

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 11, 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 AUGUST 11, 2014

Board Members Present: Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gail Davis, Tom Holtz, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Sharon Watts and Travis Sallee

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 Sallee.
2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gail Davis, Tom Holtz, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Sharon Watts and Travis Sallee were present for roll call.
3. A quorum was established.
4. President Sallee asked everyone present to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5A. President Sallee 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.
- 5B. President Sallee called for any comments to the Board by Board members.

There were no comments by Board members.

6. President Sallee called for the Superintendent's Reports.

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Beginning of school is near. Outlined different pre-school events which were scheduled for this week and the first of next week. Stated the first day of school would be Wednesday, August 20th with the same start and end times as the last school year. Our new transportation group, TransPar, is studying our current start and end times to try and determine what would be the best scenario as we go forward. If there is a possibility that we can relieve traffic congestion and get students to their sites quicker, we could have a discussion of a change in start and end times at some point in the school year, preferably at a natural break in school such as one of the holidays.

Met this past week with Acting Police Chief Steve Mize and Officer Anthony Gibbs of the Guthrie Police Department who stated our School Resource Officers (SRO's) would be available on the first day of school.

Transportation concerns that are left over from the previous school year are continually being addressed with our new transportation management group, TransPar. Introduced our new Transportation Director, Mr. Steve Cordell. Hope to have a full staff of bus drivers when the school year begins.

Had a newsletter to pass out to the Board from a subscription he has to Board and Administrator. Will have a monthly copy for the Board Members.

The OSSBA/CCOSA Conference will be held August 22-24 in Oklahoma City. Stated Members Pierson and Davis as well as Central Office administrative staff had registered to attend.

Stated OSSBA had encouraged Superintendents to annually read aloud, at a Board Meeting, points earned and points needed on requirement of Continuing Education Points. Reported all members had earned their statutory points. Stated President Sallee would need 3 points prior to December 01, 2015, Member Pennington would need 9 points prior to December 01, 2016 and Member Bennett-Johnson would need 12 points prior to December 01, 2017 to complete and fulfill their Continuing Education Points. All other members have fulfilled their Continuing Education obligation through the State Department of Education.

7. President Sallee stated he had been asked to remove Item 7A from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Holtz to approve the Consent Agenda as presented excluding Item 7A.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Watts to approve Consent Agenda Item 7A, Minutes of special meeting held on July 02, 2014 and regular meeting held on July 14, 2014.

Member Watts withdrew her second on the motion because she was not in attendance at the meeting on July 14, 2014.

Member Holtz seconded the motion.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 2 abstentions – Members Pierson and Watts abstaining.

- 8A. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action to calculate the 2014-2015 school year by instructional hours.**

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve calculating the 2014-2015 school year by instructional hours.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 8B. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Teen Risk Avoidance and Character Education (TRACE) for 9th grade students.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve Teen Risk Avoidance and Character Education (TACE) for 9th grade students.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 8C. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract with Oklahoma Parents as Teachers (OPAT) Program for 2014-2015.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Holtz to approve contract with Oklahoma Parents as Teachers (OPAT) Program for 2014-2015.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 8D. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract with Melissa Allsbrook for Speech Language Services for 2014-2015.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to approve contract with Melissa Allsbrook for Speech Language Services for 2014-2015.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 8E. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract with Christine Hayes for Speech Language Services for 2014-2015.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve contract with Christine Hayes for Speech Language Services for 2014-2015.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 8F. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon agreement with the City of Guthrie for School Resource Officers for 2014-2015.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Davis to approve agreement with the City of Guthrie for School Resource Officers for 2014-2015.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 8G. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon financial advisor services agreement with Municipal Finance Services, Inc. for 2014-2015.**

A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Davis to approve financial advisor services agreement with Municipal Finance Services, Inc. for 2014-2015.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 8H. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon proposed revisions to District Policies.**

Superintendent Simpson stated the agenda item could be voted on as a whole or each policy voted on separately.

Member Bennett-Johnson stated she had some comments so she would like the policies voted on individually.

President Sallee stated they would begin with D-34A and move through each policy separately:

- **D-34A *Evaluation and Other Academic Measures***
There was no discussion.

A motion was made by Bennett-Johnson and seconded by Holtz to approve proposed revision to D-34A *Evaluation and Other Academic Measures*.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- **E-22 *Student Promotion and Retention and Student Pass/Failure of a Course***
Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve proposed revision to E-22 *Student Promotion and Retention and Student Pass/Failure of a Course*.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- **E-22A *Proficiency Based Promotion***
Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Davis to approve proposed revision to E-22 *Student Promotion and Retention and Student Pass/Failure of a Course*.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- **E-38A *Reading Sufficiency Act Testing and Procedures***
Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Watts to approve proposed revision to E-38 *Reading Sufficiency Act Testing and Procedures*.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- **F-18 *Child Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation and Trafficking: Reporting and Investigation Revised***
There was no discussion.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to approve proposed revision to F-18 *Child Abuse, Neglect, Exploitation and Trafficking: Reporting and Investigation Revised*.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- **F-32 *Tobacco Use on School Property***
There was no discussion.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve proposed revision to F-32 *Tobacco Use on School Property*.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- **F-45 *Student Possession of Dangerous Weapons***
Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Pierson to approve proposed revision to F-45 *Student Possession of Dangerous Weapons*.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- **G-9 *Use of School Property (Regulations)***
There was no discussion.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Watts to approve proposed revision to G-9 *Use of School Property (Regulations)*

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

8I. President Sallee called for presentation of proposed new District Policies:

- **E-13A *Review of Instructional Material***
- **E-14 *Districtwide Parental Involvement (Parent Bill of Rights)***
- **F-45A *Gun Free Schools Student Suspension***

Superintendent Simpson stated this was not an action item. It was for presentation only and would be placed on the September agenda for consideration. Any questions or comments

from Board members or community members should be forwarded to the Superintendent's office for potential changes.

President Sallee requested Superintendent Simpson ask our attorney if proposed new District Policy E-14 *Districtwide Parental Involvement (Parent Bill of Rights)* could be written with an Opt In basis and not Opt Out as presented. Superintendent Simpson stated he would consult with the attorney.

Member Pennington requested Superintendent Simpson get clarification from our attorney about the statement in proposed new District Policy F-45A *Gun Free Schools Student Suspension* which states any student who is determined to have possessed a weapon within two thousand (2,000) feet of public school property shall be suspended out of school for a period of not less than one calendar year. Is the two thousand (2,000) feet state statute? Superintendent Simpson stated he would consult with the attorney on this, also.

President Sallee, also, questioned District Policy F-45A if there was an appeals process for a student who received an automatic suspension for 1 year on a weapons violation. Dr. Simpson said it was the same appeals process as a Long Term suspension.

9. President Sallee 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, teacher negotiations for 2014-2015, periodic annual evaluation and terms of employment of Dr. Michael Simpson, Superintendent of Schools, 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, 2, 3 and 7.

9A. A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Watts to go into executive session.

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

9B. President Sallee acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 10:22 p.m.

9C. President Sallee stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 9 were discussed and no votes were taken.

10. President Sallee called for a vote on action as set out on the Personnel Reports.

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

11. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Support Personnel Handbook for 2014-2015.

A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Watts to approve Support Personnel Handbook for 2014-2015.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

12. President Sallee 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.

13. President Sallee 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.

14. A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.



Kay Gammill, Minutes Clerk



Travis Sallee, Board President

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