

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 08, 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 DECEMBER 08, 2014

Board Members Present: Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gail Davis, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Sharon Watts and Travis Sallee

Board Member Absent Tom Holtz

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 Sallee.
2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gail Davis, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Sharon Watts and Travis Sallee were present for roll call.

Member Tom Holtz was not 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 November: Mr. Tyler Young, GHS Computer Apps teacher, as certified employee of the month and Ms. Lynnette Anderson, Special Education Para-Professional at GJHS, as support employee of the month. Nomination letters were read by the staff member

who submitted the nominations: Mr. Justin Stevens, GHS teacher for Mr. Young and Ms. Kathy Ice, GJHS teacher for Ms. Anderson.

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 Ms. Sondra Danner had registered to speak to the Board.

Ms. Danner wanted to give accolades to the staff at Cottoral and Central where her grandsons attend school. She, also, wanted everyone to know how impressed she was with the way the District handled the tragedy with the loss of 2 of our teachers from the Jr. High.

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

Member Watts spoke of a recent visit to Willow Creek where she got to see first-hand and experience the daily routine of our Pre-K students and their interaction with residents of Willow Creek. Stated the program was working well and the Pre-K teacher was doing a great job.

Member Pierson spoke of a recent meeting of The Friends of Guthrie Public Schools. The meeting was an open forum which was an opportunity for citizens of our School District to come forward and communicate their feelings about the recent Bond Issue and where they think we should go from here. Stated the meeting was well attended by administration, certified personnel and members of the community. She felt it was a positive meeting and that everyone realizes we have a need and we must be aggressive going forward. She, also, thanked members of the Long Range Planning Committee who had put forth so much time in trying help our school system.

President Sallee stated he, also, was pleased with the turnout. He was appreciative that so many of the school staff was in attendance. Hopes the message of education being a huge issue will continue to be communicated to the community and to those in the southern part of the County. Felt a lot of good came out of the meeting and hopes it continues to grow. He reminded everyone of something Dr. Simpson had said: "We are all in this together".

Member Davis stated she had attended the meeting and, also, felt it was very positive. Stated, as a Board, they need to better communicate and educate the people of Guthrie the needs of the school district. Stated she looks forward to working with everyone and, hopefully, the next Bond Issue will have a favorable outcome.

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

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Congratulated the GHS football team for another outstanding season, wished good luck to the Boys and Girls basketball teams who are 1-0 and the wrestling team who will host their first home dual at 6:00 and 7:00 on Wednesday at the High School.

Expressed appreciation to the Transportation Department for their “Fill the Bus” campaign for supplies that went to the Apartment Fire Victims.

Expressed appreciation to the community of Skiatook for their donation to the Apartment Fire Victims in conjunction with our playoff football game. They donated over \$6,000.00 to the victims.

Expressed appreciation to Mr. Chris Evans for providing video from The Friends of Guthrie Public Schools meeting. The video of the meeting can be seen on guthrienewspage.com. Stated it was a very well attended meeting and included a lot of positives.

We have developed a “Budget Frequently Asked Questions” page which has been posted on the district website. Stated this should answer a lot of questions people might have about school finances in our district.

Spoke of the Kiwanis Christmas Auction which will be held on Saturday, December 13th. All proceeds go to the children of Guthrie.

Stated we would welcome a new Board Member at the March 9th Board Meeting. Ms. Tina Smedley ran unopposed for seat #5 which is currently occupied by Member Tom Holtz.

Informed the Board he had met with the Finance Committee of the Guthrie City Council on November 25th to discuss the possibility of a City Sales Tax dedicated to Guthrie Public Schools. The product of this meeting was the recommendation from the City Manager for him to visit with the Rate and Fee Committee and the possibility of the Joint City Council/School Board Meeting. The proposed date of the meeting would be January 26th sometime in the evening. Stated this was a proposal that needed discussion in the coming days to see who would be available on that date.

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

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

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

9A. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon appointment of Bill Hodges, Dennis Schulz and Doug Ogle as designated representatives of the Board of Education to conduct employee negotiations for the 2015-2016 school year.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Davis to approve appointment of Bill Hodges, Dennis Schulz and Doug Ogle as designated representatives of the Board of Education to conduct employee negotiations for the 2015-2016 school year.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

9B. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon new District Policy D-34B *Evaluation and Student Academic Growth*.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to approve new District Policy

D-34B Evaluation and Student Academic Growth.

The motion carried with 6 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, discussion of employment of temporary contract teachers as listed on Schedule A for the second semester of the 2014-2015 school year, discussion of appointment of Interim Guthrie High School Head Baseball Coach, discussion of extra-duty assignments 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.**

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

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

- 10B. President Sallee acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 7:55 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 Pierson and seconded by Watts to approve action as set out on the Personnel Reports.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12. President Sallee called for action upon recommendation to employ as temporary teachers for the second semester of the 2014-2015 school year the individuals listed on Schedule A to this agenda.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Davis to employ as temporary teachers for the second semester of the 2014-2015 school year the individuals listed on Schedule A to this agenda.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action to appoint an Interim Guthrie High School Head Baseball Coach.**

Superintendent Simpson recommended the Board amend the extra-duty assignment of Casey Porter to read Interim Guthrie High School Head Baseball Coach.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to appoint Casey Porter as Interim Guthrie High School Head Baseball Coach.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

14. President Sallee called for action upon recommendation of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2014-2015.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Pennington to approve extra-duty assignments as listed for 2014-2015.

The motion carried with 6 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 there were no new resignations.

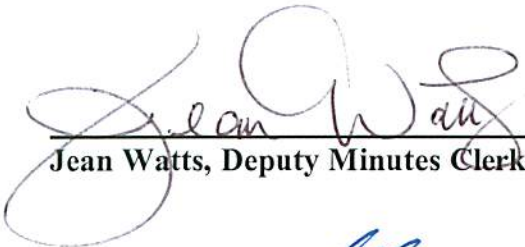
16. President Sallee called for discussion and possible action on new business not known about or could not have been reasonably foreseen at the time of the agenda posting.

Superintendent Simpson stated there was no new business.

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

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.



Jean Watts, Deputy Minutes Clerk



Travis Sallee, Board President

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