

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2021**

**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 14, 2021**

**Board Members Present:** Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Ron Plagg,  
Chris Schoder, Janna Pierson, Tina  
Smedley, Travis Sallee

**District Level School Officials Present:** Dr. Mike Simpson, Superintendent  
Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent  
Carmen Walters, Executive Director of  
Federal Programs/Elementary Ed  
Susan Cox, Director of Nutrition  
Cody Thompson, Director of Operations  
Dee Benson, Director of Technology  
Michelle Chapple, CFO  
Angie Young, Director of Special Services  
Samantha Stewart, Minutes Clerk  
Kary Jarred, Deputy Minutes Clerk

- 1. The meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Bennett-Johnson at 6:30 p.m.**
- 2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Ron Plagg, Chris Schroder, Janna Pierson, Tina Smedley and Travis Sallee were present for roll call.**
- 3. A quorum was established.**
- 4. President Bennett-Johnson asked everyone to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 5. President Bennett-Johnson asked everyone to join her in a Moment of Silence.**
- 6. President Bennett-Johnson called for seating of new Board Member and oath of office.**

**Ms. Samantha Stewart, Minutes Clerk and Clerk of the Board, administered the oath of office to Ms. Gail Davis who then took her place on the Board.**

- 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.**

**Board Member Gail Davis thanked everyone for selecting her to rejoin the Board.**

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

**Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:**

**We had a tremendous evening for graduation on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Much thanks to the staff of the Lazy E Arena and their assistance and hospitality.**

**Our summer meal production has ramped up and we are routinely serving between 150-220 breakfasts and lunches at the mobile locations as well as the in-house meals being served at GUES**

**We are continuing to explore ways in which we can best use our COVID Federal Funds. Over the weekend, we were informed that the district has been approved for two school based social workers (1 secondary and 1 elementary). The cost for these positions will be shared equally between DHS and the district. This is one example of how we will use some of our 20% in an effort to locate some of our missing students as well as informing current students of available resources they might qualify for from the state of Oklahoma. The Social Workers will be DHS employees that are dedicated to Guthrie Public Schools.**

**We have also applied for a grant to fund additional counseling services for our students.**

**Late today, Dr. Simpson was informed that the case filed on behalf of 187 school districts (including Guthrie) against the Oklahoma State Board of Education, was dismissed without prejudice at the request of the petitioners. This means the school districts did not waive their right to re-file.**

**The legislative session closed since our last regular meeting. Dr. Simpson is highly concerned about their efforts to rob school boards of their local control.**

**SB 658**

**Cannot require masks be worn unless the Governor declares an emergency.**

**Masks are mandated on school buses until at least Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> by Federal Order.**

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

**Dr. Simpson suggested to remove items 9 A, B, C from the Consent Agenda- there was a mistake on A needing a comma in the Board Members Present section and a t added to President Bennett-Johnson's name.**

**A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Schroder to approve the Consent Agenda excluding Items A, B, and C.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Schroder to amend and approve item 9A with a comma and t for President Bennett-Johnson's name on the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 10, 2021.**

**The motion carried with 4 ayes and 3 abstentions- Member Sallee, Member Davis, and Member Bennett-Johnson abstaining.**

**A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Pierson to amend and approve item 9B to change regular to special meeting on the minutes of the special meeting held on May 17, 2021.**

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

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to approve item 9C, minutes of special meeting held on June 3, 2021.**

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

**10A. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon renewal of financial advisor services agreement with Municipal Finance Services, Inc. for 2021-2022**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Sallee to approve renewal of financial advisor services agreement with Municipal Finance Services, Inc. for 2021-2022.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

**10B. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon amendment to renew agreement with Clearwater Enterprises for the purchase of third party natural gas for 2021-2022**

**A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Davis to approve the amendment to renew agreement with Clearwater Enterprises for the purchase of third party natural gas for 2021-2022.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 10C. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon renewal agreement with Ms. Teresa Ewing to provide Physical Therapy Services for 2021-2022**

**A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Pierson to renew agreement with Ms. Teresa Ewing to provide Physical Therapy Services for 2021-2022.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 10D. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract with Sodexo, Inc. for 2021-2022 for Child Nutrition Services.**

