

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2017**

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 13, 2017

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

Board Member Absent: 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
Cody Thompson, Director of Operations
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, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, Tina Smedley and Sharon Watts were present for roll call.**
Member Terry Pennington was not present for roll call.
- 3. A quorum was established.**
- 4. President Watts asked everyone present to stand and join her in 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 January: Ms. Valerie Boyster, Cafeteria Manager at Central, for support employee of the month. Ms. Boyster was nominated to the committee by Ms. Tamara Stout, Cafeteria Manager at Cotteral. The winner for certified employee of the month was not able to attend the meeting and will be recognized at the March School Board Meeting.

Mr. Ogle presented Ms. Boyster with a plaque.

- 7. President Watts called for presentation of Guthrie Public Schools' Site Teachers of the Year and District Teacher of the Year for 2017-2018.**

Dr. Simpson introduced Ms. Carmen Walters, Executive Director of Federal Programs and Elementary Education, and Mr. Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education. Ms. Walters announced the 2017 Elementary Teacher of the Year as Ms. Mechelle Helmberger. Mr. Ogle recognized the 2017 Secondary Teacher of the Year as Ms. Blair Workman.

Dr. Simpson then announced the 2017 Teacher of the Year as Ms. Mechelle Helmberger.

- 8A. 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.

- 8B. President Watts called for any comments to the Board by Board members.**

There were no comments to the Board by Board members.

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

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Announced school will be in session on April 21st as that snow day was taken on January 13th.

Reminded attendees about the School Board Election tomorrow and that all registered voters residing within the Guthrie Public Schools boundary are eligible to vote. Seat #6 is up for election and the candidates for that seat are Gina Davis and Eddie Lynn. Announced there is also an election on the same ballot for residents inside Ward #1 of the Guthrie City Limits that will decide which of three candidates will be on the ballot for City Council in that ward for the general election on April 4th. He encouraged all eligible voters to participate tomorrow.

Recognized Guthrie High School for hosting the Chamber Coffee on February 1st where over 70 community members attended. Following the meeting everyone was invited to watch three GHS football players, Dalton Freshour, Justin Dutton and Seth Dean, sign national letters of intent to play college football.

Announced that next Tuesday night, the Guthrie Educational Foundational will host their annual fundraising dinner at the Masonic Temple where Frank and Kay Davis will be honored. Reminded everyone the money raised at the dinner will fund grants from teachers and staff members. The tickets are \$75 and may be purchased from a member of the Foundation Board.

Recognized the hard work the staff at Guthrie Junior High School have put in to meeting criteria for two consecutive years in both IEP Reading and Math in order to be removed from FOCUS status. They have been a FOCUS school, a school recognized by OSDE as having specific ESEA subgroups with low achievement and/or graduation rates, since 2012.

Congratulated Guthrie Junior High Math Teacher Shurlyn Maltz who was nominated for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. She is currently working through the application process.

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

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

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

11A. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Guthrie High School Driver's Education Summer School 2017.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve Guthrie High School Driver's Education Summer School 2017.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

11B. President Watts called for discussion, consideration and vote to grant or not grant to the City of Guthrie, Oklahoma a permanent easement for sidewalk purposes over and across the West 20 feet of the East 40 feet of the SE/4 of the NW/4 of Section 4, T16N, R2W, Logan County, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to grant to the City of Guthrie, Oklahoma a permanent easement for sidewalk purposes over and across the West 20 feet of the East 40 feet of the SE/4 of the NW/4 of Section 4, T16N, R2W, Logan County, Oklahoma.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11C. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve the proposed architectural plans for Charter Oak Elementary School by The Stacy Group.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve the proposed architectural plans for Charter Oak Elementary School by The Stacy Group.

The motion carried with 5 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 extra-duty assignment as listed for 2016-2017 and discussion of all district level administrator's contracts as listed for 2017-2018, 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 Pierson to go into executive session.**

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:24 p.m.

- 12B. President Watts acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 7:47 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 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to approve action upon recommendation of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2016-2017.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

15. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and action upon district level administrator's contracts as listed for 2017-2018 without specification for salary or assignment.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Sallee to approve district level administrator's contracts as listed for 2017-2018 without specification for salary or assignment.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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

Superintendent Simpson stated he had received one resignation: Mrs. Vicki Biggs, GPS Encumbrance Clerk, announced her retirement effective June 30, 2017.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve the retirement of Mrs. Vicki Biggs effective June 30, 2017.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

17. 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.

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

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



E. Sharon Watts, Board President

APPROVED

MAR 06 2017

BOARD OF EDUCATION
GUTHRIE, OK