

Regular Meeting
Monday, May 11, 2026 5:30 PM Central

Board Room of Central Office
500 E. North Ave
Tonkawa, OK 74653

Mr Brian Bowling: Present
Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Present
Mr. Jerry Hook: Present
Mr Tyler Langston: Present
Mr Casey McAninch: Present
Present: 5.

1. Call to order: Brian Bowling, President

2. Roll call of members and recording of present and absent

3. Reading of the minutes of the April 13, 2026 regular meeting and vote to approve or not approve.

Motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2026. This motion, made by Mr Tyler Langston and seconded by Mr. Jerry Hook, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

4. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve General Fund purchase order encumbrance numbers 790 through 848 in the amount of \$61,959.76 with change order #790-848.

Motion to approve encumbrances. This motion, made by Mr Casey McAninch and seconded by Mr Brian Bowling, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

5. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve Child Nutrition Fund purchase order encumbrance numbers 14 through 17 in the amount of \$70,538.86 with change order #14-17.

Motion to approve Child Nutrition Fund. This motion, made by Mr Casey McAninch and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

6. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the Cash Fund Estimate of Needs and Request for Appropriation for the Gift Fund in the amount of \$200,000.00

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Tyler Langston and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

7. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve changing General Fund purchase order 790 vendor from Amazon to Prosperity Bank.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen and seconded by Mr. Jerry Hook, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

8. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve submitting U.S. Sports Turf invoice for turf in the Softball/Wrestling Facility in the amount of \$15,792.00 to BancFirst for payment using bond funds.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr. Jerry Hook and seconded by Mr Tyler Langston, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

9. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve submitting EMH Construction invoice for driveway & sidewalk to softball field in the amount of \$16,758.00 to BancFirst for payment using bond funds.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Tyler Langston and seconded by Mr Brian Bowling, Carried.

Mr Casey McAninch: Nay, Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 1

Mr Casey McAninch: Nay

10. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve submitting Tefft Plumbing invoice for Softball/Wrestling Facility in the amount of \$53,350.00 for payment using bond funds.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Tyler Langston and seconded by Mr. Jerry Hook, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

11. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve submitting Z Floor Company invoice for the elementary school gym floor replacement in the amount of \$59,900.00 to BancFirst for payment using bond funds.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr. Jerry Hook and seconded by Mr Tyler Langston, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

12. Presentation of Activity Fund activity and balances for the month and vote to approve or not approve financial report and transfers.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr. Jerry Hook and seconded by Mr Tyler Langston, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

13. Treasurer's Report

Ladonna Durkee gave the treasurer's report. No action was taken by the board.

14. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve Special Education Policies.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Brian Bowling and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

15. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the Special Education Life Skills Handbook.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Tyler Langston and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

16. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the Life Skills Classroom Paraprofessional Support Contract and Daily Duties Checklist.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr. Jerry Hook and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

17. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve Temporary Appropriations for fiscal year 2026-27.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Brian Bowling and seconded by Mr Tyler Langston, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

18. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the amendment to renew the food service management company contract renewal between Tonkawa Public Schools and Taher, Inc. for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Brian Bowling and seconded by Mr Tyler Langston, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

19. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve resignations to date.

Motion to approve resignation of Nichole York, Christine Jernigan, Emma Garcia, Carolee Kirtley, and Lena Miller. This motion, made by Mr Casey McAninch and seconded by Mr. Jerry Hook, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

20. Proposed executive session to discuss hiring an elementary school teacher, a Native American Education Director, a Special Education Director, and temporary summer maintenance helpers for the 2026-27 school year. O.S. § 307(B)(1).

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Tyler Langston and seconded by Mr Brian Bowling, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

21. Board to appoint minutes' secretary and vote to convene or not to convene in executive session.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Tyler Langston and seconded by Mr Brian Bowling, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

22. Acknowledge the board's return to open session.

23. Executive session compliance announcement.

The board entered into executive session at 7:08 p.m. on May 11, 2026 to discuss the hiring of an elementary school teacher, a Native American Education Director, a Special Education Director, and temporary summer maintenance helpers for the 2026-27 school year, as authorized by 25 O.S. Section, 307(B)(1). Those present in executive session were Casey McAninch, Tyler Langston, Jerry Hook, Brian Bowling, Melanie Bellinghausen, and Lori Simpson. Returned to open session at 7:32 p.m. No action was taken by the board of education.

24. Discussion and possible action on Superintendent's recommendation concerning the employment of a elementary school teacher for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to approve hiring Stacy Pedersen. This motion, made by Mr Tyler Langston and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

25. Discussion and possible action on Superintendent's recommendation concerning the employment of a Native American Education Director for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to approve hiring Pearle Cramer. This motion, made by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen and seconded by Mr Tyler Langston, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

26. Discussion and possible action on Superintendent's recommendation concerning the employment of a Special Education Director for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to approve hiring Lori Evans. This motion, made by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen and seconded by Mr. Jerry Hook, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

27. Discussion and possible action on Superintendent's recommendation concerning the employment of temporary maintenance helpers for the 2026 summer months.

Motion to approve hiring Kamden Sparks and Antonio Guardiola. This motion, made by Mr Casey McAninch and seconded by Mr Brian Bowling, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

28. Discussion and vote to accept or reject the recommendation on renewal of employment for the 2026-27 school year for the support staff member and certified staff members.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Casey McAninch and seconded by Mr Tyler Langston, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

29. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve Tonkawa Board of Education Policy Sanctioning of Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Tyler Langston and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

30. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve allowing out of state travel to Segwick County Zoo in Wichita, Kansas for vocal students at Tonkawa High School in May.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen and seconded by Mr. Jerry Hook, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

31. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve allowing out of state travel to Washington D.C. for national competition for Technology Student Association Students in June.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr. Jerry Hook and seconded by Mr Tyler Langston, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0

32. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the contract between Tonkawa Public Schools and Quality Choice Testing, LLC for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Casey McAninch and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

33. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the renewal of membership with the Oklahoma State School Board Association for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Casey McAninch and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

34. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the Employment Service Agreement between Oklahoma State School Board Association and Tonkawa Public Schools for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr. Jerry Hook and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

35. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the Policy Subscription Renewal between Oklahoma State School Board Association and Tonkawa Public Schools for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Casey McAninch and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

36. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the renewal of the Oklahoma State School Board Association Assemble Meeting Services for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen and seconded by Mr Brian Bowling, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

37. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve increasing Special Education Differential pay for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to approve increasing to 10%. This motion, made by Mr Casey McAninch and seconded by Mr Brian Bowling, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

38. Discussion and vote to approve or not approve the contract between Tonkawa Public Schools and J.D. McCarty for the 2026-27 school year.

Motion to approve. This motion, made by Mr Tyler Langston and seconded by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

39. Superintendent's report

Lori Simpson gave the superintendent and principal's reports to the board. No action was taken by the board.

40. Principal's reports

41. New Business

42. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. This motion, made by Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen and seconded by Mr. Jerry Hook, Carried.

Mr Brian Bowling: Yea, Mrs. Melanie Caughlin-Bellinghausen: Yea, Mr. Jerry Hook: Yea, Mr Tyler Langston: Yea, Mr Casey McAninch: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0