

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 10, 2017**

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 APRIL 10, 2017

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
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
Cody Thompson, Director of Operations
Dee Benson, Director of Technology
Jessica Callaway, Director of Child Nutrition
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 asked for the presentation of Certified and Support Employee of the Month.

Mr. Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education, announced the certified employee of the month award winner for March: Ms.

Eldona Woodruff, Director of Special Education, was nominated by Ms. Laura Benham, GUES Special Education Teacher. After the nomination letter was read by Ms. Benham, Mr. Ogle presented Ms. Woodruff with a plaque. The March support employee of the month was unable to attend the board meeting and will be recognized next month.

- 7A. President Bennett-Johnson 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 Bennett-Johnson called for any comments to the Board by Board members.**

Tina Smedley announced that she participated in the Color Me Blue, Run for Lexi hosted by Guthrie Junior High. She wanted to congratulate and thank Mr. Rainwater, GJHS Principal, as well as the GJHS staff for putting together a great event and honoring one of our former Bluejays, Lexi Hastings who unexpectedly passed away in December.

- 8. President Bennett-Johnson called for the Superintendent's Reports.**

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Attended Donuts for Dads at Central on March 10th. Stated this was a great event hosted by Principal Dani Watson and Central Elementary Staff.

On March 29th, presented 21 grants along with representatives from the Guthrie Educational Foundation to teachers totaling approximately \$22,000. Normally, an event is held of an evening to award these grants. This year, it was decided the grants would be presented during class time so students could be involved in the celebrations as well. In addition to the grants, all 2016-2017 site teachers of the year were awarded \$50 to be used towards their classrooms.

The Chamber of Commerce Workforce Development Committee went to each school on March 31st to surprise and honor support staff members throughout the District.

Announced the date for the second TIF Review Committee Meeting to be April 14th.

Prom will be held at the Dominion House on April 29th.

All board members received a copy of the performance review recommendations made through board committees.

Reported the cuts in state aid through March total almost \$239,000. We are continuing to receive cuts. The details were discussed during the Finance Committee Meeting.

The new windows have been installed at Central Elementary. Dr. Simpson is currently working to schedule a pre-construction meeting with W.L. McNatt in the next couple of weeks to get a construction schedule complete for Charter Oak Elementary. We will wait to have a ground breaking ceremony for Charter Oak Elementary until we have gravel for parking.

9. President Bennett-Johnson called for action on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Pierson to approve the Consent Agenda excluding Item 9B.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Smedley to approve Item 9B, minutes of special meeting held on March 30, 2017.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 1 abstention-Member Bennett-Johnson abstaining.

10A. President Bennett-Johnson called for discussion and possible board action to adopt the OSSBA Superintendent Evaluation Instrument.

Dr. Ann Caine from the Oklahoma State School Boards Association discussed the OSSBA Superintendent Evaluation Instrument and service.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to adopt the OSSBA Superintendent Evaluation Instrument.

Discussion followed.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 2 nays-Members Pennington and Davis voting nay.

10B. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract for auditing services for 2017-2018 for fiscal year 2016-2017.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to approve the contract with Putnam & Company, PLLC, for auditing services for 2017-2018 for fiscal year 2016-2017.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10C. **President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Growth and Development presentation by Ms. Debbie Blan R.N. for 5th grade students at Guthrie Upper Elementary.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve the Growth and Development presentation by Ms. Debbie Blan R.N. for 5th grade students at Guthrie Upper Elementary.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10D. **President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon revision to District Policy:**
- ***D-9 Testing Employees (other than bus drivers) With Regard to the Use of Alcohol and Illegal Chemical Substances***

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Smedley to approve the revision to District Policy:

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The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10E. **President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon revision to District Policy:**
- ***G-3 Production of Public Records Policy***

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to approve the revision to District Policy:

- ***G-3 Production of Public Records Policy***

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

11. **President Bennett-Johnson 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 2017-2018 and discussion of teacher negotiations for 2017-2018, 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.**

- 11A. 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 7:40 p.m.**
- 11B. President Bennett-Johnson acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:15 p.m.**
- 11C. President Bennett-Johnson stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 11 were discussed and no votes were taken.**
- 12. President Bennett-Johnson called for a vote on action as set out on the Personnel Reports.**

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13. President Bennett-Johnson called for action upon recommendation to employ career and probationary contract teachers as listed for 2017-2018.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Sallee to approve to employ career and probationary contract teachers as listed for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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

Superintendent Simpson stated he had received one resignation: Ms. Judee Koch, District Psychometrist, announced her retirement effective May 23, 2017.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Smedley to approve the retirement of Ms. Judee Koch effective May 23, 2017.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

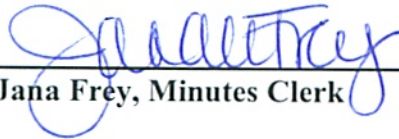
- 15. President Bennett-Johnson called for discussion and possible action on new business not known about or could not have been reasonably foreseen at the time of the agenda posting.**

Superintendent Simpson stated there was no new business.

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Board President

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