

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 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 FEBRUARY 8, 2016

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gail Davis, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, Tina Smedley, Sharon Watts and Terry Pennington

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
Steve Cordell, Director of Transportation
Jean Watts, Deputy Minutes Clerk**

- 1. The meeting was called to order by President Pennington.**
- 2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gail Davis, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, Tina Smedley, Sharon Watts and Terry Pennington were present for roll call.**
- 3. A quorum was established.**
- 4. President Pennington asked everyone present to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 5. President Pennington called for the Kiwanis presentation.**

Superintendent Simpson introduced Mr. Jerry Gammill, Director of Facilities and Mr. H.C. Patel of the Guthrie Kiwanis Club. They introduced GHS student Kaitlyn Reed who was named Sophomore of the Year. She was presented a plaque and a \$250 cash award. Mr. Gammill stated Ms. Reed was selected among several applicants and stood out due to her outstanding community service.

- 6. President Pennington 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 January: Ms. Angie Simonton, GHS English Teacher, as certified employee of the month and Mr. Gary Oliver, Central Elementary Para Professional, as support employee of the month. Nomination letters were read by the staff member who submitted the nominations: Ms. Kim Barrett, GHS U.S. History Teacher, for Ms. Angie Simonton and Mrs. Dani Watson, Central Elementary Principal, for Mr. Gary Oliver.

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

7. President Pennington called for presentation of Guthrie Public Schools' Site Teachers of the Year and District Teacher of the Year for 2016-2017.

Dr. Simpson thanked everyone who made a donation for our Teacher of the Year Program and recognized the outstanding partnerships we've developed with local businesses. He acknowledged the community members and businesses who donated gifts for this year's Teacher of the Year selections. He stated that all Site Teachers of the Year would receive a gift from Environmental Management Incorporated. He announced the donated gifts for the Runner-up: a plant from Mary's Flower Shop, a piece of handmade pottery from Gail Davis/Board Member, lunch for 2 and a loaf of lemon-blueberry bread from Missy's Donuts and Bakery, Kendra Scott earrings from Boutique 206, and a tank of gas per week for one month during the summer from Eskridge Chevrolet. For the Winner: a gift basket from AC's Hallmark, a Guthrie ornament from The Heritage Collection, flowers from Furrow Flowers and Gifts, a \$5 gift card from Rick's Fine Chocolates and Coffees, a gift basket from Keller Williams, a picture frame from Vencedora Designs, a Rick's Chocolate gift basket from Interbank, a piece of handmade pottery from Gail Davis/Board Member, a \$15 gift card from Hoboken Coffee, a Dr. Pepper neon sign from Jonas and Charlie Brown, a free meal from Stables Restaurant, a bottle of TIGI shampoo and conditioner from Kellie Henke at Downtown Salon, lunch for 2 and a loaf of lemon blueberry bread from Missy's Donuts and Bakery, 2-\$15 gift cards and 2 refillable cups from Billy Simms Barbecue, a \$50 Chili's/On the Border gift card from Dawna Elmore, a \$75 gift card from Shelton Photography, a handmade Bluejay quilt from Sharon Watts/Board Member, a \$100 Gage's Gift Card from BancFirst, a \$100 check from Edward D. Jones, \$100 from the Terry Pennington Family, a Kendra Scott bracelet from Boutique 206, personal use of a vehicle for the month of August from John Vance Auto Group, and personal use of a vehicle for May, June and July from Eskridge Chevrolet.

Dr. Simpson introduced Ms. Carmen Walters, Executive Director of Federal Programs and Elementary Education, and Mr. Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education. Ms. Walters first explained the process of Teacher of the Year and then recognized the Elementary Site Teachers of the Year-Cotteral: Deanna Davenport and Dawn Reames, Central: Ashley Henderson, Fogarty: Tia Davidson and Kathryn Rosenbach, GUES: Keith Hedge, Kara Walters and Shari Yost. Ms. Walters then announced the 2016 Elementary Teacher of the Year as Ms. Kara Walters. Mr. Ogle recognized the Secondary Site Teachers of the Year-Jr. High: Ron Gillett and Tara Barker, High School: Diana Meek, Lisa Kroth, Lori Lucas and Patricia Johnson. Mr. Ogle then announced the 2016 Secondary Teacher of the Year as Lori Lucas.

