

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 12, 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 SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

**Board Members Present:** Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gail Davis, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee and Tina Smedley

**Board Member Absent:** Sharon Watts

**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  
Cody Thompson, Director of Operations  
Dee Benson, Director of Technology  
Jessica Callaway, Director of Child Nutrition  
Jean Watts, Deputy Minutes Clerk

1. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Bennett-Johnson.
2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gail Davis, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee and Tina Smedley were present for roll call.  
  
Member Sharon Watts was not present for roll call.
3. A quorum was established.
4. Vice President Bennett-Johnson asked everyone present to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Vice President Bennett-Johnson asked everyone present to join her in a Moment of Silence.
6. Vice President Bennett-Johnson asked for the presentation of Certified and Support Employee of the Month.

**Mr. Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education, announced the award winners for August: Mr. Moses Bruce, Custodian at GHS, for support employee of the month and Ms. Carmen Walters, Executive Director of Federal Programs and Elementary Education, as certified employee of the month. Nomination letters were submitted to the committee by: Ms. Maggie Wade, counselor at GHS, for Mr. Moses Bruce and Mrs. Jessica Eaves, site secretary at GHS, for Ms. Carmen Walters.**

**Mr. Ogle presented the award winners with a plaque.**

- 7A. Vice 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. Vice President Bennett-Johnson called for any comments to the Board by Board members.**

**There were no comments to the Board by Board members.**

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

**Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:**

**Since starting his 5<sup>th</sup> year in this District, this is the smoothest start to a school year we have had. Much of this success is attributed to the Transportation Department having everything very organized and ready for a new year. As Director of Operations, Mr. Cody Thompson has done great with this being his first time of opening the school year in Guthrie.**

**GHS Football is currently 2-0. They were not able to finish the game at Ponca City last Friday due to the weather. They will be playing at Carl Albert on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

**The student count for this year looks very similar to the ending count of 2015-2016. We are not sure how those numbers will look after the October 1<sup>st</sup> child counts are in statewide.**

**The State Department of Education will be receiving \$40.2 million from the State. It is yet to be determined how those funds will be distributed. We are expecting that those funds will be put into the funding formula rather than in the line items they were taken from. We are hoping to find out soon where the money will be placed.**

- 9. Vice President Bennett-Johnson called for the presentation on ACT High School to College Success Report for 2015-2016.**

**Mr. Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education, reported on last fiscal year's High School ACT results. He began by confirming the results presented are from the 2016 senior class. There were 8 more students tested than there were in 2015. The junior class was tested in 2015-2016 but those results are not compiled in this data. The scores reflect the last test that was taken by each senior.**

**In the subjects of English, Reading and Science, the average dropped from last year but the scores remain less than one point from the State average. In Math, our scores dropped as well and were one point below the State average.**

**Mr. LeGrande, Guthrie High School Principal, stated that the rigor has been increased at GHS. We have more students than ever taking A/P and concurrent classes. Those numbers have increased by 64 students compared to last year. He believes this is a result of the valedictorian/salutatorian policy that the senior class of 2017 will adhere too. This is the first class to fall under that policy. He expects improvement of test scores with this increase in A/P and concurrent enrollment over the next several years. As we work towards getting more students to take the ACT, the average could actually be lower.**

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

**Member Sallee requested Item 10A be removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration.**

**A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Smedley to approve the Consent Agenda excluding Item 10A.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

**A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Smedley to approve item 10A, minutes of regular meeting held on August 8, 2016.**

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

**11A. Vice President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon the Gifted and Talented Committee for 2016-2017.**

**A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Pierson to approve the Gifted and Talented Committee for 2016-2017.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

**11B. Vice President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon the Professional Development Committee for 2016-2017.**

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve the Professional Development Committee for 2016-2017.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

**11C. Vice President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract with The Stacy Group for architectural services for 2016-2017.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Davis to approve the contract with The Stacy Group for architectural services for 2016-2017.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 11D. Vice President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Memorandum of Understanding between Meridian Technology Center and Guthrie Public Schools for supplemental funding for Guthrie Middle School Gateway to Technology Programs for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for 2016-2017.**

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Meridian Technology Center and Guthrie Public Schools for supplemental funding for Guthrie Middle School Gateway to Technology Programs for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for 2016-2017.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 11E. Vice President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon approving Ms. Carmen Walters as the authorized official for GPS to sign any federal claims for reimbursement from the State Department of Education.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Davis to approve Ms. Carmen Walters as the authorized official for GPS to sign any federal claims for reimbursement from the State Department of Education.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 11F. Vice President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon approving Ms. Eldona Woodruff as the authorized official for GPS to sign any special education reimbursement claims from the State Department of Education for projects 621, 623, 625, 641 and 642.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Davis to approve Ms. Eldona Woodruff as the authorized official for GPS to sign any special education reimbursement claims from the State Department of Education for projects 621, 623, 625, 641 and 642.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 11G. Vice President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon 2016-2017 Estimate of Needs as prepared by Putnam & Company, PLLC and 2015-2016 Financial Statement and the authority to publish the same.**

**Discussion followed.**

**A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Davis to approve the 2016-2017 Estimate of Needs as prepared by Putnam & Company, PLLC and 2015-2016 Financial Statement and the authority to publish the same.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 11H. Vice President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon appointment of Dr. Mike Simpson or his designee to serve as representative for the Review Committee of the Tax Increment District.**

**Discussion followed.**

**A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Sallee to approve the appointment of Dr. Mike Simpson or his designee to serve as representative for the Review Committee of the Tax Increment District.**

**The motion was carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 12. Vice 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 and discussion of extra-duty assignments as listed 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 and 7.**

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

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:44 p.m.**

- 12B. Vice President Bennett-Johnson acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:14 p.m.**

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

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

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

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 14. Vice President Bennett-Johnson called for action upon recommendation of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2016-2017.**

**A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Davis to approve the extra-duty assignments for 2016-2017.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 15. Vice 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 no resignations offered since the posting of the agenda.**

16. Vice 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.

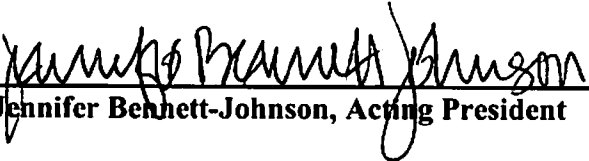
Superintendent Simpson stated there was no new business.

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


The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

  
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Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk

  
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Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Acting President

**APPROVED**

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