

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2014**

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 NOVEMBER 10, 2014

Board Members Present: Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gail Davis, Tom Holtz, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Sharon Watts and 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
Jean Watts, Deputy Minutes Clerk

- 1. The meeting was called to order by President Sallee.**
- 2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gail Davis, Tom Holtz, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Sharon Watts and Travis Sallee were present for roll call.**
- 3. A quorum was established.**
- 4. President Sallee asked everyone present to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 5. President Sallee 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 October: Mr. Robbie Rainwater, Guthrie Jr. High Principal, as certified employee of the month and Ms. Jessica Eaves, Guthrie High School Secretary, as support employee of the month. Nomination letters were read by the staff member who submitted the nominations: Ms. Teresa Barbour, Guthrie Jr. High Counselor, for Mr. Rainwater and Mr. Chris LeGrande, Guthrie High School Principal, for Ms. Eaves.

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

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

Member Holtz thanked everyone who voted yes for the recent School Bond Issue. He, also, commented on an article submitted to the Guthrie News Leader pertaining to the Bond Issue.

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

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Spoke of the impact of October 27 when the District lost 2 of its brightest and upcoming teachers from the Jr. High in a tragic car accident. He wanted to thank the entire Jr. High staff in supporting each other and the students during this most difficult time, Guthrie Public Schools counselors from all sites, counselors from Langston University and the Guthrie Ministerial Alliance for providing support to our teachers and staff. He thanked Board Member Ms. Sharon Watts for coming to the Jr. High that day and offering her support for the staff and students. Stated he had spent time with the teachers' families and he asked that we continue with our support, thoughts and prayers for everyone.

Spoke of the recent School Bond Election that failed. Stated we received a majority of the votes but, not the super majority needed in School Bond Elections.

Spoke of an article in the Saturday edition of The Guthrie News Leader. The article quotes Dr. Simpson as referring to State Representative Jason Murphey by only his last name. He wanted everyone to know this reference lacks the respect due to someone of an elected office such as a State Representative and that he would never refer to an elected official by their last name regardless of differences of opinion or ideology and that he did not in this case. He clarified his remarks in a recent Guthrie News Leader article.

Spoke of heating issues which have arisen at both Fogarty and the Jr. High. Stated with extremely cold temperatures projected, there could be some classrooms without heat at the start of this heating season. Mr. Jerry Gammill, Director of Facilities, has been working on the issues and with our vendors. Spoke of declaring emergencies to get the process expedited.

Reminded everyone that Guthrie will play Altus in the football playoffs at Jelsma Stadium on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

- 8. President Sallee called for presentation of Guthrie Public Schools ACE Remediation Plans for Guthrie High School and Guthrie Jr. High School for 2014-2015 by Mr. Chris LeGrande, Guthrie High School, and Mr. Robbie Rainwater, Jr. High School Principal.**

Mr. LeGrande and Mr. Rainwater each outlined their 2014-2015 ACE Remediation Plans to the Board.

9. **President Sallee called for presentation of District Annual Dropout Report for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 by Mr. Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education.**

Mr. Ogle gave a power point presentation on the Annual State Department Dropout Report for 2013-2014 which included a report on the Cohort Graduation Rate for 2013-2014.

10. **President Sallee called for action on the Consent Agenda.**

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

Member Bennett-Johnson stated she had a question concerning Fundraiser H listed in Consent Agenda Item 10C.

Member Holtz withdrew his motion so the item could be discussed.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Holtz to approve the Consent Agenda excluding Fundraiser H under Item 10C Activity Fund Fundraisers.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

Member Bennett-Johnson questioned the amount of money to be raised with Activity Fundraiser H: FFA Booster Club to build livestock buildings and pens at the Ag Ed farm.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Bennett-Johnson and seconded by Watts to approve Consent Agenda Item 10C Fundraiser H.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11A. **President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action to adopt calendar of regularly scheduled School Board meetings for 2015.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Holtz to approve the calendar of regularly scheduled School Board meetings for 2015.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11B. **President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action to call for Board Member Election to be held on February 10, 2015 and a Runoff Election, if needed, on April 7, 2015 for Board Position #5, which has a 4-year term of office.**

A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Watts to call for Board Member Election to be held on February 10, 2015 and a Runoff Election, if needed on April 7, 2015 for Board Position #5, which has a 4-year term of office.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11C. **President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon renewal agreement with Northwest Evaluation Association.**

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Pierson to approve renewal agreement with Northwest Evaluation Association.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11D. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon survey request from Last Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of America for grades 9-11.**

Dr. Simpson introduced Mr. Rod Hopper, Eagle District Executive of Last Frontier Council, who spoke of the survey which will help identify students who have an interest in the medical field. Stated this is being done in partnership with Mercy Hospital Logan County.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Holtz to approve survey request from Last Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of America for grades 9-11 with the following stipulations: it will be distributed through Guthrie Public Schools, the survey will be sent home with the students with a return due date, Guthrie Public Schools will be the gathering agent and will take the surveys to the Last Frontier Council, the survey will have a line for parent's signature verifying approval from the parent for the student to participate and will have information notifying parents Last Frontier Council retains the information from the surveys for 3 years.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11E. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon request from Oklahoma State Department of Health for Guthrie High School students to participate in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey.**

A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Watts to approve request from Oklahoma State Department of Health for Guthrie High School students to participate in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 1 nay – Member Bennett-Johnson voting nay.

- 11F. President Sallee called for presentation of proposed new District Policy D-34B *Evaluation and Student Academic Growth*.**

Dr. Simpson stated this was being presented for first reading only and was not an action item. It will be presented at next month's Board Meeting for consideration and approval.

- 12. President Sallee 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 extra-duty assignment for 2014-2015 and discussion of purchase or appraisal of real property, 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, 3 and 7.**

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 8:14 p.m.

- 12B. President Sallee acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 9:20 p.m.
- 12C. President Sallee stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 12 were discussed and no votes were taken.
13. President Sallee called for a vote on action as set out on the Personnel Reports.

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

14. President Sallee called for action upon recommendation of extra-duty assignment for 2014-2015.

A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Pierson to approve recommendation of extra-duty assignment for 2014-2015.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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

Superintendent Simpson stated he had received one resignation: Ms. Kay Gammill, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, announced her retirement effective May 01, 2015.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Davis to approve the retirement of Ms. Kay Gammill effective May 01, 2015.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.


16. 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 was no new business.

17. A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Watts to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.



Kay Gammill, Minutes Clerk



Travis Sallee, Board President

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