

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 8, 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 MAY 8, 2017**

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

**Board Member Absent:** 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  
Michelle Chapple, Executive Director of Finance  
Eldona Woodruff, Director of Special Education  
Cody Thompson, Director of Operations  
Dee Benson, Director of Technology  
Jessica Callaway, Director of Child Nutrition  
Jean Watts, Deputy Minutes Clerk

1. The meeting was called to order by President Bennett-Johnson.
2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gina Davis, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, and Tina Smedley were present for roll call.  
  
Member Sharon Watts was not present for roll call.
3. A quorum was established.
4. President Bennett-Johnson asked everyone present to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. President Bennett-Johnson asked everyone present to join her in a Moment of Silence.

6. **President Bennett-Johnson asked for the presentation of high school students by Sergeant Gibbs.**

**Sergeant Gibbs announced his gratitude for 3 GHS students who, after a soccer game, found a wallet at a gas station and brought the wallet to the police station so the rightful owner could be found. Although the students were not in attendance for the board meeting, they will be receiving a citizenship award from the Guthrie Police Department as well as a Hibbett Sports gift card from Blake Wimsey of Foundation Insurance. The students recognized were Peter Gaddy, Chloe Houk, and Emma Christian.**

7. **President Bennett-Johnson asked for the “Beyond Walls Internship” Presentation by Faver Alternative High School students.**

**Gina Villalva, Director of Alternative Education, spoke regarding the collaboration between Guthrie Chamber of Commerce, OSU Outreach Center, Guthrie Job Corps, Logan County Services, Advanced Medical Equipment and Faver Alternative School. Students have been guided during these 9 weeks on application skills, resume writing, interviewing skills and other professional skills to prepare for life after graduation. They were then paired with a local business in that field to intern with. Several students presented their experiences to the Board and recognized the business they interned with: Lydia Dudley-T-shirt Nerds, Shayla Sandie-Guthrie Public Library, Austin Garrett-K&W Metal Works and Aaron Spencer-Sooner Fire Department.**

8. **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 support employee of the month award winner for March as well as the support and certified employees of the month award winners for April: Ms. Heather McDonald, GUES Paraprofessional, was nominated by Ms. Misty Highsmith, GUES Paraprofessional for March. Ms. Lynette Anderson, GJHS Paraprofessional, was nominated by Ms. Mandy Rife, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Teacher and Ms. Marylyn Steffensen, School Psychometrist, was nominated by Ms. Angie Smedley, School Psychologist for April. After the nomination letters were read by the nominators, Mr. Ogle presented the nominees with a plaque.**

9. **President Bennett-Johnson asked for the update from the Operations Department.**

**Mr. Cody Thompson gave a presentation regarding the update from the Operations Department which included work orders completed and their costs thus far for 2016-2017 compared to the percentage of the budget, facility projects completed**

**thus far for 2016-2017, upcoming projects for 2017-2018 and facilities budget and expenditures for 2016-2017.**

**Discussion followed.**

**Dr. Simpson thanked Mr. Thompson for his report and reiterated Mr. Thompson's plan going forward.**

- 10A. 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.**

- 10B. President Bennett-Johnson called for any comments to the Board by Board members.**

**There were no comments to the Board by Board members.**

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

**Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:**

**Recognized another successful prom held on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Dominion House. Announced that on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Albert Pike Lodge honored the GHS students receiving all A's for this year at the Scottish Rite Temple.**

**Listed several important upcoming dates:**

**Baccalaureate-GHS gym on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**

**GHS Senior Awards Ceremony-GHS Cafeteria on May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

**GHS Graduation-Jelsma Stadium on May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.**

**Last day of school-May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Described the collaborated effort between GPS, Logan County District Attorney, YMCA, DHS, OJA and others agencies for developing a procedure for assistance in combatting chronic absenteeism. They are working to find a method to change the behavior of chronically absent students as students cannot learn if they are not in school. After working with this group, there is a potential that policy changes will be presented to the Board for this next year to try and get those students some assistance.**

