

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

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 9, 2015

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 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. Bret Stone, Assistant Principal at Guthrie High School, as certified employee of the month and Mrs. Anita Paul, District Activity Fund Clerk, as support employee of the month. Nomination letters were read by the staff member who submitted the nominations: Mrs. Charity McPeck, GHS Secretary, for Mr. Stone and Ms. Teresa Barbour, GJHS Counselor, for Mrs. Paul.

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

- 6A. 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.

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

President Pennington announced the creation of a temporary committee charged with studying the feasibility of arming staff members. He stated the committee should respond to the full board within 60 days with their findings. The committee consists of President Pennington, Mr. Sallee, Mrs. Pierson and Superintendent Simpson.

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

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

He offered condolences to the family of a 2015 GHS graduate, Essence Lewis, who was killed in a car accident Sunday.

He accepted a \$1000 donation to the Guthrie Education Foundation from the Edmond Board of Realtors. This is something they have done annually for several years from fundraising efforts. Other schools receiving this donation include Deer Creek and Edmond Public Schools.

Congratulations to the GHS Softball Team who finished the season with a record of 21-16 and made the first appearance at the State Tournament since 1998. Congratulations to shortstop Madison Dutton for being named to the All-State Team.

The GHS Football Team made playoffs again and will travel to Altus this Friday at 7:30 p.m. They finished 3rd in 5A while Altus finished 2nd.

Handouts were provided to Board Members regarding information about Logan County obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau. He stated that Logan County is changing. We can become so focused on our own world that we miss what is right in front of us. We can quantify that our School District is changing as well as our county. We have begun to take steps for students in this county by passing the bond issue which will allow improvements in our District.

- 8. President Pennington called for the presentation of the 2014-2015 A-F District Report Card and the District Annual Dropout Report for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 by Ms. Carmen Walters, Executive Director of Federal Programs and Elementary Education and Mr. Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education.**

Power point presentations were given by Ms. Walters on the elementary sites and Mr. Ogle on the secondary sites. They each spoke of plans that have been implemented to increase overall grades.

Mr. Ogle also presented information on the Annual State Department Dropout Report for 2014-2015.

9. President Pennington called for the presentation of the Guthrie Public Schools ACE Remediation Plans for Guthrie High School and Guthrie Jr. High School for 2015-2016 by Mr. Chris LeGrande, Guthrie High School Principal, and Mr. Robbie Rainwater, Guthrie Jr. High School Principal.

Mr. LeGrande and Mr. Rainwater each outlined their 2015-2016 ACE Remediation Plans to the Board.

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

President Pennington requested Item 10A be removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration.

A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Pierson to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item 10A.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve item 10A, minutes of regular board meeting held on October 12, 2015.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 1 abstention-Member Pierson abstaining.

- 11A. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action to adopt the calendar of regularly scheduled School Board meetings for 2016.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to adopt the calendar of regularly scheduled School Board meetings for 2016.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11B. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action to call for Board Member Election to be held on February 9, 2016 and a Runoff Election, if needed, on April 5, 2016 for Board Position #1 and #7, which have 4-year terms of office.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Sallee to call for Board Member Election to be held on February 9, 2016 and a Runoff Election, if needed, on April 5, 2016 for Board Position #1 and #7, which have 4-year terms of office.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Watts to approve the renewal agreement with Northwest Evaluation Association.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11D. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon agreement with Kristen Tam for Occupational Therapy for 2015-2016.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve the agreement with Kristen Tam for Occupational Therapy for 2015-2016.

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, discussion of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2015-2016 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.**

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:57 p.m.

- 12B. President Pennington acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 9:40 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 Davis and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve action as set out on the Personnel Reports.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 14. President Pennington called for action upon recommendation of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2015-2016.**

Superintendent Simpson stated there were no extra-duty assignments listed at this time.

- 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 resignations offered since the posting of the agenda.

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 9:42 p.m.



Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



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

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