

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of
The Board of Directors of the Ogden Community School District
April 13, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

The Ogden Board of Education held a regular board meeting Monday, April 13, 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 and Derek Carlson, and 6 guests.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PRESENTATIONS, CELEBRATIONS & REPORTS

Jeremy Britton and Daniel Miller shared information about the music programs. Principals provided updates from their buildings.

CONSENT AGENDA

March 9 regular meeting and March 23 special meetings minutes.

Monthly bills and financial reports as presented.

New Hires: Jeremy Britton, MS Softball \$2040; Matthew Hall, Instructor, \$57,894.74; Harlee Holub, Instructor, \$50,000; Jessica Siler, Basketball Cheer, \$2040; Paxton Swanson, Instructor, \$50,000

End of Year Resignations: Elisheba Reed, Instructor; Michelle Uthe, Cook; Bob Powers- Bus Driver; Patsy Wisecup, Bus Driver

Immediate resignation: Jennifer Spooner, cook

Fund transfer: \$1000 fund transfer from Sales Tax Revenue Fund to Debt Service Fund for annual property tax relief, per district's Revenue Purpose Statement.

Fundraiser request: Girls Wrestling- summer camp featuring University of Iowa wrestler to raise funds for new wrestling mat

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

ACTION ITEMS

Budget Amendment Hearing

A public hearing was held on the amendment of the 2025-26 budget. No comments were received. Britton moved to approve the amendment of current budget for fiscal year 2025-26. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Certified Budget Hearing

A public hearing was held on the 2026-27 proposed budget. No comments were received. Thomsen moved to approve the 2026-27 certified budget, setting the property tax rate at \$13.40. Britton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Compact Utility Tractor

Three bids for a compact utility tractor were reviewed by the board. Britton moved to approve the purchase of a Kubota Utility Tractor from Rueter's for \$39,685, releasing a John Deere 5400, John Deere X758, and attachments for trade in. Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Heartland AEA Service Agreements

Thomsen moved to approve service agreements with Heartland AEA for the 2026-27 school year for 2 AEA consultants. Taylor seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

2026-27 Contracts and Letters of Assignment

Van Sickle moved to approve the 2026-27 contracts and letters of assignment as presented. Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

2025-26 Transportation Pay Rates

Britton moved to approve \$47.35 for regular routes, \$21.35 for in-town routes, and \$21.35/hr for activity trips on the 2026-27 school year. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Teacher Early Signing Bonus

Thomsen moved to approve a \$100 early signing bonus for all certified staff members who return their signed 2026-27 contract by 3:30pm on Tuesday, April 21st. Britton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Contract

The board entered an exempt session pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) for a negotiation session on the renewal of Superintendent Heyer's contract. Following, the board returned to open session, and Thomsen moved to approve a new 3-year contract with Superintendent Joshua Heyer for \$158,000. Britton seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Snow Day Make Ups

The board discussed missed days, minimum student hours requirements, and teacher contracted days. Thomsen moved to approve the reduction of all FY26 certified staff contracts by 1 day with no impact on pay. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 5-0. The board did not extend the student calendar. May 27th remains the last student day.

COMMUNICATIONS, DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS

The board calendar was reviewed. Supt. Heyer provided construction updates, therapy dog trainings and upcoming ISASP testing.

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 6:58pm. 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