

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

Board Members Present: Gina Davis, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee and Tina Smedley

Board Members Absent: Jennifer Bennett-Johnson and Sharon Watts

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 Vice President Travis Sallee.
2. Members Gina Davis, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, and Tina Smedley were present for roll call.

Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson and Sharon Watts were not present for roll call.
3. A quorum was established.
4. Vice President Sallee asked everyone present to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Vice President Sallee asked everyone present to join him in a Moment of Silence.
6. Vice President Sallee asked for the presentation of Certified and Support Employee of the Month.

Mr. Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent, announced the award winners for August: Ms. Kendra James, Para Professional at Cotteral Elementary (Willow Creek), for support employee of the month and our certified employee of the month will be recognized next month as she was unable to attend. Ms. James was nominated by Mr. Jay Benson, Pre-K Teacher at Cotteral (Willow Creek). Mr. Scot Graham read the nomination letter as Mr. Benson was unable to attend.

Mr. Ogle presented Ms. James with a plaque.

- 7A. Vice 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.

- 7B. Vice President Sallee called for any comments to the Board by Board members.**

There were no comments to the Board by Board members.

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

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Reported that school has started and we have experienced a typical start to the school year. We have had a few challenges as normal but our staff and parents have been very patient while we get those all worked out.

Kara Walters, Special Needs Teacher at GUES, partnered with Brandy Parks from Sooner Success to write and receive a Donna Nigh Foundation Grant for \$6,700. The money will be used to provide classroom resources for our severe and profound special needs students. The resources will assist the students in learning basic living skills.

Recognized GPS Fall sports are well underway. Cross County has shown they are one of the top programs in 5A. Our softball team has a 12-7 record and a district record of 5-1. Our football team had their first victory Friday night. They have a bye week this week and will host Carl Albert on the 22nd.

Our total student count is up 42 students compared to what we ended 2016-17 with.

We received notification from the SDE that an additional \$32,723 would be allocated from the funds we lost last year during the revenue failure.

Reported that in light of the recent Oklahoma State Supreme Court ruling regarding revenue for our current state budget, Governor Fallin has called the state

legislature into special session. One of the cases established that removal of tax exemptions is not a revenue generating action subject to the constitutional conditions of SQ 640. That being said, even in a special session, any revenue generating measure must originate in the House of Representatives, garner 75% approval of both chambers and not be voted on in the last 5 days of the session. The special session begins on September 25th. The outcome of the session will dictate what revisions are necessary for this fiscal years' budget.

9. Vice President Sallee called for the presentation on ACT High School to College Success Report for 2016-2017 by Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent.

Mr. Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent, reported on last year's High School ACT results which were not received until after committee meetings were held. He announced that the results are from the 2017 senior class and include the score from the last ACT that was taken by each senior represented which may not necessarily be their best score. In all subjects, the State average as well as the average for GPS dropped. The drop can be attributed to all juniors being offered to take the ACT free of cost.

Mr. LeGrande, Guthrie High School Principal, stated that there are a couple of things they are doing differently at the High School to try and increase overall scores. The High school has implemented a power hour during the lunch hour. During that time, each junior student has a chance to complete an ACT prep course and if completed will receive a credit for an elective. They have also begun giving timed tests in senior Math classes. The purpose is to try and teach the students to manage their time as they must during the ACT. He also reiterated that having larger class sizes and fewer certified teachers does not help our scores but stated this is the reality not an excuse.

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

Member Pennington requested Item 10B be removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Smedley to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item 10B.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to approve Item 10B, minutes of special meeting held on August 16, 2017.

The motion carried with 3 ayes and 2 abstentions-Member Pennington and Member Sallee abstaining.

- 11A. Vice President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Gifted and Talented Committee for 2017-2018.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Davis to approve the Gifted and Talented Committee for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11B. Vice President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Professional Development Committee for 2017-2018.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to approve the Professional Development Committee for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11C. Vice President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract with The Stacy Group for architectural services for 2017-2018.**

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Smedley to approve the contract with The Stacy Group for architectural services for 2017-2018.

Discussion followed.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11D. Vice President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon 2017-2018 Estimate of Needs as prepared by Putnam & Company, PLLC and 2016-2017 Financial Statement and the authority to publish the same.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve the 2017-2018 Estimate of Needs as prepared by Putnam & Company, PLLC and 2016-2017 Financial Statement and the authority to publish the same.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11E. Vice President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon approval of agreement with FinCo Geodemographics, L.L.C. for 2017.**

Allen Finchum with FinCo Geodemographics, L.L.C. was in attendance to address the board in regards to the contract.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Smedley to table the agreement with FinCo Geodemographics, L.L.C. for 2017 until the following meeting.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11F. Vice President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon change order for Jenco Construction Company.**

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Davis to approve the change order for Jenco Construction Company.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11G. Vice President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon change order #1 for W.L. McNatt Construction on Charter Oak Elementary.**

Mr. Charles McNatt from W.L. McNatt Construction was available to answer questions and address the Board in regards to change order #1.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Pierson to approve change order #1 for W.L. McNatt Construction on Charter Oak Elementary.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11H. Vice President Sallee called to receive bids for the purchase of \$3,200,000 Building and Equipment Bonds, Series 2017 of the District and vote to award said bonds to the lowest bidder complying with the Notice of Sale and Instructions to Bidders.**

Mr. Jon Wolff, from Municipal Financial Services, presented information regarding the opening of bids for the bond sale. The lowest bid was received by BOK Financial Securities, Inc. at 1.68%.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Smedley to received bids for the purchase of \$3,200,000 Building and Equipment Bonds, Series 2017 of the District and vote to awards said bonds to BOK Financial Securities, Inc.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11I. Vice President Sallee called to consider and vote on a resolution providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds in the sum of \$3,200,000 by Independent School District Number 1, Logan County, Oklahoma, authorized at an election called and held for such purpose; prescribing form of bonds; designating bonds as "Building and Equipment Bonds, Series 2017"; providing for the registration**

thereof; establishing the school district's reasonable expectation with respect to issuance of tax-exempt obligations in calendar year 2017 and designating bonds as "qualified tax-exempt in calendar year 2017 and designating bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations"; approving the form of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate; providing for the levy of an annual tax for the payment of principal of and interest on the same; and fixing other details of the issue.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Smedley to approve a resolution providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds in the sum of \$3,200,000 by Independent School District Number 1, Logan County, Oklahoma, authorized at an election called and held for such purpose; prescribing form of bonds; designating bonds as "building and Equipment Bonds, Series 2017"; providing for the registration thereof; establishing the school district's reasonable expectation with respect to issuance of tax-exempt obligations in calendar year 2017 and designating bonds as "qualified tax-exempt obligations"; approving the form of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate; providing for the levy of an annual tax for the payment of principal of and interest on the same; and fixing other details of the issue.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

12. Vice 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 and discussion of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2017-2018, 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 Pennington to go into executive session.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 8:02 p.m.
- 12B. Vice President Sallee acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:26 p.m.
- 12C. Vice President Sallee stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 12 were discussed and no votes were taken.
13. Vice President Sallee called for a vote on action as set out on the Personnel Reports.

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

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

14. Vice President Sallee called for action upon recommendation of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2017-2018.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to approve extra-duty assignments as listed for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

15. Vice 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 a retirement letter from Ms. Eva Cordero, effective May 25, 2018.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pennington to approve the retirement of Ms. Eva Cordero, effective May 25, 2018.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

16. Vice 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 Pennington and seconded by Smedley to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



Travis Sallee, Acting President

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