



AGENDA
Shawnee Public Schools
Board of Education - Administration Building
326 N. Union Ave.
Shawnee, OK 74801
Thursday, March 13, 2025
6:00 PM

Special Session

NOTE: The Shawnee School District Board of Education may discuss, vote to approve, disapprove, table, or decide not to vote or take action on any item on this agenda.

- A. Call to Order
 1. Roll Call
- B. Discussion and possible board action regarding a contract with Knights Landscaping for landscaping and mowing services throughout the district.
- C. Discussion and possible board action to enter into a contract with A&S Roofing and Contracting to provide all labor and material and installation of the Shawnee High School softball facility bleachers.
- D. Discussion and possible board action to approve revisions to SPS Board Policy EA regarding the display of the United States flag on school property.
- E. Discussion and possible board action regarding an agreement with A&S Roofing and Construction to purchase HVAC Equipment.
- F. Consideration and vote to enter executive session to discuss the employment of a new Superintendent of Schools, pursuant to 25 O.S. § 307(B)(1).
- G. Acknowledge return to Open Session.
- H. Board President's statement of executive session minutes.
- I. Adjournment

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Shawnee Board of Education
326 North Union (Front & South Doors)

Shawnee OK. 74801

Posted by Wendy Tucker Executive Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/Board
Minutes Clerk

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Central Offices, Shawnee Public Schools, 326 N. Union, Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801

ITEM OF CONSIDERATION

Board of Education

March 13, 2025

TOPIC: Discussion and possible board action to approve revisions to SPS Board Policy EA regarding the display of the United States Flag on school property.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: District administration recommends approval of the revised board policy EA.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION: During a review of policies and new state guidelines, the following board policy was identified as needing language updates, formatting updates, or legal updates as related to accreditation. Listed below is a summary of the changes with the policy:

Board Policy EA – School Ceremonies and Observances -this policy outlines the requirements surrounding the display of the U.S. flag and the weekly recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance. Policy EA includes specific measures and how these practices are being integrated into the school culture.

FINANCIAL IMPACT AND FUNDING: No financial impact

OPTIONS:

1. Approve
2. Do not approve
3. Table

CONTACT PERSON:

Dr. Teresa Wilkerson, Assistant Superintendent

GENERAL STUDENT POLICIES

School Calendar: School shall actually be in session and classroom instruction offered:

- For not less than 1,080 hours with a minimum of 165 days of instruction each school year, if a district board adopts a school-hours policy and notifies the SBE prior to October 15 of the applicable school year; or
- For not less than 1,080 hours each school year, if a district board adopts a school-hours policy, notifies the SBE prior to October 15 of the applicable school year and meets the requirements established by the SBE pursuant to law.

Annually, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall prepare and present for Board approval a school calendar which indicates the dates of the opening and the closing of school and all applicable instructional and professional days. In addition, the superintendent shall have the authority to make short-term adjustments to the calendar as necessary, including but not limited to distance learning schedules and related planning and redefining attendance and absence requirements for students and staff.

School Day: A school day shall consist of not less than six (6) hours devoted to school activities except as allowed by law or as a result of extenuating circumstances such as a health and safety emergency. The Administration shall establish the school hours within the school day and class schedules for the schools within District and may provide for flexible scheduling and a longer school day to accommodate flexible scheduling. That information will be provided to students, parents and the public in the school handbooks.

Class Size: The Administration shall maintain appropriate class sizes as required by state law and applicable regulations.

School Ceremonies and Observances: According to state law, each school may ~~conduct~~ lead its students in a daily, but not less than weekly, pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and may fly the United States and Oklahoma flags on school grounds on school days when weather permits. The United States Flag will be on display, either inside or outside, on school property as required by law. Any person who mistreats or dishonors the Flag will be subject to consequences pursuant to state law and district policy. In addition, students who do not wish to participate in the pledge will not be required to do so or penalized for noncompliance, so long as it is respectful. Schools within District may observe the holidays of various religions and present assembly programs with songs and decorations in accordance with the traditional and historical significance of the religious holiday. Schools within District may conduct programs commemorating events in the history of Oklahoma and the United States. Student assemblies shall be considered part of the school program and shall be held

during school hours.

Minute of Silence: At the beginning of each school day in which students are present at school, District shall observe approximately one minute of silence for the purpose of allowing each student, in the exercise of his or her choice, to reflect, meditate, pray, or engage in any other silent activity that does not interfere with, distract, or impede other students in the exercise of their individual choices. Students or staff shall not coerce or attempt to coerce any person to engage in any particular activity during the minute of silence. After a minute of silence, the administrative staff shall indicate that the minute of silence is concluded.

The minute of silence shall commence with an announcement substantially mirror the following statement: "We now pause for a minute of silence in which students may reflect, meditate, pray, or engage in any other silent activity that does not interfere with, distract, or impede other students in the exercise of their individual choices." Any complaints regarding violations of this policy will be addressed promptly and in accordance with law and District's complaint procedures.

Voluntary Prayer: District acknowledges the right to engage in voluntary prayer. Those who wish to participate in voluntary prayer will be permitted to do so pursuant to the Oklahoma Administrative Code at OAC 210:35-3-251. Voluntary prayer is permitted at school events, including but not limited to sporting events or graduation ceremonies, so long as it is non-disruptive and respectful of the rights of other individuals present. Any complaints regarding violations of this policy will be addressed promptly and in accordance with law and District's complaint procedures.

Release of Students: All students are to remain on the school campus between the time of arrival and the close of the school day. Parents and/or guardians must check out students through the school office before taking the student from campus. Students shall only be released from schools to a parent or guardian unless the parent or guardian has provided the Principal with a written statement authorizing the release of the student to a third party without proper authorization. The Principal may contact the parent or guardian to authenticate or verify the written authorization. Students who leave campus without permission shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Adopted: July 23, 2018

Revised: August 17, 2020; August 12, 2024; February 3, 2025