

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
200 NORTH CROOKS DRIVE
GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA
NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

MINUTES OF THE GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING HELD AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE GUTHRIE HIGH SCHOOL, 200 NORTH CROOKS DRIVE, GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA ON NOVEMBER 9, 2020.

Board Members Present:

S. Janna Pierson, Chris Schroder, Ron Plagg, Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gina Davis

District Level School Officials Present:

**Dr. Mike Simpson, Superintendent
Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent
Carmen Walters, Executive Director of
Federal Programs/Elementary Ed
Susan Cox, Director of Nutrition
Cody Thompson, Director of Operations
Dee Benson, Director of Technology
Michelle Chapple, CFO
Elisha Jahnke, Minutes Clerk
Kary Jarred, Deputy Minutes Clerk**

- 1. The meeting was called to order by President Pierson.**
- 2. Members Chris Schroder, Ron Plagg, Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gina Davis were present for roll call.**
- 3. A quorum was established.**
- 4. President Pierson asked everyone present to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 5. President Pierson asked everyone present to join her in a Moment of Silence.**
- 6A. Gina Wright was recognized as the 2020 Support Employee of the month and the Certified Employee of the month will be presented next month due to an illness.**
- 6B. Charles Hooper, a 3rd grader at Cotteral was presented a \$65 Stacy's Place gift card for Student of the Month.**
- 7A. President Pierson 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 Pierson asked the Superintendent if there were any comments to the Board by Board members.

Superintendent Simpson stated there were none.

8. Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Congratulations to our GHS Cross Country Teams. The boy's team placed 7th at the state meet and the girls team placed 12th. A quality showing by our Cross-Country Program.

Our football team will begin the playoffs with a bye week and then play Lawton MacArthur on Friday, November 20th.

Wednesday is Veterans Day and we thank all veterans for their service to our country. We will honor our veterans with each site paying a tribute to those who have served.

We want to thank OG&E, CREC and the many mutual aid crews who made getting power back to our schools as a priority. Their work is greatly appreciated. Also thankful to the many staff members of the Operations and Technology Department who were working long hours to get us back up and running.

We want to recognize Keely Northup with (SWAK) Sealed with a Kiss, and Brandy Parks with Sooner Success for organizing the distribution of over a thousand handmade hats to all of our Pre-K – 4th grade students. The Tiny Topper project included churches and individuals competing to see who can make the most hats. Our students were grateful to have received them.

We are finalizing protocols for indoor events where we host the public such as concerts and athletic events. We are working with a vendor to develop online ticket sales and attendance will be limited to 25% of capacity. Masks will be required.

We want to recognize Melanie Ball for being named a finalist for Oklahoma Teacher of the Year. She is a rock star and this was great news for our district as well.

9. A presentation on Guthrie Public Schools Annual Dropout Report and College Remediation Rate of GHS Graduating class of 2019 by Mr. Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent.
10. President Pierson called for action on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Davis to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11A. President Pierson called for the recommendation, consideration and action to adopt the calendar of regularly scheduled School Board meetings for 2021.**

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Davis to approve the regularly scheduled School Board meetings for 2021.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11B. President Pierson called for the recommendation, consideration and action to call for the Board Election to be held on February 9, 2021, and a Runoff Election, if needed, on April 6, 2021 for Board Positions #2 and #6, which have a 4-year term of office.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Davis to approve the Board Election to be held on February 9, 2021, and a Runoff Election, if needed, on April 6, 2021 for Board Positions #2 and #6, which have a 4-year term of office.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11C. President Pierson called for the recommendation, consideration and action upon proposed school calendar modification for 2020-2021.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Plagg to approve the proposed school calendar modification for 2020-2021.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12. 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, 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, 2 and 7**
- A. Vote to go into executive session**
 - B. Acknowledge Board's return to open session**
 - C. Statement of minutes of executive session**

- 12A. A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Schroder to go into executive session.**

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 6:51p.m.

- 12B. President Pierson acknowledged the Boards return to open session at 7:10p.m.**

- 12C. President Pierson stated that in executive session, no votes were taken.**

13. **President Pierson called for a vote on action as set out on the Personnel Reports.**

The motion was made by Davis and seconded by Plagg to approve the Personnel Report.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

14. **President Pierson called for a vote for the recommendation of extra-duty assignments for 2020-2021.**

The motion was made by Davis and seconded by Bennett Johnson to approve the recommendations of extra-duty assignments for 2020-2021.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

15. **President Pierson asked if there were any resignations offered since the posting of the agenda.**

Dr. Simpson stated there were none.

16. **President Pierson asked for a vote on the November 9, 2020 Amendment to the Superintendent's Contract for the 2020-2021 school year.**

The motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Schroder to approve the Amendment to the Superintendent's Contract for the 2020-2021 school year.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

17. **President Pierson asked for a vote to approve the Superintendent's Contract covering 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school year.**

A discussion followed.

The motion was made by Bennett-Johnson and seconded by Davis to approve the Superintendent's Contract covering the 2021-2022, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school year.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

18. **President Pierson asked 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.**

Dr. Simpson stated there was no new business.

19. **President Pierson called for the meeting to be adjourned.**

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Davis to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18p.m.


Elisha Jahnke, Minutes Clerk


S. Janna Pierson, Board President

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