

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2018**

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 11, 2018

Board Members Present: Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, Tina Smedley and Sharon Watts

Board Member Late: Gina Davis

District Level School Officials Present: Dr. Mike Simpson, Superintendent
Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent
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
Jean Watts, Deputy Minutes Clerk

- 1. The meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Bennett-Johnson.**
- 2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, Tina Smedley and Sharon Watts were present for roll call.**
Member Gina Davis was not 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.**
Member Gina Davis arrived at 7:01 p.m.
- 6. President Bennett-Johnson asked for the presentation of Certified and Support Employee of the Month.**

Dr. Simpson recognized Mr. Mark Doolittle from Integrity Heat and Air for all he has done for GPS. Mr. Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent, announced the certified winner for November as he was unable to attend the December Board Meeting: Mr. Ryan Wiss, 5th Grade Teacher at Guthrie Upper Elementary School, for certified Employee of the Month. His nomination letter was submitted to the committee by Mr. Jeff Ball, Assistant Principal at Guthrie Upper Elementary School. Mr. Ogle then announced the Employee of the Month winners for December: Ms. Deborah Pepper, Secretary at Cotteral Elementary, for support Employee of the Month and Ms. Jessica Maker, Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Guthrie Junior High for certified Employee of the Month. Nomination letters were read by Ms. Lesley Cotton, 1st Grade Teacher at Central Elementary, for Ms. Pepper and by Ms. Lynette Anderson, Special Education Paraprofessional at Guthrie Junior High for Ms. Maker.

Mr. Ogle presented the award winners with a plaque.

- 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.**

Member Gina Davis announced that she and her husband attended the annual GPS Christmas Choir Concert at the Temple and wanted to thank the music teachers at GPS for all they do for our students.

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

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Announced that January is Board of Education Recognition Month. Board members were recognized with a certificate from OSSBA and a Bluejay scarf. Dr. Simpson thanked them for their service.

Announced the District had a successful winter break shut down without any major facility incidents. Thanked Mr. Thompson and his crew for all their work.

Recognized that GPS received our mid-term adjustment numbers for state aid this year. Our state aid was cut by just under \$300,000. The cut can be traced to tremendous growth in local revenue and an uptick in gross production proceeds we are receiving. Overall, the District is currently in a good financial position going

forward this year. The school prognosticators are encouraging caution with the uptick in the energy sector as we look toward next year.

Addressed Governor Fallin's announcement earlier this week that she would veto any budget that failed to address a teacher raise. A group of very powerful business leaders announced today the formation of an organization called Step Up Oklahoma. The first item on the list is a \$5000 pay raise for teachers. The group is supporting revenue raising measures for the special session including a higher gross production tax. Many reforms addressing constitutional issues to stabilize our state's government and economy are also proposed which will require much more time.

Reminded board members about the Special Board Meeting on Thursday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m. The agenda will include whole board training from Dr. Ann Caine of the OSSBA. Dr. Caine wants to make sure all board members can be in attendance. If anyone develops an unresolvable conflict on that date, let Dr. Simpson know as soon as possible.

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

Member Pennington requested Item 9A be removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration.

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Smedley to approve item 9A, minutes of regular meeting held on December 11, 2017.

Discussion followed.

Member Smedley withdrew her second.

Member Davis asked for correction of minutes to read "Gina Davis" in place of "Gail Davis" under members listed for roll call.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Davis to approve item 9A, minutes of regular meeting held on December 11, 2017, as corrected.

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

10A. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Professional Learning Focus Evaluator and Educator Survey for feedback on

the Professional Learning Focus component mandated this year as part of each certified staff's evaluation by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Watts to approve the Professional Learning Focus Evaluator and Educator Survey for feedback on the Professional Learning Focus component mandated this year as part of each certified staff's evaluation by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

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, discussion of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2017-2018 and periodic annual evaluation and terms of employment of Dr. Michael Simpson, Superintendent of Schools, 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.**
- 11A. 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 7:19 p.m.
- 11B. President Bennett-Johnson acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 7:52 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 Watts and seconded by Pierson 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 of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2017-2018.**

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Watts to approve extra-duty assignments 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 no resignations since the posting of the agenda.

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.

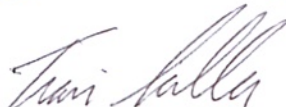
16. A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.




Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



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

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