

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of  
The Board of Directors of the Ogden Community School District  
March 9, 2026

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Ogden Board of Education held a regular board meeting Monday, March 9, 2026 in the Middle & High School Library. Members Lauren Britton, Kelly Merritt, Pete Thomsen, and Matt Van Sickle were present. Earl Taylor was absent. The meeting was called to order by President Merritt at 6:00pm. Others present were Superintendent Joshua Heyer, Board Secretary Melissa Atwell, Principals Amy Krause and Derek Carlson, and 8 guests.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Britton moved to approve the agenda. Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**PRESENTATIONS, CELEBRATIONS & REPORTS**

Derek Carlson presented changes made to the District Career Academic Plan. Principals provided updates from their buildings.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

February 9 regular meeting and work session and February 12 work session minutes.

Monthly bills and financial reports as presented.

New Hires: Addy Blahauvietz, HS Asst Boys Track, \$3060; Alexis Pliztkow, MS Girls Track, \$2040

Resignations: Jared Adreon, HS Head Girls Basketball; Sydney Briggs & Lauren Kennedy, MS Girls Basketball; Dan Lake, HS Asst. Girls Basketball; Amanda Lass, Basketball Cheer.

Modifications: Randy Johnson, HS Head Golf, \$4250.

AEA purchasing agreement for nutrition.

Thomsen moved to approve the consent agenda. Britton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**ACTION ITEMS**

FY25 Audit

Nick Stanley of Trustpoint presented the findings of the FY25 financial audit. Britton moved to acknowledge receipt of the FY25 audit. Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Elementary Schematic Design

Rachelle Hines and Jessy Muo from FRK Architects + Engineers presented updated schematic designs to the board. Britton moved to approve the schematic designs presented in Plans and Estimated Total Cost for the Ogden Community School District Elementary School Renovation project. Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

MS/HS Parking Lot

A public hearing was held on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of total cost for the Ogden CSD MS/HS parking lot improvement project. No comments were made. Britton moved to approve the resolution adopting the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimated total cost of the Ogden Community School District MS/HS Parking Lot Improvement project. Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The board discussed the results of the construction bids and possible alternates. Britton moved to adopt the resolution making award of construction contract for the MS/HS Parking Lot project to Home Boy Enterprises LTD for \$1,379,512.70, accepting the base bid and alternate 1 (repaving the current parking lot). Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

General Obligation Capital Loan Notes

The board discussed a number of action items related to the sale of capital loan (PPEL) notes to fund the elementary remodel and MS/HS parking lot projects. Thomsen moved to approve the resolution appointing paying agent, note registrar, and transfer agent, approving the paying agent, note registrar and transfer agent agreement and authorizing the execution of the same. Britton seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Thomsen moved that the form of Tax Exemption Certificate be placed on file and approved. Britton seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Thomsen moved the form of Continuing Disclosure Certificate be placed on file and approved. Britton seconded. Motion carried 4-0. Thomsen moved to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of

\$4,675,000 General Obligation School Capital Loan Notes, Series 2026, levying a tax for the payment thereof, and authorizing the execution of a loan agreement. Britton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

#### Debt Pre-Levy Resolution

Thomsen moved to approve the resolution authorizing the redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, dated December 1, 2017, levying a tax for fiscal year 2027 for the redemption of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017, dated December 1, 2017. Britton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

#### Budget Guarantee Resolution

Thomsen moved the Board of Directors of the Ogden Community School District will levy property taxes for fiscal year 2026-27 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, code of Iowa. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

#### Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Program Renewal

Britton moved to approve continued participation in the Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Commission for FY27 for \$72,714.50. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

#### Curriculum Adoption

Britton moved to approve the recommended curriculum purchases for K-12 social studies and 6-12 science. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

#### Foreign Exchange Student

Britton moved to approve the application from the Dubbolhke family to host student Lola from Switzerland for the 2026-27 school year. Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

#### Policy Revision

Thomsen moved to approve the first reading of updated policy 705.1. Britton seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

### **COMMUNICATIONS, DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS**

The board calendar was reviewed. Kelly Merritt and Lauren Britton volunteered to distribute diplomas at graduation. Supt. Heyer updated the board on the first meeting of the AI taskforce, reminded everyone of the upcoming spring break, shared updates from career fairs, and information on upcoming changes to the athletic conference.

### **CLOSED SESSION- REAL ESTATE**

Van Sickle moved to enter into closed session to discuss the sale of particular real estate, where premature disclosure could be reasonable expected to reduce the price the board could receive for the property, Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j). Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The board entered closed session at 8:03pm. Thomsen later moved to return to open session. Britton seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The board returned to open session at 8:23pm.

### **CLOSED SESSION- SUPERINTENDENT REVIEW**

Britton moved to enter into a closed session to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance or discharge is being considered when a closed session is necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session, Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The board entered closed session at 8:24pm. Van Sickle later moved to return to open session. Britton seconded. Motion carried 4-0. The board returned to open session at 9:27pm.

### **ADJOURN**

There was no further business to come before the board for consideration. Britton moved to adjourn. Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 4-0. President Merritt adjourned the meeting at 9:27pm. Reports, documents and full text of motions, resolutions or policies considered at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary's Office.