

Regular Meeting of The Board of Education Independent School District Number
33, Creek County
Monday, January 12, 2026 6:00 PM
Washington Administration Center Board Room, 511 E Lee, Sapulpa, OK 74066

I. Call the meeting to order and Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

President Steve McCormick called the meeting to order at 6 pm. Assistant Jazzman Musgrove, Liberty STEM Academy Principal, introduced Sawyer Lusk, 5th Grade Student, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Recognition of Sapulpa School Board Members

Superintendent Rob Armstrong presented Board Members with a certificate to celebrate another year of their service to Sapulpa Public Schools. Years of Service range from the first year to the start of a sixteenth year. Board Members are Steve McCormick-President, Larry Hoover-1st Vice President, Melinda Ryan-2nd Vice President, Sarah Havenstrite-Member, and Johnny Merrell-Member. A huge thank you to them for all that they do for the District.

III. Formal Adoption of the Agenda

III.A. Motion, discussion, and vote on Motion to formally adopt Agenda.

To formally adopt the Agenda passed with a motion by Melinda Ryan and a second by Sarah Havenstrite.

Sarah Havenstrite: Yea

Larry Hoover: Yea

Steve McCormick: Yea

Johnny Merrell: Yea

Melinda Ryan: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

IV. Consent Agenda

IV.A. Approval of the 12.08.2025 Regular Meeting Minutes.

IV.B. Approval of the 2025-26 General Fund Purchase Order encumbrance numbers 628 through 674.

IV.C. Approval of the 2025-26 Building Fund Purchase Order encumbrance numbers 155 through 173.

IV.D. Approval of the 2025-26 Child Nutrition Fund Purchase Order encumbrance numbers 57 through 61.

IV.E. Approval of the monthly financial reports of the School Activity Funds account.

IV.F. Approval of the monthly financial reports of the SPS Endowed Scholarship Accounts, Fund 81.

IV.G. Approval of the Treasurer's Report on the status of Funds and Investments.

IV.H. Approval of the 2026 renewal of Cox Internet WAN Commercial Services Agreement.

IV.I. Approval of Sapulpa Performing Arts 66 Foundation Lease of Real Property Agreement with Sapulpa Public Schools.

IV.J. Approval to create a new activity account project 875 for Junior High STEM Grants.

IV.K. Approval of the 2026 Playing With Purpose Workshop Agreement.

IV.L. Approval of 2026 Creek County Fairgrounds Contract for Indian Education Annual Stom Dance.

IV.M. Approval of PLTW Grant of \$40,000 for the Routes to Success/Engineering Pathways Program.

IV.N. Approval of Cox Charities Grant of \$10,000 for 3D Printers and other STEM needs.

IV.O. Approval of Oklahoma Arts Grant of \$5,000 for Bartlett Academy.

IV.P. Approval of the Out of State Activity Trips as per attachment.

IV.P.1. SHS Baseball-Lake Charles, Louisiana

IV.P.2. Pings-Orlando, FL

IV.Q. Approval of Fundraisers as per attachment.

To approve Consent Agenda Items A-Q passed with a motion by Melinda Ryan and a second by Sarah Havenstrite.

Sarah Havenstrite: Yea

Larry Hoover: Yea

Steve McCormick: Yea

Johnny Merrell: Yea

Melinda Ryan: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

V. Hearing from the Public

None

VI. Information & Discussion Items

VI.A. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Armstrong extended thanks for the many grants received for Sapulpa Public Schools. The generosity of these charities and foundations is greatly appreciated. Other things mentioned were: Creek County Apportionment has been released, and the Local Ad Valorem is expected to have increased by \$852,732.79. ADM for the 2026-27 school year was also released, and Sapulpa falls to Number 33, potentially putting the District in Class 5A if there is no appeal. Bond Update: A lot to be happening in the next 3 months. Area B will begin the slab pour. Tresses continue to go up in Area C of the HS, and the Band Room is nearly closed in. Fencing will begin to go up around the EndZone Project. Looking for completion in August 2027.

VII. Action Items

VII.A. New Business-items not known or foreseen when the agenda was posted.

