

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SALLISAW PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING
April 14, 2025
Monday, 6:00 p.m.**

The Board of Education met in the Board Room of the Administration Building April 14, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. for a Regular Meeting.

REGULAR MEETING

Members Present: President, Justin McGrew; Vice President, Bobby Qualls; Clerk, Frank Sullivan III; Deputy Clerk, Tami Martin; Member, Amanda Hatcher.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Administration Present: Superintendent, Steve Barrett; Assistant Superintendent, Brad Jackson; Treasurer, Steve Merrill; Liberty Elementary Principal, Toni Jasna; Athletic Director, Jeff Streun.

ADMIN PRESENT

Minutes Clerk: Brooke Griffey

MINUTES CLERK

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Justin McGrew.

MEETING TO ORDER

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the reorganization of the Sallisaw Board of Education as listed: President, Bobby Qualls; Vice President, Frank Sullivan III; Clerk, Tami Martin; Deputy Clerk, Amanda Hatcher and Member, Justin McGrew. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion and the vote follows:

**REORGANIZATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

McGrew; yes, Qualls; yes, Sullivan; yes, Martin; yes, Hatcher; yes.

Building Teachers of the Year: Liberty, Kathy Crase; Eastside, Miranda Savage; Middle School, Matt Lamb; High School, Sara Brackett. District Teacher of the Year, Kathy Crase. Senior Tea May 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. at Overstreet Farmhouse.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Tinisha Cox

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Martin made the motion to approve the March 10th Regular meeting minutes. Mr. McGrew seconded the motion and the vote follows:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McGrew; yes, Qualls; yes, Sullivan; abstain, Martin; yes, Hatcher; yes.

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Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the Encumbrances, Treasurer's Report and Activity Fund Reports as presented by Steve Merrill. Mr. McGrew seconded the motion and the vote follows:

FINANCIAL REPORT

McGrew; yes, Qualls; yes, Sullivan; yes, Martin; yes, Hatcher; yes.

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the resignations and retirements of Donna Leuty- Eastside Special Education Teacher, Beverly Sizemore- Adult Education Director/Teacher, Lou Ann Gladd- First Grade Teacher, Jennifer Beaver- Second Grade Teacher, L. Ann Bland- Teacher Assistant, Darrel Hume- Teacher/Coach and Lisa Hawkins- High School Spanish Teacher. Mr. Qualls seconded the motion and the vote follows:

**RESIGNATIONS AND
RETIREMENTS**

McGrew; yes, Qualls; yes, Sullivan; yes, Martin; yes, Hatcher; yes.

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the District Transfer Capacity for the 4th Quarter. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion and the vote follows:

**DISTRICT TRANSFER
CAPACITY 4TH QUARTER**

McGrew; yes, Qualls; yes, Sullivan; yes, Martin; yes, Hatcher; yes.

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the temporary appropriations for the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion and the vote follows:

**TEMP APPROPRIATIONS
2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

McGrew; yes, Qualls; yes, Sullivan; yes, Martin; yes, Hatcher; yes.

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the facility use request for the Sallisaw Chamber of Commerce to use the Middle School Gym on May 3, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Also approved the Health and Wellness Center Adventure Headstart to use the Middle School Cafeteria on May 22, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and also Free Wheel Bike Race (Steve Padgett) to use the Sallisaw Baseball Field, Middle School Gym and Middle School Cafeteria on June 4, 2025 through June 5, 2025. Mr. McGrew seconded the motion and the vote follows:

FACILITY USE REQUESTS

McGrew; yes, Qualls; yes, Sullivan; yes, Martin; yes, Hatcher; yes.

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the Indian Capital Technology Center providing mathematics and science courses to be counted for graduation credit for the 2025-2026 school year. Mr. McGrew seconded the motion and the vote follows:

**ICTC PROVIDE MATH
& SCIENCE COURSES
TO BE COUNTED AS
GRADUATION CREDIT
2025-2026 SY**

McGrew; yes, Qualls; yes, Sullivan; yes, Martin; yes, Hatcher; yes.

