

Regular Meeting of The Board of Education Independent School District Number
33, Creek County
Monday, March 9, 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. Freedom Principal, Alison Owens, introduced her daughters, Amelia and Marian Owens, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. After the Pledge of Allegiance, principals introduced their site Teacher of the Year. Carla Cale, USE President, introduced the 4 finalists for Support Employees of the Year. The District Teacher and Support Employee of the Year will be announced at the TOY Banquet on April 24th.

II. Formal Adoption of the Agenda.

II.A. Motion, discussion, and vote on Motion to formally adopt Agenda.
To formally adopt the Agenda 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:	Absent
Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1	

III. Consent Agenda

III.A. Approval of the BOE Meeting Minutes.

III.A.1. 2.20.2026-Special BOE Meeting Minutes

III.A.2. 2.27.2026-Speical Meeting Minutes

III.B. Approval of the 2025-26 General Fund Purchase Order Encumbrance numbers 846 through 888.

III.C. Approval of the 2025-26 Building Fund Purchase Order Encumbrance numbers 203 through 209.

III.D. Approval of the monthly financial reports of the School Activity Funds account.

III.E. Approval of the monthly financial reports of the SPS Endowed Scholarship Accounts, Fund 81.

III.F. Approval of the Treasurer's Report on the status of Funds and Investments.

III.G. Approval to increase the Purchasing Card limit to \$300,000 for the Activity Account and an additional \$50,000 limit to be used in either Activity Fund or General Fund as needed.

III.H. Approval of the Beldsoe, Hewett & Gullekson Contract for Audit of Public Schools 2025-26 School Year.

III.I. Approval of the District (School Year) Calendar for 2026-27.

III.J. Approval of April 1, 2026, District Capacity Numbers.

III.K. Approval to create an Activity Account for the PAC for shared startup expenses between SPS and the PAC Foundation.

III.L. Approval of the 2026 Discovery Lab (Tulsa) Outreach Agreement for the Route 66 STEM outreach program for Freedom's Discovery Day event.

III.M. Approval of a generous grant of \$15,000 through the Renaissance Charitable Foundation from Stan and Jane Johnson Charitable Fund for the Chieftain CARE program, as needed.

III.N. Approval of a generous grant of \$2,000 through the Renaissance Charitable Foundation from Stan and Jane Johnson Charitable Fund for Child Nutrition to help with unpaid school lunch accounts.

III.O. Approval of a generous donation of \$1000 from the Marine Corps League to put towards JROTC Marksmanship related expenses.

III.P. Approval of the 2026-27 Yearbook Contracts for Sapulpa Public Schools:

III.P.1. Sapulpa High School--Varsity

III.P.2. Sapulpa Jr. High--Varsity

III.P.3. Sapulpa Middle School--Walsworth

III.P.4. Freedom Elementary--Focused

III.P.5. Holmes Park Elementary--Focused

III.P.6. Jefferson Heights Elementary-Focused

III.P.7. Liberty Elementary Stem Academy-Jostens

III.Q. Approval of Out-of-State Activity Request as per attachment.

III.Q.1. FCCLA-Washington D.C.

III.Q.2. FFA-Fayetteville, AR

III.Q.3. HS Band-Orlando, FL

III.Q.4. JROTC(4)-Camp Perry, OHx2, Granbury, TX--Anniston, AL

III.Q.5. Robotics--Kansas City, MO

III.R. Approval of Fundraisers as per attachment.

To approve Consent Agenda Items A-R 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: Absent

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

IV. Hearing from the Public

Francesca Walker-Gun Safety Plans/Parent Involvement

V. Information and Discussion Items

V.A. Superintendent Comments

Superintendent Armstrong introduced Carla Cale to share that Jefferson Heights Elementary had been selected for the Outreach to Teach program. On Friday, March 27th, they will get 6 projects completed. Great opportunity to get to visit with potential future educators. Mr. Armstrong shared that Pings are again National Champs x2, carrying on their tradition. Spring Break starts on Friday. And after Spring Break, he invited those interested to join in the Speaker Series, the three remaining: Mark Lawson, Rachel Porter, and Kirby Crowe.

V.B. Bond Projects Update

Superintendent Armstrong reported that there is a lot of construction going on and a lot more to come. Floors are being poured, and walls are going up. The Endzone project has the GPS markings down, and the scoreboard has been stored for safekeeping. Ag Building/JROTC Bids will open on 3.26.26.

V.C. 2024- 2025 School Report Card Information

Principal Gina Ritchie presented a slideshow to review their State Report Card. She shared what has been changed from last year and goals to make improvements for the next school year.

VI. Action Items

VI.A. New Business - items not known or foreseen when agenda was posted.
None

VI.B. Proposed Executive Session to discuss Personnel as listed, and to conduct the ongoing evaluation of the Superintendent as authorized by 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1) of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

VI.B.1. Vote to convene in Executive Session

To convene in Executive Session at 7:03 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: Absent

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VI.B.2. To acknowledge the Board has returned to Open Session

President Steve McCormick acknowledged the board's return to Open Session at 7:34 pm.

VI.B.3. Statement of Executive Session Minutes

The Board of Education went into Executive Session at 7:03 pm to discuss Personnel as listed and to conduct an ongoing evaluation of the Superintendent, as authorized by 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(1) 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 7:34 pm. Present in Executive Session were Johnny Merrell, Sarah Havenstrite, Larry Hoover, Steve McCormick, and Rob Armstrong. No action was taken. This constitutes the minutes of the Executive Session.

VI.C. Personnel

VI.C.1. Vote to approve/disapprove employing Personnel as per attachment. To approve employing Personnel as per the attachment passed with a motion by Larry Hoover and a second by Johnny Merrell.

Sarah Havenstrite: Yea
Larry Hoover: Yea

Steve McCormick: Yea
Johnny Merrell: Yea
Melinda Ryan: Absent

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VI.C.2. 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 Johnny Merrell.

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

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VI.C.3. Discussion, motion, and vote on a motion to enter into a Resignation Agreement with Michael "Tony" Pacheco and authorize the Board President and Board Clerk to execute the Resignation Agreement.

Make a motion to enter into a Resignation Agreement with Michael "Tony" Pacheco and authorize the Board President and Board Clerk to execute the Resignation Agreement 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: Absent

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

To adjourn at 7:36 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: Absent

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

VII. Adjournment