

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 9, 2016**

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 MAY 9, 2016

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

Board Member Absent: Travis Sallee

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
Jerry Gammill, Director of Facilities
Dee Benson, Director of Technology
Dale Dorsey, Interim Director of Transportation
Jessica Callaway, Director of Child Nutrition
Jean Watts, Deputy Minutes Clerk

1. The meeting was called to order by President Watts.
2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gail Davis, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Tina Smedley, and Sharon Watts were present for roll call.

Member Travis Sallee was not present for roll call.
3. A quorum was established.
4. President Watts asked everyone present to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. President Watts called for presentation of Certified and Support Employee of the Month.

Mr. Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education, announced the award winners for April: Ms. Mandy Rife, 8th Grade Reading Teacher, as certified employee of the month and Ms. Liz Olson, Paraprofessional at Cotteral Elementary, as support

employee of the month. Nomination letters were read by the staff member who submitted the nominations: Ms. Rosie Stepanek, Paraprofessional at Guthrie Junior High, for Ms. Rife and Ms. Brenda Brandon, Special Education Teacher at Cotteral Elementary, for Mrs. Olson.

Mr. Ogle presented the award winners a plaque and a \$25.00 Sonic Gift Card donated by the Guthrie Lions Club.

- 6A. President Watts 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 Watts called for any comments to the Board by Board members.**

President Watts applauded the efforts of the collaborated yearbook containing the students from Cotteral, Central and Fogarty.

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

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Reminded the Board of important upcoming dates:

May 15th-Baccalaureate Services beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the GHS Gym

May 17th-Senior Academic Awards Ceremony beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the GHS Cafeteria

May 20th-Last day of school and Guthrie High School Graduation Ceremonies beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Jelsma Stadium

Announced the plans to hold a centralized elementary enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year in which Ms. Walters and the Elementary Principals have proposed for August.

Gave a budget update that included the notice received from the State Department of Education on April 27th where we were notified of another cut in this year's allocation based on an under-collection in the Education Technology Revolving Fund of between \$63,000 and \$83,000.

Notified the Board of a notice received on April 27th from O G & E of a malfunction in our electric meter at GUES in which we were undercharged an estimated \$45,000. We are working with O G & E to receive documentation of the estimate.

Congratulated Mr. Rob Blackburn, Guthrie High School Band Director, and the band on the \$10,000 grant for band instruments received from the Carmichael Foundation in memory of William A. Clement who spent a large portion of his life in Guthrie and was known to mentor many local youth through Boy Scouts. Thanked Ms. Walters and Mr. Schulz on their work in the application process of the grant.

- 8. President Watts called for the presentation by Oklahoma LED.**

A presentation was given by Mr. Joe Schrader of Oklahoma LED detailing a plan to replace all lights throughout the District with LED lighting.

- 9. President Watts called for any items to be removed on the Consent Agenda for discussion.**

Agenda Item 9A, Minutes of regular meeting held on April 11, 2016, was pulled from the Consent Agenda by Davis.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve the Consent Agenda excluding Item 9A, Minutes of regular meeting held on April 11, 2016.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve Agenda Item 9A of the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 1 abstention-Member Davis abstaining.

- 10A. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and possible action upon authorizing the Superintendent to proceed with formulating an agreement with Oklahoma LED.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Davis to approve authorizing the Superintendent to proceed with formulating an agreement with Oklahoma LED.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10B. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and action upon amendment to renew the agreement with Clearwater Enterprises for the purchase of third party natural gas for 2016-2017.**

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Bennett-Johnson upon amendment to renew the agreement with Clearwater Enterprises for the purchase of third party natural gas for 2016-2017.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10C. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and action upon renewal with National Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Participation Agreement with BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative for 2016-2017.**

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Smedley to approve the renewal with National Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Participation Agreement with BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative for 2016-2017.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10D. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve teachers, administrator and coordinator as listed for 2016 K-8 Remedial Summer School.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Davis to approve the teachers, administrator and coordinator as listed for 2016 K-8 Remedial Summer School.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10E. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and action upon School Improvement Plan for 2015-2016.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve the School Improvement Plan for 2015-2016.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10F. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and action upon approval of Edgenuity Virtual Classroom Consortium Contract with Meridian Technology Center for 2016-2017.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve the Edgenuity Virtual Classroom Consortium Contract with Meridian Technology Center for 2016-2017.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10G. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and action upon nonrenewal of TransPar Group Contract with Guthrie Public Schools for transportation management services for 2016-2017.**

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Smedley to approve nonrenewal of TransPar Group Contract with Guthrie Public Schools for transportation management services for 2016-2017.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11. President Watts 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 possible employment of a Director of Operations, discussion of possible employment of a Maintenance Supervisor, rehiring of support personnel as listed for 2016-2017, employment of career and probationary contract teachers as listed for 2016-2017, discussion of district level administrator's contract as listed for 2016-2017, discussion of teacher negotiations for 2016-2017, 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 Bennett-Johnson and seconded by Pierson to go into executive session.**

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:41 p.m.

11B. President Watts acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:50 p.m.

11C. President Watts stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 11 were discussed and no votes were taken.

12. President Watts called for a vote on action as set out on the Personnel Reports.

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

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

13. President Watts called for action upon recommendation to rehire support personnel as listed for 2016-2017.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve rehiring support personnel as listed for 2016-2017.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

14. President Watts called for action upon recommendation to employ career and probationary contract teachers as listed for 2016-2017.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Davis to approve employing career and probationary contract teachers as listed for 2016-2017.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

15. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and action upon district level administrator's contract as listed for 2016-2017 without specification for salary or assignment.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve action upon district level administrator's contract as listed for 2016-2017 without specification for salary or assignment.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

16. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and possible action on employment of a Director of Operations.

Dr. Simpson recommended the employment of Mr. John Cody Thompson as Director of Operations for 2016-2017 beginning June 1, 2016.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Davis to approve employment of Mr. John Cody Thompson as Director of Operations for 2016-2017 beginning June 1, 2016.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

17. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and possible action on employment of a Maintenance Supervisor for 2016-2017.

No recommendation was presented.

18. President Watts 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.

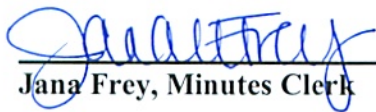
19. President Watts called for discussion and possible action on new business not known about or could not have been reasonably foreseen at the time of the agenda posting.

Superintendent Simpson stated there was no new business.

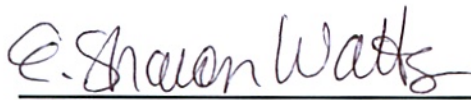
20. A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Smedley to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.




Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



E. Sharon Watts, Board President

APPROVED

JUN 13 2016 

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