None

VII.B. Discussion, motion, and vote on a motion to approve or disapprove the generous grant donations totaling \$317,150 from the Edward E. and Helen Turner Bartlett Foundation made to Sapulpa Public Schools to be used in the specified departments as per attachment.

To approve the generous grant donations totaling \$317,150 from the Edward E. and Helen Turner Bartlett Foundation made to Sapulpa Public Schools to be used in the specified departments as per attachment passed with a motion by Melinda Ryan and a second by Larry Hoover.

Sarah Havenstrite: Yea
Larry Hoover: Yea
Steve McCormick: Yea
Johnny Merrell: Yea
Melinda Ryan: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

VII.C. Discussion, motion, and vote on a motion to approve or disapprove the generous grant donation totaling \$40,000 from the Edward E. and Helen Turner

Bartlett Foundation made to Kid's Kloset to be used in the specified department as per attachment.

To approve the generous grant donation totaling \$40,000 from the Edward E. and Helen Turner Bartlett Foundation made to Kid's Kloset to be used in the specified department as per attachment passed with a motion by Melinda Ryan and a second by Sarah Havenstrite.

Sarah Havenstrite: Yea
Larry Hoover: Yea
Steve McCormick: Yea
Johnny Merrell: Yea
Melinda Ryan: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

VII.D. Proposed Executive Session to discuss the Personnel listed, to conduct the ongoing evaluation of the Superintendent, and to discuss confidential communications with John Priddy, legal counsel for the school district, concerning a pending investigation when advised by Ms. Morgan Rinner that disclosure of any additional information could seriously impair the ability of the school district to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation regarding a financial matter in the public interest, as authorized by 25 O.S. Section 307 (B)(1) and (B)(4) of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

VII.D.1. Vote to convene in Executive Session.

To convene in Executive Session at 6:28 pm passed with a motion by Melinda Ryan and a second by Sarah Havenstrite.

Sarah Havenstrite: Yea
Larry Hoover: Yea
Steve McCormick: Yea
Johnny Merrell: Yea
Melinda Ryan: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

VII.D.2. To acknowledge the Board has returned to Open Session.

President Steve McCormick acknowledged the Board's return to Open Session at 6:56 pm.

VII.D.3. Statement of Executive Session Minutes.

The Board of Education went into Executive Session at 6:28 pm to discuss Personnel as listed, to conduct an ongoing evaluation of the Superintendent, and to discuss confidential communications with Ms. Morgan Rinner, legal

counsel for the school district, concerning a pending investigation, when advised by Mr. Priddy and/or Mr. Rinner that disclosure of any additional information could seriously impair the ability of the school district to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation regarding a financial matter in the public interest, as authorized by 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1) and (B)(4) of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. During the Executive Session, the Board discussed these items and no other items. The Board returned to Open Session at 6:56 pm. Present in Executive Session were Johnny Merrell, Sarah Havenstrite, Melinda Ryan, Larry Hoover, and Steve McCormick, Rob Armstrong, and Ms. Morgan Rinner via cell phone call. No action was taken. This constitutes the minutes of the Executive Session.

VIII. Personnel

VIII.A. Vote to approve/disapprove employing Personnel as per attachment. To approve employing Personnel as per attachment passed with a motion by Larry Hoover and a second by Sarah Havenstrite.

Sarah Havenstrite: Yea
Larry Hoover: Yea
Steve McCormick: Yea
Johnny Merrell: Yea
Melinda Ryan: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

VIII.B. Vote to accept Resignations received since the last board meeting. To accept Resignations received since the last board meeting passed with a motion by Larry Hoover and a second by Sarah Havenstrite.

Sarah Havenstrite: Yea
Larry Hoover: Yea
Steve McCormick: Yea
Johnny Merrell: Yea
Melinda Ryan: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

IX. Adjournment

To adjourn at 6:58 pm passed with a motion by Larry Hoover and a second by Sarah Havenstrite.

Sarah Havenstrite: Yea
Larry Hoover: Yea

Steve McCormick: Yea

Johnny Merrell: Yea

Melinda Ryan: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0