

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2017**

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 DECEMBER 11, 2017

Board Members Present: Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gina Davis, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, Tina Smedley and Sharon Watts

Board Member Absent: Terry Pennington

District Level School Officials Present: Dr. Mike Simpson, Superintendent
Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent
Carmen Walters, Executive Director of Federal Programs/Elementary Ed
Michelle Chapple, Chief Financial Officer
Angie Smedley, Director of Special Education
Cody Thompson, Director of Operations
Dee Benson, Director of Technology
Susan Cox, Director of Child Nutrition
Jean Watts, Deputy Minutes Clerk

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

Member Terry Pennington was not present for roll call.

3. A quorum was established.
4. President Bennett-Johnson asked everyone present to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Bennett-Johnson asked everyone present to join her in a Moment of Silence.

5. President Bennett-Johnson asked for the presentation of Certified and Support Employee of the Month.

Mr. Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent, announced the award winner for November: Ms. Linda Skinner, Maintenance Department Secretary, for support employee of the month. Her nomination letter was submitted to the committee by Ms. Susan Birdwell, Transportation Department Secretary. The certified employee of the month was unable to attend and will be recognized at the January Board Meeting.

Mr. Ogle presented the award winner with a plaque.

- 6A. 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.

- 6B. President Bennett-Johnson called for any comments to the Board by Board members.**

President Bennett-Johnson displayed an ornament her daughter made in Ms. Todd's first grade class many years ago.

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

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Congratulated Guthrie Junior High Science Teacher, Kathy Ice, who was honored by KOCO-TV as their November Teacher of the Month. The award came with a \$1000 gift from Quail Creek Bank to fund supplies for her classroom. She received this award on live television last Friday.

Congratulated Guthrie High School Science Teacher, Eric Woodard, who received the Mid-Continent Section Teacher of the Year award from the American Association of Petroleum Geologists. The award came with a \$1000 gift to Guthrie High School and a \$5000 gift to Mr. Woodard.

Gave an update on the Board of Education filings which indicate that Ms. Pierson will retain seat #3 and Ms. Bennett-Johnson will retain seat #4 as no opponents filed. This means we will not have an election on February 13, 2018.

Reported on the passing of Donna Powell on Saturday at the age of 80. Dr. Powell had a 29 year career with Guthrie Public Schools starting as a 5th grade teacher in 1970 and retiring as Assistant Superintendent in 1999. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Reminded everyone the winter vocal concert is tomorrow night and the band concert is Thursday night. Both concerts begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Masonic Temple.

Also, reminded everyone that Winter Break will begin on Thursday, December 21st and school will resume Thursday, January 4th.

Wished Board Member Tina Smedley a happy birthday.

- 8. President Bennett-Johnson called for the presentation of District Annual Dropout Report for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 by Mr. Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent.**

Mr. Ogle presented a slide reviewing the GHS 3 year dropout rate comparisons.

Discussion followed.

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

Member Sallee requested Item 9A be removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration.

A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Davis to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item 9A.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve item 9A, minutes of regular meeting held on November 13, 2017.

The motion carried with 4 ayes and 2 abstentions-Members Davis and Sallee abstaining.

- 10A. President Bennett-Johnson called for the presentation of the 2016-2017 audit by Putnam and Company, LLC.**

Superintendent Simpson called for Mr. Jerry Putnam of Putnam and Company, LLC who presented the 2016-2017 audit. The audit contains an executive summary which brings out the highlight of the report. It's not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles but it is in accordance with everything the State Department of Education requires. The report does include fixed assets. Mr. Putnam discussed the highlights of the audit and the findings it presented.

- 10B. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon appointment of Bill Hodges, Doug Ogle and Michelle Chapple as designated representatives of the Board of Education to conduct employee negotiations for the 2018-2019 school year.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Sallee to approve the appointment of Bill Hodges, Doug Ogle and Michelle Chapple as designated representatives of the Board of Education to conduct employee negotiations for the 2018-2019 school year.

The motion carried with 6 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, discussion of employment of temporary contract teachers as listed on Schedule A for the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year, discussion of employment of probationary contract teacher as listed on Schedule B for the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year and 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 and 7.**

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

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:21 p.m.

- 11B. President Bennett-Johnson acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:07 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.**

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

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13. President Bennett-Johnson called for action upon recommendation to employ as temporary teachers for the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year the individuals listed on Schedule A of this agenda.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Davis to approve to employ as temporary teachers for the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year the individuals listed on Schedule A of this agenda.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

14. **President Bennett-Johnson called for action upon recommendation to employ as probationary teacher for the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year the individual listed on Schedule B of this agenda.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to employ as probationary teacher for the second semester of the 2017-2018 school year the individual listed on Schedule B of this agenda.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

15. **President Bennett-Johnson 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 since the posting of the agenda.

16. **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.

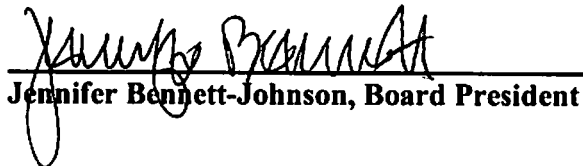
17. **A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Watts to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.




Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Board President

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