

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2014**

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 13, 2014

Board Members Present: Orville Cornelius, Gail Davis, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee and Tom Holtz

Board Member Absent: Sharon Watts

District Level School Officials Present: Dr. Mike Simpson, Superintendent
Dennis Schulz, Ass't Superintendent
Chad Wilson, 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 Maintenance
Kathy Bertwell, Director of Transportation
Dee Benson, Director of Technology
Jean Watts, Deputy Minutes Clerk

1. The meeting was called to order by President Holtz.
2. Members Orville Cornelius, Gail Davis, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee and Tom Holtz were present for roll call.
3. A quorum was established.
4. President Holtz asked everyone present to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. President Holtz called for Student Recognition.

Superintendent Simpson introduced Mr. Rafe Watkins, Co-Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. Mr. Watkins spoke of winning the State 5A Football Championship and introduced Seniors from the team. He listed all honors and awards received by the players. He then introduced assistant coaches Mr. Kelly Beeby, Mr. Jason Rice and Mr. Scott Mick.

Superintendent Simpson stated there were no citizens registered to speak to the Board.

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

There were no comments by Board members.

7. President Holtz called for the Superintendent's Reports.

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Stated January was School Board Appreciation Month and he wanted, on behalf of the District, to thank the Board for all the work they do.

Spoke of the recent UVA Mid-Year meeting attended by Administrators and Teacher Leaders involved in the District's Lead Initiative. Stated it was a highly productive meeting and felt everyone has a much greater understanding of the changes the District has installed with curriculum and of where the District is headed.

Stated we had received our Mid-Term Adjustment with a \$92,581 deduction which occurs in the current fiscal year. Much of this reduction can be attributed to our growth in ad valorem taxes and ad valorem collections: When you received more ad valorem – your State Aid is reduced. Because of student growth state wide, there is less money to allocate.

Spoke of the recent reduction to the Property Tax Assessment Ratio announced by the Logan County Assessor. By lowering the assessment ration to 11%, it is projected the Guthrie School District will lose an estimated \$407,765 for the 2014-2015 school year. It, also, drops the District's bonding capacity from 13 mils* to 11.8. Stated he had spoken with the other Logan County Superintendents who will, also, be experiencing a loss for 2014-2015. They will be meeting with the Logan County Assessor at the office of Representative Jason Murphy at the State Capitol on Thursday, January 16. *million

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

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Pennington to approve the Consent Agenda as presented excluding Item 8A.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Pennington to approve Item 8A of the Consent Agenda.

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

9. President Holtz called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve the transcription of math and science credit options taught at Meridian Technology Center.

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The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays

- 10. President Holtz 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 2013-2014 and discussion of purchase or appraisal of real property, 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, 3 and 7.**

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

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:30 p.m.

- 10B. President Holtz acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 7:54 p.m.**

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

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

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

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12. President Holtz called for action upon recommendation of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2013-2014.**

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Pennington to approve extra-duty assignments as listed for 2013-2014.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13. President Holtz 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.

- 14. President Holtz 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.

- 15. A motion was made by Cornelius and seconded by Pennington to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Kay Gammill, Minutes Clerk



Thomas E. Holt, Jr., Board President

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