

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 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 OCTOBER 12, 2015

Board Members Present:

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

Board Member Absent:

Janna Pierson

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, Travis Sallee, Tina Smedley, Sharon Watts and Terry Pennington were present for roll call.**

Member Janna Pierson was not 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 September: Ms. Kara Walters, GUES Special Education Teacher, as

certified employee of the month and Ms. Sandy Norton, GUES Paraprofessional, as support employee of the month. Nomination letters were read by the staff members who submitted the nominations: Mr. Jeff Ball, GUES Assistant Principal, for Ms. Kara Walters and Ms. Laura Benham, GUES Special Education Teacher, for Ms. Sandy Norton.

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.

Member Travis Sallee spoke about his desire to explore arming staff with guns, provided they have met the requirements of HB 2014 passed in the last legislative session.

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

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Congratulations to the Guthrie High School Softball Team. They qualified for the State Tournament and play Pryor at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 15th at ASA Hall of Fame Stadium.

Congratulations to Riley Prather, a senior at GHS who had the Champion Berkshire Gilt at the Tulsa State Fair this past weekend.

We just completed a wildly successful homecoming week. The Alumni gathering on Friday morning was the largest he has seen in his 4 years at GPS.

Roof work has begun at GUES. The contractor expects to begin at Central over Fall Break and to accomplish as much work as possible at that location while school is not in session.

The foundations have been poured on the Ag Barn project and the framework of the building should be starting as early as tomorrow.

We are past discussion phases of increasing our partnership with Meridian Technology Center to include some evening technology classes which would be hosted at Guthrie High School. In return for the use of our facilities, Meridian would provide new computers which could be used by our students during the day.

Fall Break is this Friday and Monday. Because of this schedule, our football game will be held on Thursday this week at Western Heights.

8. President Pennington called for the presentation by TransPar Group.

Scott Allen, Vice President of Operations at TransPar Group, gave a presentation outlining the various accomplishments achieved as well as presenting future plans for improvements regarding Guthrie Public Schools' Transportation. He was accompanied by Kyle Martin, President of TransPar Group.

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

A motion was made by Bennett-Johnson and seconded by Sallee to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10A. President Pennington called for discussion and possible action regarding the 2015-2016 School Budget.**

Superintendent Simpson introduced Mr. Dennis Schulz, Assistant Superintendent, who gave an overview of the 2015-2016 School Budget.

Superintendent Simpson stated there is no way to predict what oil prices will be. This is why one should have a sizable carryover. This will be a smoothing process over 2 years. We made personnel cuts going into this year knowing that Gross Production Receipts would not be fully filled and that some of our carryover would be utilized. He is very cautious of a proration of State Aid in the later months of the fiscal year. If projections are below 5% of estimated disbursements, our proration will begin this fiscal year. We will be very careful, cautious and frugal going through this school year as we look towards staffing for next year. We are not the only ones going through this. All schools across the state are in the same situation.

President Pennington commented that it is paramount that we savor the trust we have with the public regarding our current passed bond issue. We should attain as many bids as possible to be able to save money when and where we can.

Member Watts thanked Mr. Schulz for the great job he did on the budget and especially for the transparency presented by easily readable charts.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Davis to approve the 2015-2016 School Budget.

The motion carried with 6 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, and discussion of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2015-2016, 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 Smedley and seconded by Watts to go into executive session.**

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 8:02 p.m.

11B. President Pennington acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:29 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 Watts and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve action as set out on the Personnel Reports.

The motion carried with 6 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 Watts to approve extra-duty assignments as listed for 2015-2016.

The motion carried with 6 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 there were no new resignations.


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.

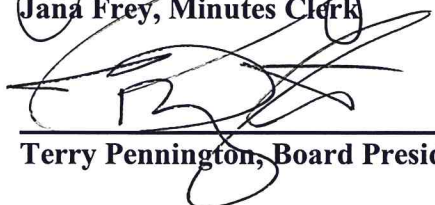
16. A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.




Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



Terry Pennington, Board President

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