

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2015**

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 JANUARY 15, 2015

Board Members Present: Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gail Davis, Tom Holtz, Janna Pierson, Sharon Watts and Travis Sallee

Board Member Absent: Terry Pennington

District Level School Officials Present: Dr. Mike Simpson, Superintendent
Dennis Schulz, Ass't Superintendent
Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel/Secondary Ed
Carmen Walters, Executive Director of Federal Programs/Elementary Ed
Eldona Woodruff, Director of Special Education
Jerry Gammill, Director of Facilities
Dee Benson, Director of Technology
Steve Cordell, Director of Transportation

1. The meeting was called to order by President Sallee.
2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gail Davis, Tom Holtz, Janna Pierson, Sharon Watts and Travis Sallee were present for roll call.

Member Pennington was not present for roll call.
3. A quorum was established.
4. President Sallee asked everyone present to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. President Sallee called for presentation of Certified and Support Employee of the Month.

Mr. Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education, announced the award winners for November: Ms. Lynnette Harry, Central Elementary teacher, as certified employee of the month and Mr. Chris Myrick, Head Custodian at GUES, as support employee of the month. Nomination letters were read by the staff member who submitted the nominations: Ms. Lesley Cotton, Central Elementary teacher for Ms. Harry and Ms.

Susan Davison, GUES Principal, who read the nomination letter submitted by Ms. Jana Frey, GUES Financial Secretary, for Mr. Myrick.

Mr. Ogle presented the award winners a plaque and a \$25.00 Sonic card donated by the Guthrie Lions Club.

- 6A. President Sallee 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.

- 6B. President Sallee called for any comments to the Board by Board members.**

There were no comments by Board members.

- 7. President Sallee called for the Superintendent's Reports.**

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Spoke of January being School Board Appreciation Month. He wanted to thank all the Board Members, on behalf of himself and the District, for all the work the Board does. He, also, acknowledged Member Davis who had achieved the Bronze Level of the Oklahoma State School Boards Education Excellence Awards and Member Pierson who had achieved the Silver Level. These awards are given to those members who have attended educational opportunities over and above the legal requirements.

Introduced Ms. Tina Smedley who was in the audience. He stated Ms. Smedley would be sworn in as our newest Board Member at the March 09, 2015 Board meeting, replacing Mr. Tom Holtz who did not run for re-election.

Gave an update on the Mid-Year meetings of the LEAD Initiative in Albuquerque, NM. Stated there were teacher leaders from each building involved, building principals and administrators from Central Office. Stated it was hard work and long hours but, felt great about the collaboration between the staff and the buildings and it reinforced how valuable the endeavor with the University of Virginia has been. Noted that Governor Mary Fallin, in her Address to the Superintendents in the State, recognized Guthrie along with Anadarko and El Reno for our work in this turnaround model and was highly praising of everything we have done and the improvements we have made in regards to education in our districts. Introduced Ms. Carmen Walters, Executive Director of Federal Programs and Elementary Education and Mr. Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education, who both spoke of the Mid-Year meeting.

Spoke of the completion of a lighting retrofit at GUES, Guthrie High School and the Administration Building in which more efficient ballasts and bulbs were installed. Stated this was done through a special program from OG&E designed to cut energy costs – 60% of the total cost paid by OG&E with approximately 40% being paid by the School District. The District's cost, estimated to be just over \$43,000.00, was paid through the Building Fund. OG&E has estimated our annual savings to be almost \$35,000.00 in energy costs.

Stated the Mid-Term Adjustment was released today and the State Department of Education is withholding \$20 million statewide. The District's reductions total a little over \$300,000.00 which is better than the projections we had used to account for the County Assessor lowering the assessment ratio. Stated the reductions in personnel costs have us in a fiscally responsible position going forward. The funds being withheld are due to questions being raised regarding how personal property ad valorem tax has been distributed based on a law passed in 1992 when a district assessment ratio is above 11%.

Spoke of Mr. Dennis Schulz, Assistant Superintendent, serving on a panel discussing school funding on January 22, 2015 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at the Edmond Public Schools Administration Building for a meeting of the Central Oklahoma Parent Legislative Action Committee.

Announced a Special Board Meeting scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the American Legion Building which will be a joint meeting with the Guthrie City Council to discuss a possible sales tax election.

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

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 1 abstention – Member Holtz abstaining.

9A. President Sallee 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 Watts and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve the transcription of math and science credit option taught at Meridian Technology Center.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

9B. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contractual agreement with Supplemental Health Care for Speech Therapy.

A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Davis to approve contractual agreement with Supplemental Health Care for Speech Therapy.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

9C. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon revision to Policy C-18 *Naming New Facilities*.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Holtz to approve revision to Policy C-18 *Naming New Facilities*.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9D. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon survey request for student dissertation.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to approve survey request for student dissertation.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10. 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 extra-duty assignment for 2014-2015 and discussion of revision to Superintendent's contract, 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.**

- 10A. A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Watts to go into executive session.**

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:25 p.m.

- 10B. President Sallee acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 7:48 p.m.**

- 10C. President Sallee stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 10 were discussed and no votes were taken.**

- 11. President Sallee called for a vote on action as set out on the Personnel Reports.**

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

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12. President Sallee called for action upon recommendation of extra-duty assignment for Tonya Stansbury for 2014-2015.**

A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve extra-duty assignment for Tonya Stansbury for 2014-2015.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon revision to Superintendent's contract, to comply with the Affordable Care Act.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to approve revision to Superintendent's contract, to comply with the Affordable Care Act.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

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

Superintendent Simpson stated there were no new resignations.

- 15. 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.


- 16. A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Watts to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Kay Gammill, Minutes Clerk



Travis Sallee, Board President

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