

USD 274 January Meeting Minutes

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UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #274 BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF JANUARY 12, 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

President Kerri Scheetz called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 6:01 p.m. in the District Office.

Members Present: Carrie Evins, Christopher Crofts, Jodee Reed, Mark Hubert, Darlene Chaput

Member Absent: Chad Lauber

Superintendent: Julie Crum

Board Clerk: JoElle Van Eaton

Principals: April Miller, Tori Goetz

Others: Lane Patmon, Bridgit Bockwinkel, Carol Johnson, Rita Boles, Clayton Kelley from Piper Sandler & Co (virtually), Kim Munk (7:55 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Evins moved, and Reed seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

MEETING WITH PATRONS OR OTHERS

Boles provided the board with a small token of appreciation on behalf of the teachers in recognition of Board Appreciation Month, thanking members for their volunteer service and dedication to the school. Boles left the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

BOND CONSIDERATION OF SALE RESOLUTION

Clayton Kelley from Piper Sandler & Co. explained the resolutions to the board and answered questions about the bond financing. Kelley left the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 11226-1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026, OF Unified SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 274, LOGAN COUNTY, KANSAS (OAKLEY).

WHEREAS, Unified School District No. 274, Logan County, Kansas (Oakley) (the "Issuer"), is a unified school district, duly created, organized and existing under the Constitution and laws of the State; and

WHEREAS, an election was held in the Issuer on November 4, 2025, and it was found and determined that a majority of the qualified electors approved the following question:

Shall the following be adopted?

Shall Unified School District No. 274, Logan County, Kansas (Oakley) (the "District") be authorized to issue general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$27,995,000 (the "Bonds") to pay the costs to construct, furnish and equip:

(a) a new Oakley Elementary School and Oakley Middle School facility and related building improvements to connect existing buildings to the additions for ADA compliance; (b) improvements and additions for a new physical education classroom, and locker rooms, ADA compliant restrooms, and concessions area for the football facility; (c) improvements and renovations to Oakley High School, including classroom, ADA compliant restroom renovations and expansion, and safety and security improvements; (d) parking, transportation and site improvements; and (e) all necessary improvements,

renovations, and actions related thereto (the "Project"); and pay costs of issuance and interest on the Bonds during construction of the Project, all pursuant to the provisions of K.S.A. 10-101 et seq., K.S.A. 25-2018(f), K.S.A. 72-5457, and K.S.A. 72-5458 et seq.?

WHEREAS, the Issuer has not heretofore issued any general obligation bonds for the purpose of financing the improvements approved at the election (the "Improvements"), and desires to issue the general obligation bonds so authorized in order to permanently finance the costs of such Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Issuer (the "Governing Body") has selected the firm of Piper Sandler & Co., Leawood, Kansas (the "Financial Advisor"), as financial advisor for one or more series of general obligation bonds of the Issuer to be issued in order to provide funds to permanently finance the Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer desires to authorize the Financial Advisor to proceed with the offering for sale of said general obligation bonds and related activities; and

WHEREAS, one of the duties and responsibilities of the Issuer is to prepare and distribute a preliminary official statement relating to said general obligation bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer desires to authorize the Financial Advisor and Gilmore & Bell, P.C., Wichita, Kansas, the Issuer's bond counsel ("Bond Counsel"), in conjunction with the Clerk to proceed with the preparation and distribution of a preliminary official statement and notice of bond sale and to authorize the distribution thereof and all other preliminary action necessary to sell said general obligation bonds.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF Unified SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 274, LOGAN COUNTY, KANSAS (OAKLEY), AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. There is hereby authorized to be offered for sale the Issuer's General Obligation Bonds, Series 2026 (the "Bonds") described in the Notice of Bond Sale, which is hereby approved in substantially the form presented to the Governing Body this date (the "Notice of Bond Sale"). All proposals for the purchase of the Bonds shall be delivered to the Governing Body at its meeting to be held on the sale date referenced in the Notice of Bond Sale, at which meeting the Governing Body shall review such bids and award the sale of the Bonds or reject all proposals.

Section 2. The President and Clerk, in conjunction with the Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel, are hereby authorized to cause to be prepared a Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds (the "Preliminary Official Statement"), and such officials and other representatives of the Issuer are hereby authorized to use such document in connection with the sale of the Bonds.

Section 3. The Clerk, in conjunction with the Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel, is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of said bond sale by publishing a summary of the Notice of Bond Sale not less than 6 days before the date of the bond sale in a newspaper of general circulation in

Logan County, Kansas, and the Kansas Register and by distributing copies of the Notice of Bond Sale and Preliminary Official Statement to prospective purchasers of the Bonds. Proposals for the purchase of the Bonds shall be submitted upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Notice of Bond Sale, and awarded or rejected in the manner set forth in the Notice of Bond Sale.

Section 4.

