

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 14, 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 AUGUST 14, 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
Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel/Secondary Ed
Carmen Walters, Executive Director of Federal Programs/Elementary Ed
Michelle Chapple, Chief Financial Officer
Angie Smedley, Director of Special Education
Cody Thompson, Director of Operations
Dee Benson, Director of Technology
Susan Cox, 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.**
- 6A. 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.

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

Janna Pierson complimented Ms. Carmen Walters and the entire enrollment staff on our District Centralized Enrollment.

Tina Smedley complimented the custodians and other staff on how good our schools look after touring the sites on Friday.

Sharon Watts complimented on how great the murals look in the library at Fogarty.

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

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Took 3 Board Members on a tour of the sites last Friday. Reported there are a couple of areas we are still finishing cleaning but they will be ready by the time school begins. Last year we went from teams to the individual custodians of the building staying in their buildings for the summer. Congratulated Cody Thompson, Director of Operations, and the custodial staff for their work this summer.

Congratulated Athletic Director Jon Chappell and the Hall of Fame Committee on a successful golf tournament fundraiser. We will once again have a great Hall of Fame induction ceremony during Homecoming.

Congratulated Ms. Carmen Walters and our many staff members on a successful District Centralized Enrollment. Announced we enrolled over 2800 students in two days with minimal wait times. Thanked the community sponsors who helped make this a great event.

Announced the addition of 32 new teachers to GPS. These teachers attended a day-long orientation last Friday. Four of our Board Members attended the orientation and three attended a tour of all of our sites. Let him know if any other Board Members would like a tour.

Reminded everyone about the following dates:

District-wide Convocation is tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. at the Junior High School in the auditorium

**Elementary Meet the Teacher is Wednesday, August 16th from noon until 7:00 p.m.
The first day of school is Friday, August 18th**

Gave a construction update. We have faced some elevation challenges but have worked through those until the August rains came. We are now waiting on the ground to dry out to resume dirt work. We continue having bi-weekly construction meetings with the architect and contractors.

We received our net assessed valuation last week from Logan County. The report indicates an approximate 6% growth for our District. This is good news because it means we are less reliant on state aid and more reliant on local revenue sources which helps when we receive mid-year revenue cuts. Each time we sell bonds we build in an amount of growth and these numbers exceed the amount we had built in. This is good for the patrons as it keeps property taxes down a bit by allowing us to pay the bond back with less debt.

Gave an update regarding the State Budget. One of the revenue raising bills was overturned recently and the other two are still pending. He expects there will be a special session but not until there is a decision on the other two cases. He has spoken to Rep. Pfeiffer and Senator Griffin. They continue to have leadership meetings on the challenges but are waiting to hear about the final picture. There will probably not be a swift resolution once they convene.

The OSSBA/CCOSA Conference is August 25-27th in Oklahoma City. Please see Jana to register. Currently, Ms. Pierson is the only Board Member registered to attend.

Jana has given each of you a print out of your current continuing education board member credits as of today. Let her know if you have any questions.

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

Member Pennington requested Item 8A be removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Sallee to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item 8A.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve Item 8A, minutes of regular meeting held on July 10, 2017.

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

9A. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action to calculate the 2017-2018 school year by instructional hours.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve to calculate the 2017-2018 school year by instructional hours.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9B. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Teen Risk Avoidance and Character Education (TRACE) for 9th grade students.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Watts to approve Teen Risk Avoidance and Character Education (TRACE) for 9th grade students.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9C. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon agreements with the City of Guthrie for School Resource Officers for 2017-2018.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Watts to approve the agreements with the City of Guthrie for School Resource Officers for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9D. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon School Bus Driver's and Monitor's Handbook for 2017-2018.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Pierson to approve the School Bus Driver's and Monitor's Handbook for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9E. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon authorizing Ms. Jana Wanzer as authorized representative for the Child Nutrition Program.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve authorizing Ms. Jana Wanzer as authorized representative for the Child Nutrition Program.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9F. President Bennett-Johnson called for agreement with Samantha Betchan to provide Speech Language Pathology Services for Guthrie Public Schools during the 2017-2018 school year.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Sallee to approve the agreement with Samantha Betchan to provide Speech Language Pathology Services for Guthrie Public Schools during the 2017-2018 school year.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9G. President Bennett-Johnson called for sublease with City of Guthrie for Guthrie Public School's use of city owned soccer fields which are leased by Logan County Soccer Club from August 18 through September 30, 2017 and possibly through December 31, 2017 if said lease is approved through that time.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Sallee to approve the sublease with City of Guthrie for Guthrie Public School's use of city owned soccer fields which are leased by Logan County Soccer Club from August 18 through September 30, 2017 and possibly through December 31, 2017 if said lease is approved through that time.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9H. President Bennett-Johnson called to consider and vote to approve a resolution pertaining to the district's \$3,200,000 Building and Equipment Bonds, Series 2017; including fixing the amount of bonds to mature each year; fixing the time and place the bonds are to be sold; approving the preliminary official statement and authorizing distribution of same; authorizing the clerk to give notice of said sale as required by law; and approving other matters related to the issuance of bonds.**

Mr. Jon Wolff, from Municipal Finance Services, Inc., was in attendance and stated there was an incorrect date on section 2 of the second page. The date should say September 11, 2017.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Pierson to approve a resolution pertaining to the district's \$3,200,000 Building and Equipment Bonds, Series 2017; including fixing the amount of bonds to mature each year; fixing the time and place the bonds are to be sold and amending the date of the sale to September 11, 2017; approving the preliminary official statement and authorizing distribution of same; authorizing the clerk to give notice of said sale as required by law; and approving other matters related to the issuance of bonds.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9I. President Bennett-Johnson called to consider and vote to approve a contract with BancFirst, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to serve as registrar and paying agent on the district's \$3,200,000 Building and Equipment Bonds, Series 2017.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Watts to approve a contract with BancFirst, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to serve as registrar and paying agent on the district's \$3,200,000 Building and Equipment Bonds, Series 2017.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10. 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, extra-duty assignments as listed for 2017-2018, Administrator's Handbook and Salary Schedule for 2017-2018 and 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**

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:32 p.m.

- 10B. President Bennett-Johnson acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 7:47 p.m.**

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

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

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12. President Bennett-Johnson called for action upon recommendation of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2017-2018.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Sallee to approve extra-duty assignments as listed for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Administrator's Handbook and Salary Schedule-not including the Superintendent-for 2017-2018.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Watts to approve the Administrator's Handbook and Salary Schedule-not including the Superintendent-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 no new resignations.

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 Watts and seconded by Smedley to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



~~Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Board President~~
Travis Sallee, 1st Vice-President

APPROVED

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