

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

**Board Members Present:** Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Tina Smedley and Sharon Watts

**Board Members Absent:** Gina Davis and Travis Sallee

**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, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Tina Smedley and Sharon Watts were present for roll call.  
  
Members Gina Davis and Travis Sallee were 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 student recognition.

**Clay Drake, GHS Agriculture Education Instructor, recognized Mr. Dalton Cockrum for recently performing in the National FFA Band at the National FFA Convention which was held in Indianapolis, IN. This was Dalton's second year to be a part of this band. He is the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation in his family to have this honor. Mr. Garret Wellden was also recognized for his accomplishments. Garret recently won Grand Champion at both the Oklahoma State Fair and the Tulsa State Fair with his duroc hog. Mr. Drake acknowledged there have been less than 7 people succeed in this accomplishment.**

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

**Mr. Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent, announced the award winners for October: Mr. Gary Oliver, Paraprofessional at GUES, for support employee of the month and Mr. James Strahorn, GHS Math Teacher, as certified employee of the month. Nomination letters were submitted to the committee by: Ms. Ashley Reynolds, Special Education Teacher at GUES, for Mr. Gary Oliver and Mr. Chris LeGrande, GHS Principal, for Mr. James Strahorn.**

**Mr. Ogle presented the award winners with a plaque.**

- 8A. 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.**

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

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

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

**Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:**

**Last Thursday, several administrators from GPS attended the annual Thanksgiving luncheon served at Meridian Technology Center where several of our students participated in preparing the meal and showing off their culinary skills. It was delicious as always.**

**This past Saturday was Veterans Day and several of our sites held special programs to honor the veterans in our community. He thanked all of the veterans who have served our country.**

**A letter of thanks was received this past week from United Way of Logan County thanking our FFA students for helping serve at their annual kickoff campaign luncheon.**

**Announced the building level Teachers of the Year for 2018:**

**Desi Rice-PreK Teacher, Cara Henson-Kindergarten Teacher, Becca Creed-Library Media Specialist, Sandy Onley-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, Joni Delaney-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, Jackie Ross-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Emily Carpenter-Interventionist, Audra Branson-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Mr. Terry Darcy-Tech. Ed. Teacher, Mr. Bryan Dearing-8<sup>th</sup> Grade History Teacher, Rob Blackburn-High School Band Director, Jeff Jordan-High School English Teacher, Allison Lee-Lucas-Computer Applications/German Teacher and Michelle Redus-High School Science Teacher. The District Teacher of the Year will be announced at the Board Meeting in February.**

**Reported the State Legislature has been in special session since September 25, 2017.**

**Last Wednesday a vote was held in the House of Representatives for some significant revenue raising measures but failed to pass by 6 votes. Today's report states that common education funding will not be cut but that Career Tech will possibly receive cuts. Normally, when Career Tech receives cuts, some of those are passed onto us in the form of program allocations. This solution will create an even greater budgetary hole to fill for next year.**

- 10. President Bennett-Johnson called for the presentation by Principals Ms. Marsha Todd, Ms. Susan Davison, Mr. Robbie Rainwater and Mr. Chris LeGrande of the final Oklahoma School Testing Program (OSTP) results for Fogarty, GUES, Guthrie Junior High and Guthrie High School for 2016-2017.**

**Principals presented overall test scores from 2016-2017 comparatively to the state average. They also presented ways in which his or her site are working to close the gap between our scores and the state average.**

**Discussion followed.**

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

**A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Watts to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 12A. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action to adopt calendar of regularly scheduled School Board meetings for 2018.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Watts to adopt the calendar of regularly scheduled School Board meetings for 2018.**

**The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 12B. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action to call for Board Member Election to be held on February 13, 2018 and a Runoff Election, if needed, on April 3, 2018 for Board Positions #3 and #4, which have 4-year terms of office.**

**A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve the call for Board Member Election to be held on February 13, 2018 and a Runoff Election, if needed, on April 3, 2018 for Board Positions #3 and #4, which have 4-year terms of office.**

