

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
802 EAST VILAS
GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA
APRIL 12, 2021**

**MINUTES OF THE GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING HELD AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
802 EAST VILAS AVE, GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA ON APRIL 12, 2021**

Board Members Present: S. Janna Pierson, Ron Plagg, Travis Sallee, Tina Smedley, Gina Davis

Board Members Absent: Jennifer Bennet-Johnson, Chris Schroder

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
Samantha Stewart, Minutes Clerk
Kary Jarred, Deputy Minutes Clerk

1. The meeting was called to order by President Pierson at 6:30 p.m.
2. Members Ron Plagg, Travis Sallee, Tina Smedley, Gina Davis and Janna Pierson were present for roll call.
3. A quorum was established.
4. President Pierson asked everyone to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. President Pierson asked everyone to join her in a Moment of Silence.
6. President Pierson called for recommendation, consideration and vote to 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 Plagg and seconded by Sallee to reorganize the Board as follows:

**President- Gina Davis
First Vice-President- Jennifer Bennett-Johnson
Second Vice-President- Travis Sallee
Board Clerk- Ron Plagg
Deputy Board Clerk- Chris Schroder**

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

Board Members assumed their new positions.

7A. President Davis called for Student Recognition.

Dr. Simpson introduced Blake Wimsey from Foundation Insurance. Mr. Wimsey introduced the April Student of the Month Brayden Havener, was nominated by Lowell Price. Mr. Wimsey presented Brayden with a \$65 gift card to Stacey's Place.

7B. President Davis called for Guthrie High School FFA.

Dr. Simpson introduced Clay Drake of the Guthrie High School FFA.

8A. President Davis asked the Superintendent if there were any citizens registered to speak to the Board.

Superintendent Simpson stated there were four citizens register to speak to the Board.

Robert Fields spoke to the Board regarding Process of Teacher Hiring.

Ira Barrow spoke to the Board regarding Vo-Ag.

Ryan Coddling spoke to the Board regarding Ag Program.

James Sanders spoke to the Board regarding Admin Process.

8B. President Davis called for comments to the Board by Board Members.

There were no comments to the Board from Board Members.

9. President Davis called for the Superintendent's Reports.

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Last Friday, the Guthrie Education Foundation went around the district presenting

grants to successful applicants. There were 25 successful grants totaling almost \$20,000. Also, each building teacher of the year received a \$100 gift card.

Saturday, April 24th is the High School prom at the Dominion House. Protocols will be announced to students.

COVID infection rate for Logan County remain low and the district infection rates are very low.

HB 2078 and SB 783 have been signed into law by the Governor. HB 2078 reduces the time period for funding formula calculations on state aid beginning with the 2022-23 school year. It also allows for increased carry over funds.

Senate bill 783 revises many aspects of transfer and takes away a lot of the authority this board has to determine how many transfers we will accept. Since it doesn't take effect until January 1, 2022, I will recommend that we follow past practice on transfer acceptance as we begin next year.

We will be looking to our financial experts and attorneys for guidance on both changes going forward.

This legislative session has been fraught with confrontation on many levels. It has a times tested the patience and friendships I have with some of the members.

We have expended our first round of Supplemental Federal Funding which was just over \$783,000 and are carefully prioritizing needs for the second round which is \$2.775 million. We estimate our third round to be just over \$6.1 million. We have only received preliminary guidance on the restrictions for the last round and are awaiting full guidance. We will continue discussions in our committees about how those funds will be used.

10. President Davis called for action on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11A. President Davis called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract for auditing services for 2021-2022 for fiscal year 2020-2021.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Plagg to approve the contract for auditing services.

The motions carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11B. President Davis called for recommendation, consideration and action upon 2021 Oklahoma youth Risk Behavior Survey for 9-10th grade students sponsored by The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.**

The motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Sallee.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11C. President Davis called for recommendation, consideration and action upon 2020-2021 Revised Appropriations of Federal Funds for General, Building Bond Fund (form 307).**

The motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11D. President Davis called for recommendation, consideration, and action upon Growth and Development presentation by Belinda Stone, GUES Counselor and Corbin Crockett, GUES Health and PE teacher for 5th and 6th grade students at Guthrie Upper Elementary.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Plagg.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12. President Davis 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, employment of career and probationary contract teachers as listed for 2021-2022 and discussion of teacher negotiations for 2021-2022 disclosure of which information would violate the confidentiality requirements of state and/or federal law and confidential communications between the Board of Education and its attorney concerning the State Board of Education's action on March 25, 2021, approving a resolution equalizing funding, and claims and possible litigation against the State Board related to the same, the Guthrie Board of Education having been advised by its attorney that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the Guthrie Board to process the claims and possible litigation in the public interest all pursuant to 25 OKLA. STAT. Section 307 (B) 1, 2, 4 and 7.**

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

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:03 p.m.

- 12B. President Davis acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:08 p.m.**

12C. President Davis stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 12 were discussed and no votes were taken.

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

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

14. President Davis called for action upon recommendation to employ career and probationary contract teachers as listed for 2021-2022.

A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Smedley.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

15. President Davis called for a motion, discussion and vote to authorize or not to authorize the school district's attorney, in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools, to initiate legal action against the Oklahoma State Board of Education ("Board) to address the equalization of funding as set forth in the Board's Resolution approved at the Board's special meeting on March 25, 2021.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

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

Superintendent Simpson stated that no resignations were offered since the posting of the agenda.

17. President David 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. **President Davis called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.**

A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Smedley.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Samantha Stewart, Minutes Clerk



Gina Davis, Board President

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