

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

**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 FEBRUARY, 2014**

**Board Members Present:**

**Orville Cornelius, Gail Davis, Terry Pennington,  
Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, Sharon Watts and  
Tom Holtz**

**District Level School Officials Present:**

**Dr. Mike Simpson, Superintendent  
Dennis Schulz, Ass't Superintendent  
Chad Wilson, 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 Maintenance  
Kathy Bertwell, Director of Transportation  
Dee Benson, Director of Technology  
Jean Watts, Deputy Minutes Clerk**

- 1. The meeting was called to order by President Holtz.**
- 2. Members Orville Cornelius, Gail Davis, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, Sharon Watts and Tom Holtz were present for roll call.**
- 3. A quorum was established.**
- 4. President Holtz asked everyone present to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 5. President Holtz called for presentation of Guthrie Public Schools' Site Teachers of the Year and District Teacher of the Year for 2014-2015.**

**Superintendent Simpson introduced Ms. Carmen Walters, Executive Director of Federal Programs and Elementary Education, who introduced the Elementary Site Teachers of the Year – Cotteral: Jennifer Hayes and Amanda Hundley, Central: Lesley Cotton, Fogarty: Tessa Wallraven and Elizabeth Mann, GUES: Belinda Stone, Tiffany Biggs and Charlotte Mitchell.**

**Superintendent Simpson then introduced Mr. Chad Wilson, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education, who introduced the Secondary Site Teachers of the Year - Jr. High: Shurlyn Maltz and Ron Gillett and from the High School: Claude Arnold, Donna Russell, Jody Webber and Sarah Bradford.**

**Dr. Simpson presented the list of donations that were given to honor this year's District Teacher of the Year: John Vance and John Vance Motors – for personal use 1 month during the summer, your choice of an SUV, Don Hardin and Oklahoma State Bank – one night's stay at the Colcord in Bricktown and dinner at the Devon Tower, Ronnie Gage and Gage's Steakhouse - \$35.00 gift certificate, Sue Altebaumer and Lynnette Hayes of Mary's Flower Shop – green plant, Kay and Lamar Wade – personal check, Darrell & Paula Burnett of Rosa Bella – terra cotta candle, Mike and Debby Corey of Furrow Flowers and Gifts – flower arrangement, Boyd and Linda Rice of Heritage Collection – Guthrie, OK ornament, John Thomason and InterBank – goody basket, Phillip Carothers and AC's Hallmark – goody basket, teacher Amanda Hundley – 2 \$15.00 Sonic cards, Barry Cogburn and Legends - \$25.00 gift certificate, Dan Newton of Edward D. Jones – personal check, Brad and Mickael Lewis of Missy's Donuts & Bakery - \$10.00 gift certificate, Board Member Gail Davis – handmade pottery, Ann Nelson and Carol Ann's Boutique - \$75.00 gift card, Jonas and Charlie Brown (teacher) – OU thermal bag, Great Plains Coca-Cola – 3 OKC Thunder shirts and neon Dr. Pepper sign, Larry Don and Marty Wray of Billy Sims Barbecue – cups and barbecue sauce, Nicole Piersol and Serenity Day Spa - \$35.00 gift certificate and Richard Rosedahl and Eskridge Chevrolet - \$250.00 gift certificate towards any work performed in the Service Department and \$500.00 gift certificate towards the purchase of any new or used vehicle.**

**Dr. Simpson announced the Elementary Teacher of the Year as Belinda Stone and Secondary Teacher of the Year as Shurlyn Maltz. He then announced Shurlyn Maltz as the District Teacher of the year.**

- 6A. President Holtz 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 Holtz called for any comments to the Board by Board members.**

**There were no comments by Board members. President Holtz stated he wanted to address the Board. He stated since this was his last full meeting as President of the Board he wanted to thank everyone and said it had been a pleasure and an honor to serve with the Board. Spoke of his appreciation to all the teachers for what they do for our students. President Holtz then spoke of a letter who he said some concerned citizens in his district had received concerning Common Core. He wanted to remind everyone that Common Core is a legislative issue – not a local decision and if a parent or anyone is unhappy about Common Core, they need to contact their legislator.**

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

**Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:**

**Reminded everyone that the School Board election was scheduled for the next day and wanted to encourage everyone to exercise their right to vote.**

**On making up snow days, stated we had exhausted our days built into the calendar. We are now on hours. Asked Mr. Chad Wilson to give an update on missed days. Mr. Wilson stated we are required to complete 1,080 hours of instruction per school year. The current school calendar, with no missed days, gives us 1,125 hours of instruction. To date, we have missed 6 days – 3 of which were built into the calendar for inclement weather days which we will reclaim. If we miss no more days through the end of the school year, we will have completed 1,106 hours of instruction which still puts us over the required 1,080 hours.**