Dr. Simpson then announced the 2016 Teacher of the Year as Ms. Kara Walters.

- 8A. President Pennington 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.

- 8B. President Pennington called for any comments to the Board by Board members.**

President Pennington addressed the comments that have been made on social media and stated they were not factual comments. Asked to please contact the building administrator if there was truly a question regarding energy cuts or other questions. Confirmed the District is trying to save money wherever appropriate in order to help save jobs.

- 9. President Pennington called for the Superintendent's Reports.**

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Reminded everyone the School Board Election is tomorrow. Those citizens within the Guthrie Public School District boundary are eligible to vote in the election for Seat #1. The candidates for this seat are incumbent Sharon Watts and Mark Schwartzbaugh. The ballot will also include a city sales tax proposal to provide quality of life enhancements for our city. All voters are encouraged to participate tomorrow.

Announced Chase Perdue, a 6th grader at GUES, finished 3rd in the regional Spelling Bee last week.

Announced that after the State Excise Board meeting on February 16th we will know if the Education Reform Revolving Fund (1017 Fund) will be cut. Mr. Schulz estimates the cuts from this fund could be \$100,000. Soon after that announcement, we will also know if a second revenue failure will occur and if subsequent current year cuts are to come.

Addressed our current and upcoming budget situation. Explained we have already begun taking small measures to save money including removal of personal appliances from classrooms, asking staff to turn off lights when classrooms are unoccupied and correctly powering down computers. Stated there have not been any requests to any sites to make changes in building temperatures. He applauded the staff for doing their part as we face one of the greatest financial challenges we have faced in many years.

- 10. President Pennington called for action on the Consent Agenda.**

Dr. Simpson stated that item G2, Agreement with City of Guthrie for use of Kiwanis Field for GJHS Baseball practice for the 2016 baseball season, has 2 handwritten amendments per our attorney's advice. If the agreement is approved tonight, it will be resent to the City of Guthrie for approval.

There were no items to be removed from the agenda for discussion.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the addition of the handwritten amendments on the City of Guthrie Agreement.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11A. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Guthrie High School Driver's Education Summer School 2016.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve Guthrie High School Driver's Education Summer School 2016.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11B. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon School Health Profiles Survey for secondary school level sponsored by the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Oklahoma State Department of Education conducted by the Centers for Disease Control.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve the School Health Profiles Survey for secondary school level sponsored by the Oklahoma State Department of Health and the Oklahoma State Department of Education conducted by the Centers for Disease Control.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11C. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon 2016-2017 STEM Academy:Pre-Engineering and Biomedical Sciences Joint Program Agreement with Meridian Technology Center.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Pierson to approve the 2016-2017 STEM Academy:Pre-Engineering and Biomedical Sciences Joint Program Agreement with Meridian Technology Center.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11D. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Memorandum of Understanding between the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education and Guthrie High School for 2015-2016.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education and Guthrie High School for 2015-2016.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11E. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Cooperative Letter of Partnership between Guthrie Junior High School and Oklahoma State University Educational Talent Search Program for September 1, 2016-August 31, 2021.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve the Cooperative Letter of Partnership between Guthrie Junior High School and Oklahoma State University Educational Talent Search Program for September 1, 2016-August 31, 2021.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12. President Pennington 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 and discussion of Superintendent's contract, 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.**

- 12A. A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to go into executive session.**

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:40 p.m.

- 12B. President Pennington acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:01 p.m.**

- 12C. President Pennington stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 12 were discussed and no votes were taken.**

- 13. President Pennington called for a vote on action as set out on the Personnel Reports.**

A motion was made by Bennett-Johnson and seconded by Smedley to approve action as set out on the Personnel Reports.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 14. President Pennington called for consideration and action upon the Superintendent's contract.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to approve the Superintendent's contract.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Discussion followed.

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

Superintendent Simpson stated there were no new resignations.

- 16. President Pennington 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.

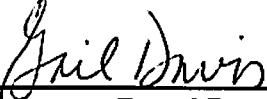
- 17. A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Smedley to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.



Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



~~Terry Pennington, Board President~~
Gail Davis, Board Vice President