy Hillhouse also shared that Shawnee High School Theatre will present Urinetown: The Musical. They will have a presentation on Tuesday at 6:00pm and the school presentation will be moved to next week due to the girls' basketball game.

Jeanne Swinney complimented the people who helped with the TOY Gala. Jeanne also recognized the District Spelling Bee, and the middle school chorus concert, which was amazing.

Dr. James shared that the middle school band received all 1's which was a major improvement. Dr. James stated that the performing arts staff and students are doing wonderful. The band and CHOM team went to the OKPLAC public school day at the state capitol and did a fabulous job.

Mandy Hillhouse shared that there is a large group from both choir and band who are going to the state competition.

Dr. James stated that the elementary schools will compete in the Battle of the Books, and it is coming up on March 24th. The event will be at the PAAC Auditorium and will start at 6:00pm.

Clif Harden thanked the elementary sites for letting him come to the sites and read to the students.

11. Adjournment

Motion was made by Clif Harden, Board President, to adjourn meeting at 7:53pm.

Motion unseconded.

ATTEST: _____ President

Clerk: _____

I hereby certify that I accurately transcribed the forgoing minutes and furnished copies to the executive officers, the board clerk and all board members prior to this meeting, but the original of the same was retained at all times in the administrative office of the School District and that the provisions of the 1977 Open Meeting Law (Title 25, Section 201-314 of Oklahoma Statutes) were adhered to.

Approved: _____

Secretary: _____