

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 13, 2022**

**MINUTES OF THE GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING HELD AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
802 EAST VILAS, GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA ON JUNE 13, 2022**

Board Members Present: Ron Plagg, Gail Davis, Chris Schroder,
Janna Pierson, Tina Smedley and Matt
Girard

Board Members Absent: Travis Sallee

District Level School Officials Present: Dr. Mike Simpson, Superintendent
Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent
Carmen Walters, Executive Director of
Federal Programs/Elementary Ed
Michelle Chapple, CFO
Dee Benson, Director of Technology
Cody Thompson, Director of Operations
Kary Jarred, Deputy Minutes Clerk

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Plagg at 6:30 p.m.
2. Members Tina Smedley, Ron Plagg, Gail Davis, Chris Schroder, Janna Pierson and Matt Girard were present for roll call.
3. A quorum was established.
4. Vice President Plagg asked everyone to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Vice President Plagg asked everyone to join him in a Moment of Silence.
- 6A. Vice President Plagg 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. Vice President Plagg asked if there were any comments to the Board by Board Members.

There were no comments to the Board from Board Members.

7. Vice President Plagg called for the Superintendent's Report.

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

We had a tremendous evening for graduation on May 20th. Much thanks to the staff of the Lazy E Arena for their assistance and hospitality. In the past, their administration has been reluctant to commit the use of the building until they were sure a multi-day event was not interested in the venue. We have planned discussions with them about other options to secure a date in advance of initial communications parents may have with attendees.

Our summer meal participation is continuing to increase. We are averaging 244 breakfasts and 322 lunches served daily. Between breakfast and lunch, we have served 3402 meals over the first 6 days.

The legislative session closed since our last regular meeting. Education was given a flat budget and the Governor has called them back into a special session because he wanted significant tax cuts. The legislators that were serving during the teacher walkout have tried to tell the Governor what tax cuts mean given the high bar we have as a state to raise taxes. Despite the discussions, Governor Stitt attributed the warning signs issued from the members of the House and Senate to PTSD by those legislators. As a response today, a bill was filed in the House of Representatives by members of the governor's own party to reduce the Governor's budget by 53%. Obviously, it is an election year.

The legislature attributed the flat education budget to the federal ARPA dollars schools have received. The notion that school districts should fund recurring costs with one time funds when paired with the current rate of inflation at 8% AND the governor discussing tax cuts sends school districts toward a funding cliff that is perilous at best.

An example is our current property insurance for the district which increased 62% or \$238,000 for next year based on the latest quote. There is only one carrier in Oklahoma which will currently insure schools. We have explored other carriers and all have declined to carry our district. This was supposed to be on tonight's agenda but we are working to refine our coverage so our premium could be lowered. Because of this work, we will be required to have a special board meeting sometime between now and July 1st to approve the coverages but we were not able to formulate such a recommendation for tonight's meeting.

With all of that bad news, I can tell you that we are in a financial position where we can sustain the increased costs at this time. It ultimately becomes a decision based on needs and not wants. Fortunately, thanks to good planning, we can fund our needs at this time.

Article on school safety and work the Board has done to keep our students safe.

Clay Tarter services are scheduled for 10:30a.m. tomorrow at Community Church.

8. Vice President Plagg called for action on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Girard to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

9A. Vice President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration and action upon renewal of financial advisor services agreement with Municipal Finance Services, Inc. for 2022-2023.

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Davis to approve the renewal of financial advisor services agreement with Municipal Finance Services, Inc. for 2022-2023.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

9B. Vice President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration and action upon amendment to renew agreement with Clearwater Enterprises for the purchase of third party natural gas for 2022-2023.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Girard to approve amendment to renew agreement with Clearwater Enterprises for the purchase of third party natural gas for 2022-2023.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

9C. Vice President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Temporary Appropriations for 2022-2023 for the General Fund, Building Fund, Child Nutrition Fund, Gifts and Endowments Fund and Insurance/Casualty Fund.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve Temporary Appropriations for 2022-2023 for the General Fund, Building Fund, Child Nutrition Fund, Gifts and Endowments Fund and Insurance/Casualty Fund.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

9D. Vice President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration, and action upon 2021-2022 Revised Appropriations of Federal Funds for Child Nutrition Fund (form 307).

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Davis to approve 2021-2022 Revised Appropriations of Federal Funds for Child Nutrition Fund (form 307).