For the purpose of enabling the purchaser of the Bonds (the "Purchaser") to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule"), the President and Clerk are hereby authorized: (a) to approve the form of the Preliminary Official Statement and to execute the "Certificate Deeming Preliminary Official Statement Final" in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit A as approval of the Preliminary Official Statement, such official's signature thereon being conclusive evidence of such official's and the Issuer's approval thereof; (b) covenant to provide continuous secondary market disclosure by annually transmitting certain financial information and operating data and other information necessary to comply with the Rule to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board; and (c) take such other actions or execute such other documents as such officers in their reasonable judgment deem necessary to enable the Purchaser to comply with the requirement of the Rule.

Section 5.

The Issuer agrees to provide to the Purchaser within seven business days of the date of the sale of Bonds or within sufficient time to accompany any confirmation that requests payment from any customer of the Purchaser, whichever is earlier, sufficient copies of the final Official Statement to enable the Purchaser to comply with the requirements of the Rule and with the requirements of Rule G-32 of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board.

Section 6.

The President, Clerk and the other officers and representatives of the Issuer, the Financial Advisor and Bond Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to take such other action as may be necessary to carry out the sale of the Bonds.

The transactions described in this Resolution may be conducted, and documents related to the Bonds may be sent, received, executed, and stored, by electronic means or transmissions. Copies, telecopies, electronic files and other reproductions of original executed documents (or documents executed by electronic means or transmissions) shall be deemed to be authentic and valid counterparts of such documents for all purposes, including the filing of any claim, action or suit in the appropriate court of law.

Section 7.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption by the Governing Body.

Hubert moved, and Reed seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 11226-1 entitled: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING FOR SALE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2026, OF UNIFIED SCHOOL

DISTRICT NO. 274, LOGAN COUNTY, KANSAS (OAKLEY). Motion carried 6-0.

BOND - DISTRICT E N A B L I N G RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO. 11226-2

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MUTUAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OAKLEY, KANSAS, AND Unified School District No. 274, LOGAN COUNTY, KANSAS (OAKLEY), RESPECTING THE USE OF THE CITY'S Sales Tax.

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 12-2908 (the "Act") provides that any municipality may contract with any municipality to perform any governmental service, activity or undertaking which each contracting municipality is authorized by law to perform, and such a contract shall be authorized by the governing body of the municipality and shall state the purpose of the contract and the powers and duties of the parties thereunder, and further that any such contract shall not be regarded as an interlocal agreement under the provisions of K.S.A. 12-2901 et seq., as amended; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakley, Kansas (the "City") and Unified School District No. 274, Logan County, Kansas (Oakley) (the "District") are each a "municipality" under the Act, and the City and the District each have the authority under the laws of the State of Kansas to provide for the financing of improvements by the issuance of general obligation bonds, and to provide for the repayment of such bonds from legally available sources of funds; and WHEREAS, the respective governing bodies of the City and the District have determined that there is a public need for constructing certain projects and facilities of the District (the "District Projects") to serve the public in the District, the City and their environs, and in a genuine effort to provide such District Projects without increasing the ad valorem property tax burden of property owners in the District boundaries more than necessary, the District requested and the City agreed to pursue the levy of a one percent (1%) general purpose Citywide retailers' sales tax (the "Sales Tax") to assist in the repayment of a portion of the principal of and interest on general obligation bonds of the District issued to finance the costs of the District Projects (the "District Bonds") and to provide for City mill levy relief; and

WHEREAS, at the special question elections conducted on November 4, 2025, a majority of the voters of the City voting thereat approved the levy of the Sales Tax and a majority of the voters of the District voting thereat approved the issuance of the District Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the District finds it is necessary and advisable to enter into a mutual contract with the City to collectively provide for certain matters respecting the use of the Sales Tax to assist with the repayment of a portion of the District Bonds pursuant to the Act.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 274, LOGAN COUNTY, KANSAS (OAKLEY):

SECTION 1.

The District is hereby authorized to enter into the "SALES TAX AGREEMENT" (the "Agreement") with the City to collectively provide for certain matters respecting the Sales Tax and the repayment of the District Bonds. The form of the Agreement presented to the governing body of the District this date is hereby approved, and the President and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement in that form, with ministerial changes as may be approved by the President, whose execution of the Agreement shall evidence any such approval.

SECTION 2.

This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption by the governing body.

Crofts moved, and Evins seconded the motion to adopt Resolution 11226-2 entitled: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FORM AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A MUTUAL CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF OAKLEY, KANSAS, AND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 274, LOGAN COUNTY, KANSAS (OAKLEY), RESPECTING THE USE OF THE CITY'S SALES TAX. Motion carried 6-0.

MEETING WITH PATRONS OR OTHERS

Johnson addressed the board regarding the possibility of updating the district library using bond funds and discussed the benefits of adding a separate high school library/media center.

Evins moved, and Hubert seconded the motion to appoint Kerri Scheetz as president. Motion carried 6-0.

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BOE APPOINTMENTS

Crofts moved, and Reed seconded the motion to approve the following board appointments:

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Technology: Reed, Scheetz, Hubert

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Transportation: Crofts, Lauber, Reed

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