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Mr. Sullivan made the motion to enter into executive session at 6:53 p.m.
Mr. McGrew seconded the motion and the vote follows:

ENTER EXEC SESSION

McGrew; yes, Qualls; yes, Sullivan; yes, Martin; yes, Hatcher; yes.

Board President declares end of executive session.

END EXEC SESSION

No minutes or votes taken in executive session.

MINUTES STATEMENT

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the employment of Dana Benge as a High School Special Education Teacher mild/moderate for the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion and the vote follows:

**EMPLOY HIGH SCHOOL
SPED MILD/MODERATE
2025-2026 SY**

McGrew; yes, Qualls; yes, Sullivan; yes, Martin; yes, Hatcher; yes.

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the employment of Sarah Jackson as a District Data and Compliance Officer for the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion and the vote follows:

**EMPLOY DISTRICT DATA
AND COMPLIANCE OFFICER
2025-2026 SY**

McGrew; yes, Qualls; yes, Sullivan; yes, Martin; yes, Hatcher; yes.

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the employment of Taylor Chadwell as a High School Counselor for the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion and the vote follows:

**EMPLOY HIGH SCHOOL
COUNSELOR 25-26 SY**

McGrew; yes, Qualls; yes, Sullivan; yes, Martin; yes, Hatcher; yes.

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the appointment of Board members Justin McGrew, Tami Martin and Frank Sullivan III to the negotiating team to negotiate 2025-2026 contracts with certified staff. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion and the vote follows:

**APPOINT BOARD
MEMBERS TO NEGOTIATING
TEAM 25-26 SY**

McGrew; yes, Qualls; yes, Sullivan; yes, Martin; yes, Hatcher; yes.

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the employment of Steve Barrett as a Superintendent for the 2027-2028 school year. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion and the vote follows:

**EMPLOY SUPERINTENDENT
2027-2028 SY**

McGrew; yes, Qualls; yes, Sullivan; yes, Martin; yes, Hatcher; yes.

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the employment of Emilee Brewer as an Eastside Elementary Third Grade Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion and the vote follows:

**EMPLOY EASTSIDE
THIRD GRADE TEACHER
2025-2026 SY**

McGrew; yes, Qualls; yes, Sullivan; yes, Martin; yes, Hatcher; yes.

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Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the employment of Misty Dyer as a Eastside Elementary Teacher Assistant for the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion and the vote follows:

**EMPLOY EASTSIDE
TEACHER ASSISTANT
2025-2026 SY**

McGrew; yes, Qualls; yes, Sullivan; yes, Martin; yes, Hatcher; yes.

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the employment of Karyn McGrew as a Eastside Elementary Special Education Teacher Severe/Profound for the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion and the vote follows:

**EMPLOY EASTSIDE
SPED SEVERE/PROFOUND
2025-2026 SY**

McGrew; yes, Qualls; yes, Sullivan; yes, Martin; yes, Hatcher; yes.

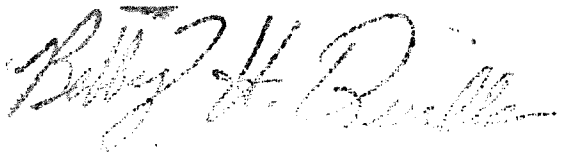
Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the employment of Alexandria Real as a Eastside Elementary Special Education Teacher Mild/Moderate for the 2025-2026 school year. Mrs. Martin seconded the motion and the vote follows:

**EMPLOY EASTSIDE
SPED MILD/MODERATE
2025-2026 SY**

McGrew; yes, Qualls; yes, Sullivan; yes, Martin; yes, Hatcher; yes.

Mr. McGrew made the motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m.

ADJOURN



PRESIDENT



MINUTES CLERK



BOARD MEMBER



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