**The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 12C. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon renewal agreement with Northwest Evaluation Association.**

**Discussion followed.**

**A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Pierson to approve the renewal agreement with Northwest Evaluation Association.**

**The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 12D. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Infant & Early Childhood Services Awareness Survey for Parents and Early Care and Education Providers for PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents and educators sponsored by The Child Guidance Service of the Oklahoma State Department of Health.**

**Discussion followed.**

**A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Pierson to approve the Infant & Early Childhood Services Awareness Survey for Parents and Early Care and Education Providers for PreK-3<sup>rd</sup> grade parents and educators sponsored by The Child Guidance Service of the Oklahoma State Department of Health.**

**Discussion followed.**

**The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 12E. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Memorandum of Understanding between Rose State College and Guthrie High School for the dual/concurrent program for 2017-2019.**

**Discussion followed.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Rose State College and Guthrie High School for the dual/concurrent program for 2017-2019.**

**The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 12F. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Memorandum of Understanding between Northwestern Oklahoma State University and Guthrie High School for the dual/concurrent program for 2017-2020.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Watts to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Northwestern Oklahoma State University and Guthrie High School for the dual/concurrent program for 2017-2020.**

**The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 12G. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon approval of agreement with 3D E-Consulting Group, LLC for 2017-2018.**

**A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Pennington to approve the agreement with 3D E-Consulting Group, LLC for 2017-2018.**

**Discussion followed.**

**The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 12H. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and possible action to award the contract for Guthrie High School Chiller Replacement.**

**Dr. Simpson stated that before item 12H is considered, the Board will need to address a matter under new business because we did not know about nor could we have reasonably foreseen the need for such an agenda item at the time of posting the agenda. Specifically on Friday, November 10, 2017 after the agenda was posted we received a written request from Hardesty Team Co. to withdraw their bid on the High School Chiller project.**

**Dr. Simpson recommended the Board accept this letter under New Business after which we will take up consideration of item 12H.**

**Member Sharon Watts stated the Board finds that the District did not know about and could not have reasonably foreseen at the time of posting the agenda that Hardesty would request to withdraw their bid on the High School Chiller and therefore this is a matter which should be handled pursuant to Oklahoma law under new business. Hardesty Team Co. has requested in writing to withdraw its**

**bid on Project #1732, the Guthrie High School Chiller Replacement, and to exonerate the bidder and its surety from liability under the bid bond.**

**A motion was made by Watts and Seconded by Smedley that the Board grant the request of Hardesty Team Co. to withdraw its bid on Project #1732, the Guthrie High School Chiller Replacement, and to exonerate the bidder and its surety from liability under the bid bond for the reason set out in their letter requesting such action.**

**The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.**

**Dr. Simpson recommended awarding the contract for the GHS Chiller Replacement to Innovative Mechanical, LLC out of Oklahoma City with a bid of \$186,500.00.**

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to award the contract for the GHS Chiller Replacement to Innovative Mechanical, LLC out of Oklahoma City with a bid of \$186,500.00.**

**The motion carried with 5 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 as listed for 2017-2018 and periodic annual evaluation and terms of employment of Dr. Michael Simpson, Superintendent of Schools, 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 Pierson and seconded by Watts to go into executive session.**

**The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 8:07 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 Smedley and seconded by Watts to approve action as set out on the Personnel Reports.**

The motion carried with 5 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 Smedley to approve extra-duty assignments as listed for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 5 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.**

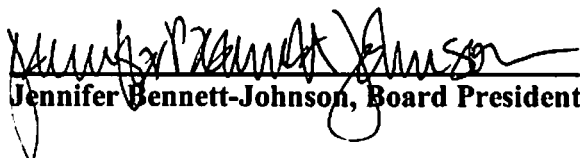
Superintendent Simpson stated there was no additional new business other than what was presented earlier.

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

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

  
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Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk

  
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Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Board President

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