

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 09, 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 OCTOBER 09, 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
Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent
Carmen Walters, Executive Director of Federal Programs/Elementary Ed
Michelle Chapple, Chief Financial Officer
Angie Smedley, Director of Special Education
Cody Thompson, Director of Operations
Dee Benson, Director of Technology
Susan Cox, Director of Child Nutrition
Jean Watts, Deputy Minutes Clerk

- 1. The meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Bennett-Johnson.**
- 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 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 Certified and Support Employee of the Month.**

Mr. Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent, announced the certified award winner for August who was unable to attend the September Board Meeting: Ms. Brenda Brandon, Special Education Teacher at Cotteral Elementary, was nominated by Ms. Stacey Johnston, Secretary at Cotteral Elementary. The employees of the month for

September were: Mr. Clay Drake, Agriculture Education Teacher at GHS was nominated by Ms. Angie Simonton, English Teacher at GHS for certified employee of the month and Ms. Jean Watts Lacina, District Personnel Secretary was nominated by Ms. Anita Paul, District Activity Funds Clerk for support employee of the month.

Mr. Ogle presented Ms. Brandon, Mr. Drake and Ms. Watts Lacina with a plaque.

- 7A. 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.

- 7B. President Bennett-Johnson called for any comments to the Board by Board members.

There were no comments to the Board by Board members.

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

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

We successfully completed another Homecoming week. It was a full house at Jelsma Stadium concluding with a big win for the Bluejays. Things were a bit different this year with school dismissing at 1:10 p.m. and an altered parade route. We still had lots of students who checked out early which is something we are trying to alleviate. Some parents may have done so thinking there would be a challenge in the pick-up lines.

Last November we received an invitation from Oklahoma University's K-20 Center. Unfortunately, this grant was not funded for this year. Dr. Simpson did convey to them that we would be interested in participating again if the funding returned.

We will have a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, October 12th to discuss with our contractor and architect the progress at Charter Oak Elementary as well as preparations for the transition to neighborhood schools. We will also begin looking at targets for a stable millage rate with our bond advisor and our architect.

Reported the State Legislature has been in special session since September 25th but sadly, there is nothing to report.

9. President Bennett-Johnson called for the presentation by OG&E.

Trey Parsons and Forrest McGee from OG&E presented a check to GPS for the \$148,159.00 savings that was received due to our recent LED conversion. These are monies that were taken off of our invoices due to our conversion. They confirmed we will see continued noticeable savings for years to come. OG&E plans to have all air conditioners in our District tuned up next year as well. OG&E held an Energy Master Planning workshop last month with our Operations Department and Administration Staff. They will work with GPS for the next two years through a new program to provide energy software to analyze our energy use in 15 minute intervals. This program will also be tied to classroom learning as well.

- 10. President Bennett-Johnson called for presentation by Mr. Doug Ogle and Ms. Carmen Walters of the ‘Giving Oklahoma Students a Competitive Edge Guidance for Educators’ provided by the Oklahoma State Department of Education for upcoming assessment data for 2016-2017.**

Mr. Doug Ogle and Ms. Carmen Walters presented slides provided by the State Department of Oklahoma and reviewed new comparisons for assessment data. A video by Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent, was presented as well.

Discussion followed.

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

Member Watts requested Item 11A be removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Sallee to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item 11A.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to approve Item 11A, minutes of regular meeting held on September 11, 2017.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 2 abstentions-Member Bennett-Johnson and Member Watts abstaining.

- 12A. President Bennett-Johnson called for discussion and possible action regarding the 2017-2018 School Budget.**

Superintendent Simpson introduced Ms. Michelle Chapple, Chief Financial Officer, who gave an overview of the 2017-2018 School Budget.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Watts to approve the 2017-2018 School Budget.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12B. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve appropriations of the 2017 Bond Fund proceeds.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve the appropriations for the 2017 Bond Fund proceeds.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12C. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Guthrie Jr. High Health Fair for 7th grade students October 19th and 24th, 2017.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Watts to approve the Guthrie Jr. High Health Fair for 7th grade students October 19th and 24th, 2017.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12D. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve the transcription of math and science credit options taught at Meridian Technology Center.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to approve the transcription of math and science credit options taught at Meridian Technology Center.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12E. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon adopting the Logan County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Smedley to adopt the Logan County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12F. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon agreement with American Fidelity Assurance Company for Section 403(b) Plan Administrative Services.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to approve the agreement with American Fidelity Assurance Company for Section 403(b) Plan Administrative Services.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

13. 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 extra-duty assignments 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.

13A. A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Watts to go into executive session.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:58 p.m.

13B. President Bennett-Johnson acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:24 p.m.

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

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

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

15. President Bennett-Johnson called for action upon recommendation of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2017-2018.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Pierson to approve extra-duty assignments as listed for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

16. 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 no resignations since the posting of the agenda.

17. 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.


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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.



Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Board President

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