

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**

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 SEPTEMBER 14, 2015

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gail Davis, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, Tina Smedley, Sharon Watts and Terry Pennington

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
Jerry Gammill, Director of Facilities
Dee Benson, Director of Technology
Steve Cordell, Director of Transportation
Jean Watts, Deputy Minutes Clerk**

- 1. The meeting was called to order by President Pennington.**
- 2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gail Davis, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, Tina Smedley, Sharon Watts and Terry Pennington were present for roll call.**
- 3. A quorum was established.**
- 4. President Pennington asked everyone present to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 5. President Pennington called for presentation of Certified and Support Employee of the Month.**

Mr. Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education, announced the award winners for August: Ms. Sonya Arnold, Occupational Therapist Assistant for GPS, as certified employee of the month and Mrs. Vicki Biggs, GPS Encumbrance Clerk, as support employee of the month. Nomination letters were read by the staff member who submitted the nominations: Mrs. Charity McPeck, Secretary at GHS, for Ms. Sonya Arnold and Mr. Dennis Schulz, Assistant Superintendent, for Mrs. Vicki Biggs.

Mr. Ogle presented the award winners a plaque and a \$25.00 Sonic Gift Card donated by the Guthrie Lions Club.

- 6A. President Pennington 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.

- 6B. President Pennington called for any comments to the Board by Board members.**

President Pennington attended the recent Logan County Free Fair where he saw many of our Ag students, parents, and volunteers. He was very thankful for the help received from the OSU Extension Office and the many volunteers that made the event successful. He encouraged everyone to get out and support these students. He also wanted to thank the Principals and P.E. Educators for helping the Kiwanis Club pass out information for the annual Punt, Pass and Kick event that has been held every year for the last 10 years.

- 7. President Pennington called for the Superintendent's Reports.**

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

He believes we have experienced the smoothest start to the school year in the 4 years he has been in Guthrie. We have entered the year with a renewed enthusiasm and positive attitude about what we are trying to do and how we are trying to change children's lives. He appreciates the staff and faculty for what they have done as we've started the school year.

Guthrie High School raised \$8072.00 during Pink Week for the family of Maria Huskey who recently lost her battle with cancer. She has two sisters who are currently students in Guthrie Public Schools. The money will be used to help with incurred medical expenses and funeral costs. He received a call today from her grandmother thanking us for all of the efforts of our students and staff.

He recently visited with our new Chamber of Commerce CEO, Gregory Coleman, regarding forming partnerships between chamber members and different school sites. This is in the formulation stage and the hopes are to seek businesses to adopt schools for financial and moral support and possibly some mentorship as well. In doing this, they can tailor it to each school site as the needs are different at each site.

Last Friday, our Bluejay football team defeated 6A Ponca City with a score of 28-19 in front of a very large home crowd. They are currently 1-1 and will travel to Sand Springs to play the final non-district game of the season this Friday at 7:00 p.m. The Lady Jays Softball Team is having a great year as they are 15-9. They will host Carl Albert on Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. as they prepare for the upcoming playoffs.

Bancfirst is providing scholarships for students to visit the Mabee-Gerrer Museum of Art at St. Gregory's University in Shawnee. The scholarships include the cost of transportation. We are working with Bancfirst to get more details out to our staff so we can utilize this opportunity to enhance learning opportunities for our students.

The student count is very similar to where we were at this time last year. A caveat to that is we have 111 more students at this time than what we ended with last year. That says that we lost those students last year and they are back with us now so our job is to retain them. That is going to be our charge and he will follow up with that topic at our Ad Council meeting on Tuesday.

8. President Pennington called for the presentation on ACT High School to College Success Report for 2014-2015.

Mr. Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education reported on last fiscal year's High School ACT results. He began by acknowledging the great job done by Mr. LeGrande, Guthrie High School Principal, and his staff in preparing the students for the ACT. The state average is going down but our average is going up. There were 137 students from Guthrie that took the ACT last year. We are encouraging more students to take this exam and are currently looking at ways to provide funding for this.

In comparing the 2014-2015 scores to those from 2013-2014, our scores in all tested subjects, as well as the composite scores, increased while the state scores either decreased or stayed the same. Our Math scores are actually higher than the state average. One thing we are working on at GHS is making sure Math teachers all have the same plan time so they can plan together. We are also encouraging our kids to get more involved in Science. We have a new lab at GJHS allowing each team to do one lab per week. We expect our Science test numbers to climb.

Dr. Simpson stated he was concerned that a side effect of an increased amount of students taking this test would be a lower test average. The students that have the greatest chance to be college bound are going to take the ACT regardless. As you reach farther out, you get more students on the fringe of being college ready. We have increased our numbers and increased our average and he doesn't take that lightly.