**Gave a CD Rom to each Board member that is the audio of the meeting held on January 16<sup>th</sup> at the State Capitol with the County Assessor.**

**Spoke of a letter in the Board packet he had written to the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Stated he had had conversations with Dr. Janet Barresi, State Superintendent of Instruction, our Regional Accreditation Officer and the Accreditation Director regarding how our grade centers are structured. The letter is a request to consider all of our grade centers as one for grading purposes. This would allow our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students to claim improvement and will give us a truer picture with our grades. Have asked that this be put in place for next school year. Thinks this will help us to be measured in a more accurate manner versus other schools. It will, also, help us pinpoint issues in a more concise and logical manner based on the circumstances. The letter will be mailed on Tuesday.**

- 8. President Holtz called for presentation on Guthrie Citizens for Quality Education by Mr. Phil Nichols.**

**Mr. Nichols gave a brief history on the organization of Guthrie Citizens for Quality Education. Stated the group was started because of the desire to help teachers in any way they could and the school system as a whole, whether it be making copies, getting things ready for the teacher, volunteering during testing or even helping in the cleaning of facilities. Stated they would be willing to paint or help repair seats. Spoke of the group cleaning the north gym at the High School last week. Wants to have an impact where they can. Hopes everyone can come together as a team.**

- 9. President Holtz called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Oklahoma Education Coalition Funding Rally Resolution.**

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Pennington to approve Oklahoma Education Coalition Funding Rally Resolution.**

**Discussion followed.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 1 nay – Member Pierson voting nay.**

- 10. President Holtz called for presentation on school funding and carryover funds by Dennis Schulz, Assistant Superintendent.**

**Mr. Schulz gave a PowerPoint presentation on school funding and carryover funds covering such topics as the education formula funding, common education's share of total appropriations, funding issues and concerns, revenue comparison with estimates, fund balance penalties, determining the proper fund balance and local fund balance considerations.**

- 11. President Holtz called for action on the Consent Agenda.**

**A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Pierson to approve the Consent Agenda as presented excluding Item 8A, minutes of regular meeting held on January 13, 2014.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

**A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Sallee to approve Consent Agenda Item 8A, minutes of regular meeting held on January 13, 2014.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 1 abstention – Member Watts abstaining.**

- 12A. President Holtz called for recommendation, consideration and action upon proposed school calendar for 2014-2015.**

**A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Watts to approve proposed school calendar for 2014-2015.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 12B. President Holtz called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve E-rate Technology Plan for 2014-2017.**

**A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Cornelius to approve E-rate Technology Plan for 2014-2017.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 12C. President Holtz called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve E-rate contracts for 2014-2015.**

**A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Sallee to approve E-rate contracts for 2014-2015.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 12D. President Holtz called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve revisions to local Gifted Educational Plan.**

**A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Pierson to approve revisions to local Gifted Educational Plan.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 12E. President Holtz called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Guthrie High School Driver's Education Summer School 2014.**

**A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Watts to approve Guthrie High School Driver's Education Summer School 2014.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 12F. President Holtz called for recommendation, consideration and action upon proposed revisions to District Policy F-35 *Activity Student Drug Testing*.**

**A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Watts to approve revisions to District Policy F-35 *Activity Student Drug Testing*.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 13. President Holtz 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 purchase or appraisal of real property, 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, 3 and 7.**

- 13A. A motion was made by Cornelius and seconded by Davis to go into executive session.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 8:10 p.m.**

- 13B. President Holtz acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:33 p.m.**

- 13C. President Holtz stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 13 were discussed and no votes were taken.**

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

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

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

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

Superintendent Simpson stated we had received 2 new resignations: Rafe Watkins and Karen Watkins. Mr. Watkins' resignation is effective immediately and Ms. Watkins' resignation is effective at the end of the school year.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Davis to accept the resignations of Rafe Watkins and Karen Watkins.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

16. President Holtz 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 one new item for consideration by the Board: Amend extra-duty contract of Kelly Beeby from Assistant Football Coach to Head Football Coach effective immediately.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Pennington to approve amendment to extra-duty contract of Kelly Beeby from Assistant Football Coach to Head Football Coach effective immediately.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

17. A motion was made by Cornelius and seconded by Watts to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Kay Gammill, Minutes Clerk



Gail Davis, First Vice-President

Terry Pennington, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

APPROVED

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