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve contract with Sodexo, Inc. for 2021-2022 for Child Nutrition Services.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 10E. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Temporary Appropriations for 2021-2022 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 Sallee to approve Temporary Appropriations for 2021-2022 for the General Fund, Building Fund, Child Nutrition Fund, Gifts and Endowments Fund and Insurance/Casualty Fund.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 10F. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon renewal with OSIG for property, general liability, fleet vehicle and errors and omissions coverage for 2021-2022.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Sallee to approve renewal with OSIG for property, general liability, fleet vehicle and errors and omissions coverage for 2021-2022.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 10G. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon renewal with OSAG for workers' compensation insurance coverage for 2021-2022**

**A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Smedley to approve the renewal with OSAG for workers' compensation insurance coverage for 2021-2022.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 10H. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon renewal agreement with Aurora Learning Community Association (ALCA) for 2021-2022.**

**A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Sallee to approve renewal agreement with Aurora Learning Community Association (ALCA) for 2021-2022.**

**The motion was carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 10I. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Elementary Student Handbook for 2021-2022.**

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Sallee to approve the Elementary Student Handbook for 2021-2022.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 10J. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action on the following appointments for 2021-2022:**

- Michelle Chapple – Purchasing Agent**
- Brandi Brown – 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 Pierson and seconded by Davis for the appointments listed.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 10K. President Bennett-Johnson called for a recommendation, consideration and action to approve a 4 year lease agreement with ImageWorks for District copiers.**

**A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Schroder to approve a 4 year lease agreement with ImageWorks for District copiers.**

**Discussion ensued.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 10L. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action to ratify the lease purchase financing agreement for Oklahoma LED project.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Davis to ratify the lease purchase financing agreement for Oklahoma LED project.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 10M. President Bennett-Johnson called for discussion, consideration and possible action to award the contract for Guthrie Junior High renovation project phase II**

**A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Sallee to award the contract for the Guthrie Junior High renovation project phase II to Lambert Construction.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 10N. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and vote to implement the Return to Learn as submitted and to authorize the Superintendent to make such modifications as may be necessary from time to time provided that any material modification shall be reviewed by the Board of Education at its next meeting.**

**A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Smedley to approve the Return to Learn as submitted and to authorize the Superintendent to make such modifications as may be necessary from time to time provided that any material modification shall be reviewed by the Board of Education at its next meeting.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 10O. President Bennett-Johnson called to consider and vote to approve a resolution pertaining to the district's \$1,200,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2021; 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.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Sallee to approve a resolution pertaining to the district's \$1,200,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2021; 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.**

- 10P. 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 \$1,200,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2021.**

**A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Smedley to approve a contract with BancFirst, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to serve as registrar and paying agent on the district's \$1,200,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2021.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 10Q. President Bennett-Johnson called to consider and vote to approve a contract with Hilborne & Weidman, Tulsa, Oklahoma, to serve as Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel on the district's \$1,200,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2021.**

**A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Pierson to approve a contract with Hilborne & Weidman, Tulsa, Oklahoma, to serve as Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel on the district's \$1,200,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2021.**

**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, extra duty assignments for 2021-2022 as listed, teacher negotiations for 2021-2022, 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, 2, and 7**

- 11A. A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Plagg to go into executive session.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:12 p.m.**

- 11B. President Bennett-Johnson acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:38 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 with the exception of Chase Bradfield.**

**A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Davis to approve the Personnel Reports with the exception of Chase Bradfield.**

**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 2021-2022.**

**A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Smedley approve extra duty assignment as listed for 2021-2022.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

**14. President Bennett-Johnson called for action upon recommendation for employment of support personnel as listed for 2021-2022.**

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Schroder to approve employment of support personnel as listed for 2021-2022.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

**15. President Bennett-Johnson called for action upon recommendation for employment of career contract teacher as listed for 2021-2022.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Plagg to approve employment of career contract teacher as listed for 2021-2022.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

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

**Superintendent Simpson stated there were none.**

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




Superintendent Simpson stated there was no new business.

18. President Bennett-Johnson called for the meeting to be adjourned.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Plagg to adjourn.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



Samantha Stewart, Minutes Clerk



Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Board President

**APPROVED**

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