Mr. LeGrande stated that we have increased the amount of Science classes offered this year at GHS including Robotics, a 2-hour A/P Biology Class, an A/P Environmental Science Class, this is our second year to offer Physics, and the third year to offer a Chemistry II Class in which we have 2 sections of this year. This is the first year in at least five years we've had an average composite score above 20.

9. President Pennington called for action on the Consent Agenda.

Member Sallee requested Item 9B be removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration.

A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Pierson to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item 9B.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve item 9B, minutes of special meeting held on August 17, 2015.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 1 abstention-Member Sallee abstaining.

- 10A. President Pennington called for discussion, consideration and vote to grant the request of Robbins Commercial Roofing to withdraw its bid for roof replacement at Central Elementary, Fogarty Elementary and Guthrie Upper Elementary School and to exonerate the bidder and its surety from liability under the bid bond.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to grant the request of Robbins Commercial Roofing to withdraw its bid for roof replacement at Central Elementary, Fogarty Elementary and Guthrie Upper Elementary School and to exonerate the bidder and its surety from liability under the bid bond.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10B. President Pennington called for discussion, consideration and vote to grant the request of Hi-Tech Systems, Inc. to withdraw its bid for roof replacement at Central Elementary, Fogarty Elementary and Guthrie Upper Elementary School and to exonerate the bidder and its surety from liability under the bid bond.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to grant the request of Hi-Tech Systems, Inc. to withdraw its bid for roof replacement at Central Elementary, Fogarty Elementary and Guthrie Upper Elementary School and to exonerate the bidder and its surety from liability under the bid bond.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10C. President Pennington called for discussion, consideration and vote to award the contract for roof replacement at Central Elementary, Fogarty Elementary and Guthrie Upper Elementary School to Graco Roofing as the lowest possible bidder for the contract sum of \$780,147.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Watts to award the contract for roof replacement at Central Elementary, Fogarty Elementary and Guthrie Upper Elementary School to Graco Roofing as the lowest possible bidder for the contract sum of \$780,147.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10D. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Gifted and Talented Committee for 2015-2016.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Smedley to approve the Gifted and Talented Committee for 2015-2016.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

10E. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon the Professional Development Committee for 2015-2016.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve the Professional Development Committee for 2015-2016.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

10F. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract with The Stacy Group for architectural services for 2015-2016.

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Pierson to approve contract with The Stacy Group for architectural services for 2015-2016.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

10G. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Guthrie Jr. High Health Fair for 7th grade students October 20th and 22nd, 2015.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve Guthrie Jr. High Health Fair for 7th grade students October 20th and 22nd, 2015.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

10H. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon reconvening English Club at Guthrie High School to include a paid sponsor.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve reconvening English Club at Guthrie High School to include a paid sponsor.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

10I. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Memorandum of Understanding between Meridian Technology Center and Guthrie Public Schools for supplemental funding for Guthrie Middle School Gateway to Technology Programs for 8th grade students for 2015-2016.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Meridian Technology Center and Guthrie Public Schools for supplemental funding for Guthrie Middle School Gateway to Technology Programs for 8th grade students for 2015-2016.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

10J. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon 2015-2016 STEM Academy:Pre-Engineering and Biomedical Sciences Joint Program Agreement with Meridian Technology Center.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Sallee to approve the 2015-2016 STEM Academy:Pre-Engineering and Biomedical Sciences Joint Program Agreement with Meridian Technology Center.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10K. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve the transcription of math and science credit options taught at Meridian Technology Center.**

A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve the transcription of math and science credit options taught at Meridian Technology Center.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10L. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon the 2015-2016 Estimate of Needs as prepared by Putnam & Company, PLLC and 2014-2015 Financial Statement and the authority to publish the same.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Pierson to approve the 2015-2016 Estimate of Needs as prepared by Putnam & Company, PLLC and 2014-2015 Financial Statement and the authority to publish the same.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11. President Pennington called for 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 extra-duty assignments as listed for 2015-2016 and Superintendent's contract, 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.**

- 11A. A motion was made by Bennett-Johnson and seconded by Watts to go into executive session.**

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:35 p.m.

- 11B. President Pennington acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:07 p.m.**

- 11C. President Pennington stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 11 were discussed and no votes were taken.**

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

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

13. **President Pennington called for action upon recommendation of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2015-2016.**

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Smedley to approve extra-duty assignments as listed for 2015-2016.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

14. **President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action to accept any resignations offered since the posting of the agenda.**

Superintendent Simpson stated we received the resignation of Van Barker, 8th Grade Science Teacher at Guthrie Jr. High School.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to accept the resignation of Van Barker, 8th Grade Science Teacher at Guthrie Jr. High School.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.


15. **President Pennington 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.

16. **A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Smedley to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.




Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



Terry Pennington, Board President

APPROVED

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