

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 6, 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 MARCH 6, 2017

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

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

1. The meeting was called to order by President Watts.
2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gina Davis, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, Tina Smedley and Sharon Watts were 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 called for seating of new Board Member and oath of office.

Ms. Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk and Clerk of the Board, administered the oath of office to Ms. Gina Davis who then took her place on the Board.
7. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and vote on reorganization of the Board including:
 - A. Election of President

- B. Election of First Vice-President**
- C. Election of Second Vice-President**
- D. Election of Board Clerk**
- E. Election of Deputy Board Clerk**

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Watts to appoint Jennifer Bennett-Johnson as President.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Bennett-Johnson and seconded by Watts to appoint Travis Sallee as First Vice-President.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Sallee to appoint Tina Smedley as Second Vice-President.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Sallee to appoint Janna Pierson as Board Clerk.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Bennett-Johnson and seconded by Sallee to appoint Sharon Watts as Deputy Board Clerk.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Board Members assumed their new positions.

- 8. President Bennett-Johnson introduced Mr. Brian Billings from Sonic of East Guthrie.**

Mr. Brian Billings from Sonic East presented a check for \$7,000 to Principal Robbie Rainwater from Guthrie Junior High School. This is an annual donation made by Mr. Billings for a number of years. In years past, Mr. Billings had donated \$1000.00 to each site to use where the sites felt most needed. He stated several years ago he would like to make one large donation to a site whose name had been randomly selected in a drawing. He felt the larger contribution could better be used for a purchase that the school otherwise would not have the funds to do. He thanked Guthrie Schools and stated he hoped to be able to continue the donation for many years to come. Superintendent Simpson thanked Mr. Billings for his generosity in helping the students of our community.

9. **President Bennett-Johnson called for the Kiwanis presentation.**

Superintendent Simpson introduced Mr. Jerry Gammill of the Guthrie Kiwanis Club. Mr. Gammill introduced GHS sophomore student Emily Cordell who was named Sophomore of the Year. She was presented a plaque and a \$250 cash reward. Mr. Gammill stated that Ms. Cordell was selected among several applicants and stood out due to her abundance of community service.

10. **President Bennett-Johnson asked for the presentation of Certified and Support Employee of the Month.**

Mr. Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education, announced the certified employee of the month award winner for January who was unable to attend last month: Ms. Kristen Hooper, GJHS Special Education Teacher was nominated by Ms. Leslie Inman, GJHS 8th Grade Math Teacher. Mr. Ogle then announced the award winners for February: Ms. Kary Jarred, Site Secretary at GHS, for support employee of the month and Ms. Susan Davison, GUES Principal, for certified employee of the month. Nomination letters were read by Mr. Chris LeGrande, GHS Principal for Marty Jones, GHS Agriculture Education Teacher, who nominated Ms. Jarred and by Mr. Jeff Ball, Assistant Principal at GUES for Ms. Davison.

Mr. Ogle presented the award winners with a plaque.

- 11A. **President Bennett-Johnson 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.

- 11B. **President Bennett-Johnson called for any comments to the Board by Board members.**

There were no comments to the Board by Board members.

12. **President Bennett-Johnson called for the Superintendent's Reports.**

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Announced the State had declared another revenue failure on February 21st bringing the total in cuts to GPS to over \$220,000 for this fiscal year. Many of the cost saving measures we put in place for last year are still in place for this year. We will be monitoring and evaluating this situation closely.

Updated the Board on the progress of the window installation taking place at Central Elementary funded through the 2015 Bond Issue.

Informed the Board that the Elementary Transition Committee will meet tomorrow at 6:00 p.m.

Congratulated Mekelti Gilliam, GHS band member, for selling the 3rd place raffle ticket for the Local Oklahoma Music Association. The winner of that prize, Patsy Weedon, was awarded a \$3000 trumpet to which she then donated to the GHS band program.

Reported one of our GUES students from Ms. Benham's class, DeShaun Haley, had a private invitation, along with his mother, to attend the Thunder Blue basketball practice today. DeShaun is a 13 year old 2-time cancer survivor. He was a recipient of our Pink Week donation a few years ago. He has received the maximum amount of chemotherapy one can receive in a lifetime.

- 13. President Bennett-Johnson called for action on the Consent Agenda.**

Member Pennington requested Item 13A be removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to approve the Consent Agenda excluding Item 13A.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pennington to approve Item 13A, minutes of regular meeting held on February 13, 2017.

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

- 14A. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract renewal with Municipal Accounting Systems, Inc. for providing software and support for financial accounting, personnel, child nutrition and student information programs including student gradebooks.**

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Watts to approve contract renewal with Municipal Accounting Systems, Inc. for providing software and support for financial accounting, personnel, child nutrition and student information programs including student gradebooks.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 14B. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon request for Special Education students to attend State Special Olympics Summer Games May 17-19, 2017.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Watts to approve the request for Special Education students to attend State Special Olympics Summer Games May 17-19, 2017.

Discussion followed.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 14C. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon K-8 Remedial Summer School Program.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve the K-8 Remedial Summer School Program.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 14D. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon \$.10 increase for all paid student breakfast and lunch meals.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Sallee to approve the \$.10 increase for all paid student breakfast and lunch meals.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 15. President Bennett-Johnson 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 all building level administrator's contracts as listed for 2017-2018 and discussion of extra-duty assignment as listed for 2016-2017, 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.**

- 15A. A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Smedley to go into executive session.**

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:30 p.m.

- 15B. President Bennett-Johnson acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 7:58 p.m.**

- 15C. President Bennett-Johnson stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 15 were discussed and no votes were taken.**

- 16. President Bennett-Johnson called for a vote on action as set out on the Personnel Reports.**

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 17. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon building level administrator's contracts as listed for 2017-2018 without specification for salary or assignment.**

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 18. President Bennett-Johnson called for action upon recommendation of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2016-2017.**

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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

Superintendent Simpson stated he had received the resignation of Ms. Kaylee Abbott, Kindergarten Teacher, effective March 6, 2017.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to accept the resignation of Ms. Kaylee Abbott effective March 6, 2017.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.


- 20. President Bennett-Johnson 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.

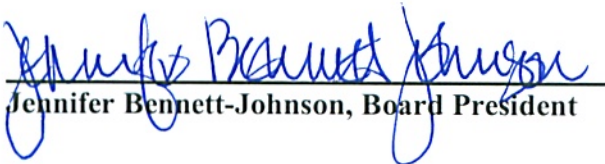
- 21. A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Board President

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