Minutes of a Regular Meeting of
The Board of Directors of the Ogden Community School District
September 14, 2026

CALL TO ORDER
The Ogden Board of Education held a regular board meeting Monday, September 14, 2026 in the Middle & High School Library. Members Lauren Britton, Kelly Merritt, Earl Taylor, Pete Thomsen and Matt Van Sickle were present. 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 & Derek Carlson, and ten guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Van Sickle moved to approve the agenda. Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW
The board reviewed a portion of the strategic plan.

CELEBRATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS
Spring and summer sports' accomplishments and state qualifiers were recognized. Principals provided updates from their buildings on the start of the year.

CONSENT AGENDA
August 10 regular meeting minutes.
Monthly bills as presented.
New Hires: Jeremy Britton, Substitute Bus Driver; Whitney Miller, Associate $16.85/hr; Charity Bell, Part-time Associate, $16.85/hr; Kathie Ritchie, Part-time Cook, $15.35/hr
Resignations: Stacy Tharp, Associate
Modifications: Amanda Bailey, BA+15 to MA, $67,000; Scott Blahauvietz, BA to BA+15, $53,975; Emily Crosman, BA+15 to MA, $69,875; Brenda Mathews, BA to BA+15, $67,775; Savannah Meyer, BA to BA+15, $53,240; Talia Monroe, BA to BA+15, $64,865; Joanne Myers, MA to MA+15, $62,855; Tressa Snedden, MA to MA+15, $60,530; Lauren Sussner, BA to BA+15, $53,240; Michaela Abbott, $16.85/hr; Shelby Lonergan, $16.85/hr, Jenna Palmer, $16.85/hr
Second reading of policies 503.11, 503.11R1 and 503.11R2.
Approval of 26-27 Activities Handbook.

Thomsen moved to approve the consent agenda. Britton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS
<u>FFA Out of State Travel Request</u>
Britton moved to approve FFA out of state travel request to attend FFA Nationals in Indianapolis, IN from Oct 20-24. Taylor seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

<u>FCCLA Out of State Travel Request</u>
Taylor moved to approve FCCLA out of state travel request to Anaheim, CA for a leadership conference from Nov 11-13. Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

<u>Nonresident Student Transportation</u>
The board discussed drop off zones for open enrolled students including liability, length of routes, lack of drivers, and cost. Upon the recommendation of the superintendent, Thomsen moved to only pick up

nonresident students residing within the two-mile extension, as required by law, at their residence. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 4-1, with Britton opposing.

Fundraiser Requests
The following fundraising requests were reviewed: Robotics donation drive; FFA fruit, meat, and cheese sales; FFA greenhouse sales; Football donation drive; Junior Class pancake supper; Sophomore Class cupcake sales; FCCLA Halloween maze, spirit blanket sales, virtual bingo and summer garage sale. Britton moved to approve the fundraising requests. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Athletic Training Agreement
Britton moved to approve the first amendment to the athletic training agreement with Boone County Hospital, removing all service fees. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

YSS Kids Club Memorandum of Agreement
Britton moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with YSS for the Kids Club before and afterschool program. Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Employee Observation and Evaluation Manual
Taylor moved to approve the updated employee observation and evaluation manual. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Legislative Priorities
The board discussed potential priorities for the Iowa School Board Association's lobbying efforts this year. Britton move to approve Supplemental State Aid, Student Achievement, Preschool, and Unfunded Mandates as the district's top legislative priorities. Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Official Depository
Britton moved to approve Vision Bank and Iowa Schools Joint Investment Trust (ISJIT) as depositories of funds, setting a limit of $15,000,000 at each. Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Legal Counsel
Thomsen moved to appoint Ahlers & Cooney PC as district legal counsel. Taylor seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Legal Publication
Britton moved to appoint the Ogden Reporter as the district's official publication. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting Date, Time, Location
Thomsen moved to approve the second Monday of every month at 6pm in the Middle & High School Library as the regular meeting of the board for the 26-27 year. Taylor seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Annual Policy Review
Britton moved to approve the first and final reading of policies 103, 505.8, 505.8R1, 506.1, 506.1R1, 506.1E1, 506.2, 506.2R1, and 506.4. Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Britton moved to approve mileage reimbursement at $0.50/mi. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

COMMUNICATIONS, DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS

The board calendar was reviewed. Supt. Heyer provided a review of the August 12 School Improvement Advisory Committee (SIAC) meeting, a reminder of the upcoming board convention, construction updates, and some information on a grant that has been submitted for providing telehealth mental health supports.

ADJOURN

There was no further business to come before the board for consideration. Britton moved to adjourn. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 5-0. President Merritt adjourned the meeting at 7:20pm. Reports, documents and full text of motions, resolutions or policies considered at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary's Office.

Kelly Merritt, President

Melissa Atwell, Secretary