

REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 4, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.
BOARD ROOM AT THE STEGALL-LONG FIELDHOUSE
421 SW EMBREE – GEARY, OK 73040

The Board of Education, District I-080 met in Regular Session at the Stegall Long Fieldhouse Board Room, 421 SW Embree St, Geary, OK. 73040 on August 4, 2025 at 6:01 P.M. There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Board President, Jason Bernhardt.

The Geary Board of Education has complied with the Open Public Meeting Law.

Notice of this meeting was posted on, July 31, 2025 at 4:45 p.m. at the Superintendent's Office, 421 SW Embree St, Geary, OK, 73040; Stegall Long Fieldhouse, 421 SW Embree St, Geary, OK 73040; Geary High School, 300 S. Blaine, Geary, OK 73040; and Geary Elementary School, 221 S. Galena, Geary, OK 73040; and on gearyschools.org

The following members were present: Jason Bernhardt, Kendra Houston, Taylor Burns, and David Lawson. Superintendent Sean Buchanan, Nikole Upchego Minutes Clerk were also present.

Visitors at the meeting were: James Rainey and Jaryn Meyer

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Jason Bernhardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hearing from the Public: None

Presentations

Baby Bison Ranch Report as presented in the packet

Elementary Principals Report

- We are currently preparing for the beginning of the school year.
- Pending board approval, 6th grade will be moved to the Elementary building. All classrooms—except for Title I Reading—are now located upstairs.
- We have completed enrollment, and current class sizes are as follows:
 - Pre-K 3: 11
 - Pre-K 4: 18
 - Kindergarten: 9
 - 1st Grade: 16
 - 2nd Grade: 10
 - 3rd Grade: 13
 - 4th Grade: 17
 - 5th Grade: 17
 - 6th Grade: 16
- Total Enrollment: 127 students
- Professional Development for all teachers and staff will take place on Monday and Tuesday, August 4th and 5th.
- The first day of school for students is Wednesday, August 6th.
- In previous years, 5th and 6th grade PE was held from 8:00 to 8:50 a.m. Beginning this year, athletics will take place mid-day, providing a new schedule structure for upper grades.
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High School Principals Report

- Current student enrollment numbers for MS/HS grades 7-12 only are:
 - 7th grade-16
 - 8th grade-14
 - 9th grade-20
 - 10th grade-21
 - 11th grade-21
 - 12th grade-17

- Total=109 (We have a family of 4 that we have not been able to get in contact with and haven't done enrollment paperwork, so this could increase to 113).
- We are excited to start our dual credit enrollment program and our students to earn Associates Degrees while in HS. We currently have 60 kids enrolled.
- We have several new students and athletes. We also have two new teachers in Greyson Garrett-Ag and Jimmy Gather-Science that have already hit the ground running and engaging students.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION WITH POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION

Taylor Burns made the motion, seconded by David Lawson to **APPROVE** Grade Span change form. Those voting by roll call were: Jason Bernhardt, yes; David Lawson, yes; Taylor Burns, yes; and Kendra Houston, yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Kendra Houston made the motion, seconded by David Lawson to **APPROVE** closing High School Activity Fund Account #7260, Elementary Activity Fund Account #6575, Revenue Account #6996, and Operating Account #6963 of Geary Public School District with Bank of Western Oklahoma. Those voting by roll call were: Jason Bernhardt, yes; David Lawson, yes; Taylor Burns, yes; and Kendra Houston, yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Taylor Burns made the motion, seconded by Kendra Houston to **APPROVE** Personal Electronic Devices Policy FNG. Those voting by roll call were: Jason Bernhardt, yes; David Lawson, yes; Taylor Burns, yes; and Kendra Houston, yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Taylor Burns made the motion, seconded by David Lawson to **APPROVE** moving remaining funds from the Safe Room/Wrestling Room Acct#2750 with Bank7 to the Business Money Market Account #2402 with Bank7. Those voting by roll call were: Jason Bernhardt, yes; David Lawson, yes; Taylor Burns, yes; and Kendra Houston, yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Consent Agenda

Kendra Houston made the motion, seconded by Taylor Burns, **Approve** A. through M. Consent agenda items with one vote:

- A. Minutes of June 2ND, 2025 regular board meeting
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Activity Fund reports
- D. General Fund encumbrances FY25 - 117 thru 120
- E. Building Fund encumbrances FY25 - None
- F. Child Nutrition Fund encumbrances FY25 - None
- G. Sinking Fund FY25 - None
- H. All Change Orders as listed
- I. Designate the following Attendance Officers for FY26: James Rainey - MS/HS Principal Attendance Officer; and Jaryn Meyer - Elementary Principal Attendance Officer
- J. Staff Extra Duty Assignments for 2025-2026 (Revised)
- K. Contract for Secondary Career and Technology Education Programs for 2025-2026
- L. Resolution for Elementary Principal for Activity Fund Custodian FY26
- M. Student Handbook for Geary Elementary School for

Those voting by roll call were: Jason Bernhardt, yes; David Lawson, yes; Taylor Burns, yes; and Kendra Houston, yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Executive Session

David Lawson made the motion, seconded by Kendra Houston, to move to Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. inviting Superintendent Sean Buchanan to join them for the purpose of: A. Proposed executive session pursuant 25 O.S. Section 307 (B)(1) of the Oklahoma Statutes for the purpose of discussing the following items:

1. Resignations, employment, and reemployment as listed on Attachment A and/or resignations, new employment, reemployment received after posting of the Agenda, Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1)
2. Discuss Certified Personnel positions/staffing

Those voting by roll call were: Jason Bernhardt, yes; David Lawson, yes; Taylar Burns, yes; and Kendra Houston, yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Return to Open Session Acknowledgement.

The Board of Education went into executive session at 6:24 p.m. inviting Mr. Buchanan to join them for the purpose of:

- A. Proposed executive session pursuant to the Oklahoma Statutes for the purpose of discussing the following items:
 1. Resignations, employment, and reemployment as listed on Attachment A and/or resignations, new employment, reemployment received after posting of the Agenda, Title 25, Section 307 (B) (1)
 2. Discuss Certified Personnel positions/staffing

The Board discussed these items and no other items. The Board returned to open session at 7:03 p.m. This constitutes the minutes of the executive session. No action was taken at this time. Present during executive session: Jason Bernhardt, Kendra Houston, Taylar Burns and David Lawson.

No action taken on executive session items.

New Business:

Taylor Burns made the motion, seconded by Kendra Houston to approve General Fund P.O.'s 120-121. Those voting by roll call were: Jason Bernhardt, yes; David Lawson, yes; Taylor Burns, yes; and Kendra Houston, yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Taylor Burns made the motion, seconded by Kendra Houston to approve Strong Readers Act EKBA. Those voting by roll call were: Jason Bernhardt, yes; David Lawson, yes; Taylor Burns, yes; and Kendra Houston, yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Buchanan updated the board on the status of the high school building.

Mr. Buchanan also, has been working on replenishing inventories due to the fire in the spring of 2024.

Board Member Comments:

Taylor Burns made the motion, seconded by Kendra Houston to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Those voting by roll call were: David Lawson, yes; Kendra Houston, yes; Taylor Burns, yes; and Jason Bernhardt, yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Board President

Board Clerk