

REGULAR SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 2, 2026 @ 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 March 2, 2026 at 6:00 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, February 27, 2026 at 11:15 a.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, Taylar Burns, Karen Looney and David Lawson. Superintendent Sean Buchanan, Nikole Upchego Minutes Clerk were also present.

Visitors at the meeting were: Jaryn Meyer, Connie Burcham, Ted Hicks, Tyler Hicks, Bailey Demwalt, Tyed Hicks, Teresa Hicks and Ashley Hurst

Jason Bernhardt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Afton Jameson was absent.

Hearing from the Public: None

Presentations

Mr. Buchanan recognized the retirement of the longevity employee Ted Hicks.

Baby Bison Ranch Report as presented in the packet

Elementary Principals Report:

- Read across America. We have challenged our kids to read 1000 books in the month of March.
- We had Valentines parts in the classrooms.

High School Principals Report as presented in the packet

Consent Agenda

Karen Looney made the motion, seconded by David Lawson, **Approve** A. through P. Consent agenda items with one vote:

- A. Minutes of February 2, 2026 regular board meeting
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Activity Fund reports
- D. General Fund encumbrances FY26 – 145 - 148
- E. Building Fund encumbrances FY26 - None
- F. Child Nutrition Fund encumbrances FY26 - None
- G. Sinking Fund FY26 – None
- H. All Change Orders as listed
- I. Contract with Bledsoe, Hewett, and Gullekson Public Accounting for audit year ending June 30, 2026
- J. 2023-2024 State Dropout Report
- K. 2022-2023 Remediation Report
- L. Revised Extra Duty List 2025-2026
- M. Close project 823 and move the remaining funds to project 912 in the Elementary Activity Fund
- N. Adjunct Christian Finney for Middle School History, Math, and Geography
- O. Adjunct Caleb Howell for Middle School Science and Math
- P. Adjunct Jimmy Gather for Physical Science, Earth Science, Biology, and Chemistry

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

Executive Session

Taylor Burns made the motion, seconded by Karen Looney, to move to Executive Session at 6:10 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.
3. Conduct ongoing evaluation of the superintendent based on Evaluation Schedule FY26

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

Return to Open Session Acknowledgement.

The Board of Education went into executive session at 6:10 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
 3. Conduct ongoing evaluation of the superintendent based on Evaluation Schedule FY26

The Board discussed these items and no other items. The Board returned to open session at 7:37 p.m. This constitutes the minutes of the executive session. No action was taken at this time. Present during executive session: Jason Bernhardt, David Lawson, Karen Looney and Taylor Burns.

Taylor Burns made the motion, seconded by David Lawson to **Approve** the following Attachment “A” 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): RESIGNATIONS Non-CERTIFIED: Ted Hicks – Maintenance. NEW SUPPORT STAFF **FY26**: Dakota Boswell: Those voting by roll call were: Jason Bernhardt, yes; David Lawson, yes; Karen Looney, yes; and Taylor Burns, yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Superintendent’s Report:

Mr. Buchanan recognized Derrick Pratt for placing 4th in Heavy Weight at State Wrestling. Also, congratulating Maddie Evey and Raden Berg for making it to state and Hollis Harrall and Oakley Pratt for being state alternates.

Mr. Buchanan would also like to recognize Joachim Buchanan for placing 2nd at state in 2K with E-Sports.

Mr. Buchanan also recognized Quaid Lawson placing 5th in Powerlifting.

Last week we had a visit from the State Department of Education to review our accreditation. We are pleased to announce we passed with flying colors. Mr. Buchanan would like to thank Chandria Parris for her hard work.

Mr. Buchanan invited everyone to the community meeting this coming Monday March 9 @ 6pm to discuss the bond. The bond will be on the ballot on April 7.

We are currently working on demolishing the Ag building to be repurposed at a later date. The city has agreed to allow us to relocate the gas line and we will be covering that cost. Also, the city electrician also has been reviewing the plans and has been in discussion with us regarding the need of 3 phase electricity.

New Business:

Taylor Burns made the motion, seconded by David Lawson to **Approve** the Superintendents FY26 contract amendment. Those voting by roll call were: Jason Bernhardt, yes; David Lawson, yes; Karen Looney, yes; and Taylor Burns, yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Taylor Burns made the motion, seconded by Karen Looney to **Approve** PO149. Those voting by roll call were: Jason Bernhardt, yes; David Lawson, yes; Karen Looney, yes; and Taylor Burns, yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Board Member Comments: Jason Bernhardt would like to thank Ted Hicks for his years of service.

Taylor Burns made the motion, seconded by David Lawson to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Those voting by roll call were: Jason Bernhardt, yes; David Lawson, yes; Taylor Burns, yes; and Karen Looney, yes. Motion carries 4-0.

Board President

Board Clerk