**Stated the loss of a great supporter of education in Dr. Dennis Clark who passed away on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Clark was a long time pastor at First Christian Church and his wife, Cathy, was a long time teacher and administrator at Guthrie Public Schools.**

**Presented the budget frustrations so far this year. As of late February, GPS had received a \$221,671 reduction in state aid. Each month, the 1017 Fund has been reduced as well. Currently those losses total \$152,479 for a total of \$374,150 so far this school year. Last Tuesday, the State Department announced that collections have improved and that they may be able to recover some of these losses. As previously announced, some of the revenue failure from last Spring was refunded in September which was after our budgeting for personnel. We may be recouping some of the 1017 Fund losses within this fiscal year. He is very hopeful we will get some of that money back this Spring and possibly some next Fall as well.**

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

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 13A. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve the E-rate Technology Plan for 2017-2020.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Sallee to approve the E-rate Technology Plan for 2017-2020.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 13B. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve the E-rate contracts for 2017-2018.**

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve the E-rate contracts for 2017-2018.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 13C. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve teachers and administrator as listed for 2017 K-8 Remedial Summer School.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Sallee to approve the teachers and administrator as listed for 2017 K-8 Remedial Summer School.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 13D. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Edgenuity Virtual Classroom Consortium Contract with Meridian Technology Center for 2017-2018.**

**Discussion followed.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to approve the Edgenuity Virtual Classroom Consortium Contract with Meridian Technology Center for 2017-2018.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 13E. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon renewal agreement with Ms. Teresa Ewing to provide Physical Therapy Services for 2017-2018.**

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Sallee to approve the renewal agreement with Ms. Teresa Ewing to provide Physical Therapy Services for 2017-2018.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 13F. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon survey request for TSET Healthy Living Program.**

**Discussion followed.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to approve the survey request for TSET Healthy Living Program.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 13G. President Bennett-Johnson called for discussion, consideration and vote to approve a Right of Way Agreement between the District and Oklahoma Natural Gas Company for a 10 foot wide pipeline easement along E. Charter Oak Road in the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, T15N. R2W, Logan County, Oklahoma**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Sallee to approve a Right of Way Agreement between the District and Oklahoma Natural Gas Company for a 10 foot wide pipeline easement along E. Charter Oak Road in the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, T15N. R2W, Logan County, Oklahoma.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 14. 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, rehiring of support personnel as listed for 2017-2018, discussion of resignation agreement of Tonya Jones and discussion of teacher negotiations 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, 2 and 7.**

**14A. A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Sallee to go into executive session.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 8:05 p.m.**

**14B. President Bennett-Johnson acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 9:10 p.m.**

**14C. President Bennett-Johnson stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 14 were discussed and no votes were taken.**

**15. 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 Sallee to approve action as set out on the Personnel Reports.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

**16. President Bennett-Johnson called for action upon recommendation to rehire support personnel as listed for 2017-2018.**

**A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Pierson to approve to rehire support personnel as listed for 2017-2018.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

**17. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action to enter into the Resignation Agreement with Tonya Jones and to accept her resignation.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pennington to enter into the Resignation Agreement with Tonya Jones and to accept her resignation.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

**18. 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 4 resignations with effective dates of May 23, 2017: Stephanie Curfman, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, Mallory Delaney, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Teacher, Melissa Sells, Deaf Interpreter, and Cynthia Gustafson, 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Teacher.**

**A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Sallee to approve the resignations of Stephanie Curfman, Mallory Delaney, Melissa Sells and Cynthia Gustafson effective May 23, 2017.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 19. 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.**

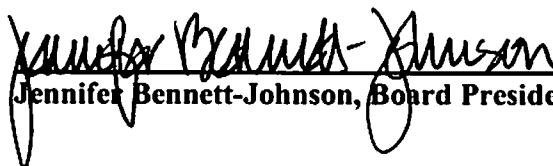
**Superintendent Simpson stated there was no new business.**

- 20. A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Smedley to adjourn the meeting.**


**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

**The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.**

  
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Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk

  
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Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Board President

**APPROVED**

JUN 12 2017 

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