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9E. Vice President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration and action upon renewal with OSAG for workers' compensation insurance coverage for 2022-2023.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to approve renewal with OSAG for workers' compensation insurance coverage for 2022-2023.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9F. Vice President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration and action upon renewal agreement with Aurora Learning Community Association (ALCA) for 2022-2023.**

A motion was made by Girard and seconded by Schroder to approve the renewal agreement with Aurora Learning Community Association (ALCA) for 2022-2023.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9G. Vice President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Elementary Student Handbook for 2022-2023.**

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Girard to approve the Elementary Student Handbook for 2022-2023.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9H. Vice President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration and action on the following appointments for 2022-2023:**

- Michelle Chapple – Purchasing Agent**
- Tamie Jones– Encumbrance Clerk**
- Jana Wanzer – Treasurer**
- Anita Paul – Assistant Treasurer**
- Samantha Stewart – Clerk of the Board and Minutes Clerk**
- Kary Jarred – Deputy Clerk of the Board and Deputy Minutes Clerk**

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Davis to approve the following appointments for 2022-2023:

- Michelle Chapple – Purchasing Agent**
- Tamie Jones– Encumbrance Clerk**
- Jana Wanzer – Treasurer**
- Anita Paul – Assistant Treasurer**

- **Samantha Stewart – Clerk of the Board and Minutes Clerk**
- **Kary Jarred – Deputy Clerk of the Board and Deputy Minutes Clerk**

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Travis Sallee arrived at 6:46p.m.

- 9I. Vice President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration and action on a copier vendor for the district.**

Mr. Dee Benson left a memo of recommendation to accept the bid from Standley Systems.

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Davis to accept the bid from Standley Systems as the copier vendor for the district.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9J. Vice President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Memorandum of Understanding between Oklahoma State University and Guthrie Public Schools for OK-Thrive Induction Program.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Girard to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Oklahoma State University and Guthrie Public Schools for OK-Thrive Induction Program.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9K. Vice President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration and action to ratify the lease purchase financing agreement with Oklahoma LED project.**

A motion was made by Girard and seconded by Smedley to ratify the lease purchase financing agreement with Oklahoma LED project.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9L. Vice President Plagg called for consider and vote to approve a resolution pertaining to the district's \$10,500,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2022A; 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.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Smedley to approve a resolution pertaining to the district's \$10,500,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2022A; 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.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9M. Vice President Plagg called for consider and vote to approve a contract with BancFirst, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to serve as registrar and paying agent on the district's \$10,500,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2022A.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Girard to approve a contract with BancFirst, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to serve as registrar and paying agent on the district's \$10,500,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2022A.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9N. Vice President Plagg called for consider and vote to approve Hilborne and Weidman, Tulsa, Oklahoma, to serve as Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel on the district's \$10,500,000 General Obligation Building Bond, Series 2022A.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to approve Hilborne and Weidman, Tulsa, Oklahoma, to serve as Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel on the district's \$10,500,000 General Obligation Building Bond, Series 2022A.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9O. Vice President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration and action upon revision to District Policy: *F-5 Student Transfers* and *F-5 Transfers Exhibit A*.**

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Pierson to approve revision to District Policy: *F-5 Student Transfers* and *F-5 Transfers Exhibit A*.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10. Vice President Plagg 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 2022-2023, teacher negotiations for 2022-2023, periodic evaluation 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, 2, and 7.**

10A. A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Schroder to go into executive session.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:10 p.m.

10B. President Sallee acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:38 p.m.

10C. President Sallee stated that in executive session only those items 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 Plagg and seconded by Davis to approve action as set out on the Personnel Reports.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

12. President Sallee called for action upon extra-duty assignments for 2022-2023.

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Smedley to approve extra duty assignments for 2022-2023.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

13. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action for Statutory Waiver/Deregulation which allows Ms. Sable Crawford to be employed as Library Media Specialist at Guthrie Upper Elementary School for 2022-2023 school year.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Girard to approve the Statutory Waiver/Deregulation which allows Ms. Sable Crawford to be employed as Library Media Specialist at Guthrie Upper Elementary School for 2022-2023 school year.

The motion carried with 7 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 was one resignation and handed a copy of the resignation from Brenda Prescott.

A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Pierson to accept the resignation of Brenda Prescott.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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 were none.

16. President Salle called for the meeting to be adjourned.

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Samantha Stewart, Minutes Clerk



Travis Sallee, Board President

APPROVED

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