

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 12, 2018**

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 12, 2018

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
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, 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 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 Watts and seconded by Pierson to reorganize the Board as follows:

**President-Travis Sallee
First Vice-President-Tina Smedley
Second Vice-President-Janna Pierson
Board Clerk-Sharon Watts
Deputy Board Clerk-Gina Davis**

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Board Members assumed their new positions.

- 7. President Sallee introduced Mr. Brian Billings from Sonic of East Guthrie.**

Mr. Brian Billings from Sonic East presented a check for \$7,000 to Principal Susan Davison from Guthrie Upper Elementary 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 was 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.

- 8. President Sallee called for Foundation Insurance Student of the Month.**

Dr. Simpson introduced Blake Wimsey from Foundation Insurance. Mr. Wimsey introduced the February Student of the Month, Shelby Vreeland. Mr. Wimsey read the nomination letter submitted by Shelby's teacher, Mr. Jeff Jordan. Mr. Wimsey presented Shelby with a \$65 Stacy's Place gift card.

- 9. President Sallee asked for the presentation of Certified and Support Employee of the Month.**

Mr. Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent, announced the certified and support employees of the month award winners for February: Mr. Jeff Ball, GUES Assistant Principal and Charter Oak Elementary Principal-in-Waiting, as certified Employee of the Month and Mr. Greg Sullaway, GPS Systems Analyst, for support Employee of the Month. Nomination letters were read by Ms. Katie Higgins, GUES Special Education Teacher, for Mr. Ball and by Ms. Carmen Walters, Executive Director of Federal Programs/Elementary Education, for Mr. Sullaway.

Mr. Ogle presented the award winners with a plaque.

- 10A. President Sallee asked the Superintendent if there were any citizens registered to speak to the Board.**

Superintendent Simpson stated there were 4 citizens registered to speak to the Board.

Mr. Bryan Dearing spoke to the Board in regards to teacher pay and a teacher walkout.

Ms. Kim Barrett spoke to the Board in regards to a teacher walk out.

Ms. Michelle Redus spoke to the Board in regards to a school closure.

Ms. Kathy Ice spoke to the Board in regards to “The Time is Now-Teacher Funding”.

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

All Board Members spoke in regards to their support of Guthrie Public Schools teachers during this difficult time in our state and thanked each of them.

- 11. President Sallee called for the Superintendent’s Reports.**

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Several students from GUES participated in the 29th annual Oklahoma Student Inventors Exposition on February 20th at Rose State College. Students were challenged to create inventions that solve everyday problems. Those placing from GUES include:

5th Grader Malek Myers-1st place-“The Trash Taxi”

6th Grader Wyatt Long-1st place-“Solar Saver”

6th Grader Elija Moroney-2nd place-“The Candy Plan”

Dr. Simpson read the following statement:

Obviously we have been dealing with a very fluid situation between state funding and a potential suspension of classes due to our current level of education funding in Oklahoma. The last few days have been challenging at best and I expect the coming days to be equally challenging. I want to be very clear that I support additional funding for education. When I was a college senior and student teaching at Stillwater Junior High School, we were 49th in teacher pay. That was the spring of 1990 when HB 1017 was passed. Over the last 10 years, we have gutted most of the provisions of that landmark bill in the name of flexibility. That flexibility was needed because reductions in per-pupil expenditures would no longer make adhering to those mandates possible. Also, during that time, I have watched countless quality educators either leave our state or leave the profession entirely.

Enrollment in our teacher education programs will no longer support the loss we experience in staffing on an annual basis. This problem has been 10 years in the making and many times during my Superintendents reports over the past 6 years, I've issued cautionary words about the growing problem. We are now back to 49th in the nation (or 50th depending on whose information you use) and it appears the problem has reached a tipping point. My first concern will always be for our students and my next concern will be for our staff. As I said in my letter to our staff on Friday, it is truly my hope for our students that we find a resolution before the April 2nd deadline.

With the uncertainty regarding a potential work stoppage, we have been in conversations with our Child Nutrition staff about what could be done to provide meals for our students and I am meeting with the Guthrie Ministerial Alliance tomorrow to discuss options of how they could also assist our students during the upcoming days. We will share that information with our community when the details become clearer.

12. President Sallee called for action on the Consent Agenda.

Member Pierson requested Item 12A 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 12A.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Watts to approve Item 12A, minutes of regular meeting held on February 12, 2018.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 2 abstentions-Members Bennett-Johnson and Pierson abstaining.

13A. President Sallee 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.

- 13B. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon request for Special Education students to attend State Special Olympics Summer Games May 16-18, 2018.**

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Smedley to approve the request for Special Education students to attend State Special Olympics Summer Games May 16-18, 2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13C. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon K-8 Remedial Summer School Program.**

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13D. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon revised school calendar for 2018-2019**

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve the revised school calendar for 2018-2019.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13E. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve E-rate Technology Plan for 2018-2021.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve the E-rate Technology Plan for 2018-2021.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13F. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve Category 1 E-rate contracts with AT&T and Onenet for 2018-2019.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to approve Category 1 E-rate contracts with AT&T and Onenet for 2018-2019.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13G. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve E-rate contract with United Systems to install wireless access points and network equipment at Charter Oak Elementary.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Davis to approve E-rate contract with United Systems to install wireless access points and network equipment at Charter Oak Elementary.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13H. President Sallee called for recommendation consideration and action to award bid for the securing of all GPS sites to Digi Security in the amount of \$135,593.55.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Watts to award bid for the securing of all GPS sites to Digi Security in the amount of \$135,593.55.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13I. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action for the adoption of elementary attendance zones for 2018-2019 school year.**

Dee Benson presented two proposed elementary boundaries. The difference between the two proposals are the west boundary for Central Elementary School being the Cottonwood Creek on option #1 and Division Street on option #2. Dr. Simpson recommended option #1.

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to adopt option #1 of elementary attendance zones for the 2018-2019 school year.

Discussion followed.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 14. President Sallee 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 2018-2019, Support Personnel Salary Schedule 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.**

- 14A. 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 8:05 p.m.

- 14B. President Sallee acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 9:29 p.m.**

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

15. President Sallee 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 7 ayes and 0 nays.

16. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon building level administrator's contracts as listed for 2018-2019 without specification for salary or assignment.

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve the building level administrator's contracts as listed for 2018-2019 without specification for salary or assignment.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

17. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Support Personnel Salary Schedule for 2017-2018.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve the Support Personnel Salary Schedule for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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

Superintendent Simpson stated he had received the resignations of Mr. Cory Sauser, Computer Apps Teacher and Girls Basketball Coach at Guthrie High School, and Mr. Russ Gilmore, Boys Basketball Coach at Guthrie High School. Both resignations are effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Watts to accept the resignations of Mr. Cory Sauser, as teacher and coach, and Mr. Russ Gilmore as coach, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

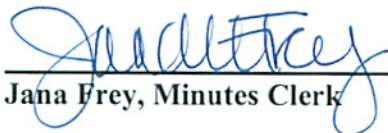
19. President Sallee called for discussion and possible action on new business not known about or could not have been reasonably foreseen at the time of the agenda posting.

Superintendent Simpson stated there was no new business.

20. A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.




Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



Travis Sallee, Board President

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