

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2016**

MINUTES OF THE GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING HELD AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD, 802 EAST VILAS, GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA ON DECEMBER 12, 2016

Board Members Present: Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, Tina Smedley and Sharon Watts

District Level School Officials Present: Dr. Mike Simpson, Superintendent
Dennis Schulz, Ass't Superintendent
Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel/Secondary Ed
Carmen Walters, Executive Director of Federal Programs/Elementary Ed
Eldona Woodruff, Director of Special Education
Cody Thompson, Director of Operations
Dee Benson, Director of Technology
Jessica Callaway, Director of Child Nutrition
Jean Watts, Deputy Minutes Clerk

1. The meeting was called to order by President Watts.
2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, Tina Smedley and Sharon Watts were present for roll call.
3. A quorum was established.
4. President Watts asked for the FFA Presentation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guthrie Public Schools' State Qualifying FFA Opening Ceremonies Team presented their opening and closing ceremonies followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. President Watts asked everyone present to join her in a Moment of Silence.
6. President Watts asked for the presentation of Certified and Support Employee of the Month.

Mr. Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education, announced the award winners for November: Ms. Tracy Smith, Guthrie Junior High secretary, for support employee of the month and Mr. Dennis Schulz, Assistant Superintendent, as certified employee of the month. Nomination letters were submitted to the committee by: Mr. Robbie Rainwater, principal for Guthrie Junior High, for Ms. Tracy Smith and Ms. Vicki Biggs, GPS Encumbrance Clerk, for Mr. Dennis Schulz.

Mr. Ogle presented the award winners with a plaque.

- 7A. President Watts asked the Superintendent if there were any citizens registered to speak to the Board.**

Superintendent Simpson stated there were no citizens registered to speak to the Board.

- 7B. President Watts called for any comments to the Board by Board members.**

There were no comments to the Board by Board members.

- 8. President Watts called for the Superintendent's Reports.**

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Stated he met last Friday with an official from the Oklahoma State Department of Education. The attendees in the meeting were told results of a survey taken from all school districts in Oklahoma. This survey determines the number of employees participating in the insurance program offered or those participating in receiving cash in lieu of participating in the insurance program. They do this to determine the amount of money the State has to pay to districts to support this flex allowance. By this survey, the following information was shared by the Assistant State Superintendent of Finance:

There are roughly 1400 fewer certified employees and 800 fewer support employees than one year ago in the state of Oklahoma. This is a sign of challenging financial times in our state.

Announced 3 GPS counselors received grants from Kickin' Childhood Hunger sponsored by Kicker in Stillwater. Kristi Blakemore and Teresa Barbour received \$4000 to fund the majority of the GHS pantry for the second semester. Connie Gallupe received \$3000 to begin a snack program for our elementary students. Congratulations to those 3 and their work to provide for our students.

Yesterday, the Winter Band Concert was held at the Scottish Rite Masonic Temple. It was an amazing performance. Our fine arts program is truly unbelievable. Tomorrow at 7:00, the choirs from 2nd grade through 12th grade will perform at the Masonic Temple. He encouraged everyone to attend.

We recently had board filings for Guthrie School District. Terry Pennington will retain seat #2 and will have 4 more years on the Board. There are 2 candidates for seat #6, Eddie Lynn and Gail (sic) Davis. This election will take place on February 14, 2017. He announced all registered voters living inside the Guthrie Public Schools' boundaries are eligible to vote.

Winter break will be Thursday, December 23rd through Tuesday, January 3rd. We look forward to times with our families and to recharge our batteries during this break.

- 9. President Watts called for an Architectural Update on Construction and Planning by The Stacy Group.**

Mike Stacy and Jodi Chronister from The Stacy Group brought color samples for flooring, walls, paint, etc. and asked for input going forward. The materials presented will be more

economical and easier to maintain than other options. Mr. Pennington requested that the elementary principals have a say in these decisions. It was decided to have the elementary principals review the samples after Administrative Council Meeting on Tuesday. The Stacy Group hopes to have the plans out for bid on January 17th.

- 10. President Watts called for action on the Consent Agenda.**

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Pierson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11A. President Watts called for presentation of 2015-2016 audit by Putnam and Company, LLC.**

Superintendent Simpson introduced Mr. Jerry Putnam of Putnam and Company, LLC who presented the 2015-2016 audit. The audit contains an executive summary which brings out the highlight of the report. It's not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles but it is in accordance with everything the State Department of Education requires. The report does include fixed assets. Mr. Putnam went over the highlights of the audit and stated he was pleased with the records found on the audit. He stated we are doing a good job on documentation and commended us on that information.

Discussion followed.

He did state that about \$500,000 came in after June 30th.

- 11B. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and action upon appointment of Bill Hodges, Dennis Schulz and Doug Ogle as designated representatives of the Board of Education to conduct employee negotiations for the 2017-2018 school year.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve the appointment of Bill Hodges, Dennis Schulz and Doug Ogle as designated representatives of the Board of Education to conduct employee negotiations for the 2017-2018 school year.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11C. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and action upon proposed school calendar for 2017-2018.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pennington to approve the proposed school calendar for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11D. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and action upon agreement with ProCare Therapy for short-term Speech Language Therapy services.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Pierson to approve the agreement with ProCare Therapy for short-term Speech Language Therapy services.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12. Proposed executive session for the purpose of discussing employment of personnel, FMLA requests, resignation/separation from employment and transfer of position requests all as set out on the Personnel Reports, discussion of employment of temporary contract teachers as listed on Schedule A for the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year, discussion of employment of probationary contract teachers as listed on Schedule B for the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year, discussion of extra-duty assignments for 2016-2017 and periodic annual evaluation and terms of employment of Dr. Michael Simpson, Superintendent of Schools, disclosure of which information would violate the confidentiality requirements of state and/or federal law all pursuant to 25 OKLA. STAT. Section 307 (B) 1 and 7.**

- 12A. A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Sallee to go into executive session.**

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:53 p.m.

- 12B. President Watts acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 10:20 p.m.**

- 12C. President Watts stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 12 were discussed and no votes were taken.**

- 13. President Watts called for a vote on action as set out on the Personnel Reports.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve action as set out on the Personnel Reports.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 14. President Watts called for action upon recommendation to employ as temporary teachers for the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year the individuals listed on Schedule A of this agenda.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to employ as temporary teachers for the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year the individuals listed on Schedule A of this agenda.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

15. President Watts called for action upon recommendation to employ as probationary teachers for the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year the individuals listed on Schedule B of this agenda.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to employ as probationary teachers for the second semester of the 2016-2017 school year the individuals listed on Schedule B of this agenda.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

16. President Watts called for action upon recommendation of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2016-2017.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Sallee to approve the extra-duty assignment as listed for 2016-2017.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

17. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and action to accept any resignations offered since the posting of the agenda.

Superintendent Simpson stated there were no resignations offered since the posting of the agenda.

18. President Watts called for discussion and possible action on new business not known about or could not have been reasonably foreseen at the time of the agenda posting.

Superintendent Simpson stated there was no new business.

19. A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.



Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



E. Sharon Watts, Board President

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