

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 12, 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 MAY 12, 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
Chad Wilson, 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 Maintenance
Kathy Bertwell, Director of Transportation
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 Student Recognition.**

Dr. Simpson introduced Ms. Susan Davison, Guthrie Upper Elementary School Principal, who introduced students from her site's Academic Team. Ms. Davison then introduced the Academic Team Sponsor, Ms. Cheryl Pratt, who spoke of the different awards presented to the students in state competition.

- 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.

There were no comments by Board members.

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

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Spoke of this being a busy week: State Tournaments for golf, baseball and tennis, High School Academic Awards Ceremony, Beauty and the Beast being presented by the Jr. High and High School Vocal Music students, Graduation Ceremonies this Friday at Jelsma Stadium. Also, stated the last day of school would be Friday, May 23rd.

Congratulated the Vocal Music and Band Departments for the outstanding spring concerts put on by both groups.

Spoke of a handout that contained information on Bond Issue pricing and spoke of the need to schedule a work session on May 28th or 29th. Stated we are working under a deadline of June 11th being the last day we have to apply for a Bond Issue if we want to have an election on August 26th.

Spoke of the recent wildfires and the many families affected. Because of not wanting to cause any more undue hardship on the families, stated he suspended State Mandated Testing for students on that Monday. Testing was resumed on Tuesday with arrangements being made for all students to complete testing.

Spoke of the Reading Sufficiency results for third grade. Stated we got our scores on Friday of last week. He introduced Ms. Carmen Walters, Executive Director of Federal Programs and Elementary Education, who gave a short presentation on the results and what the District is going to do to help improve the passing rate. She stated 56 out of 253 students – or 22% - did not pass the Reading test. There are 4 steps which those students will complete that are designed to help in passing the test, one of which is a 4 week Summer Reading Academy scheduled for June 2nd through June 26th for 3 hours daily offering additional reading instruction.

Gave a Legislative Updates on:

HB 2625 – Passed the Senate Education Committee on March 31st and was heard in the Senate on April 16th. A floor substitute was adopted and title was restored before clearing the Senate floor by a vote of 44-0. Superintendent Simpson stated the bill Passed with Emergency today in the House with Senate amendments 89-6 and now goes to the Governor for consideration.

HB 2642 – Passed the Senate floor on April 23rd by a vote of 43-0. The bill went to conference committee to restore the bill's title and enacting clause. Superintendent Simpson stated the bill was referred to the House Conference Committee on Common Education.

HB 3399 – Referred back to Conference Committee on Common Education last week. The Committee is charged with determining what standards will be used in the interim period until Oklahoma Standards can be written.

- 8. President Sallee called for action on the Consent Agenda.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9A. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon amendment to renew agreement with Clearwater Enterprises for the purchase of third party natural gas for 2014-2015.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Pierson to approve amendment to renew agreement with Clearwater Enterprises for the purchase of third party natural gas for 2014-2015.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9B. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve teachers and coordinator as listed for 2014 K-8 Remedial Summer School.**

A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Davis to approve teachers and coordinator as listed for 2014 K-8 Remedial Summer School.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9C. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve Class of 2018 as a new Activity Account.**

A motion was made by Bennett-Johnson and seconded by Watts to approve Class of 2018 as a new Activity Account.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9D. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon agreement with Gallup, Inc. for TeacherInsight for 2014-2015.**

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Holtz to approve agreement with Gallup, Inc. for TeacherInsight for 2014-2015.

Discussion followed.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9E. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Group Purchasing Participation Agreement with American Purchasing Consortium for 2014-2015.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve Group Purchasing Participation Agreement with American Purchasing Consortium for 2014-2015.

Discussion followed.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9F. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon agreement with Career Staff Unlimited for Occupational Therapy for 2014-2015.**

A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Watts to approve agreement with Career Staff Unlimited for Occupational Therapy for 2014-2015.

Discussion followed.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9G. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon agreement with Teresa Ewing to provide Physical Therapy services for 2014-2015.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve agreement with Teresa Ewing to provide Physical Therapy services for 2014-2015.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9H. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon district staff climate survey.**

A motion was made by Bennett-Johnson and seconded by Watts to approve district staff climate survey.

Discussion followed.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 2 nays – Members Davis and Holt voting nay.

- 9I. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon School Improvement Plan for 2014-2015.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve School Improvement Plan for 2014-2015.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10. 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, rehiring of support personnel as listed for 2014-2015, teacher negotiations for 2014-2015, discussion of extra-duty assignment of Guthrie High School Head 9th Grade Girls Track Coach for 2013-2014 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, 2, 3 and 7.

- 10A. A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Holtz to go into executive session.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:55 p.m.

- 10B. President Sallee acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 9:30 p.m.

- 10C. President Sallee stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 10 were discussed and no votes were taken.

11. President Sallee called for a vote on action as set out on the Personnel Reports.

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

12. President Sallee called for action upon recommendation to rehire support personnel as listed for 2014-2015.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Holtz to approve recommendation to rehire support personnel as listed for 2014-2015.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

13. President Sallee called for action upon recommendation of Jonathan Washington as Guthrie High School Head 9th Grade Girls Track coach for 2013-2014.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to approve recommendation of Jonathan Washington as Guthrie High School Head 9th Grade Girls Track coach for 2013-2014.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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

Superintendent Simpson stated there was 1 resignation received since the posting of the agenda – Ms. Deborah Dean, Pre-K teacher at Cotteral.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to accept the resignation of Ms. Deborah Dean.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

15. 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.

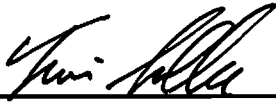
16. A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Watts to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.



Kay Gammill, Minutes Clerk



Travis Sallee, Board President

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