

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 12, 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 JUNE 12, 2017

Board Members Present:

**Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gina Davis,
Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Travis
Sallee, Tina Smedley and Sharon Watts**

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
Michelle Chapple, Executive Director of
Finance
Eldona Woodruff, Director of Special
Education
Angie Smedley, Incoming Director of
Special Education
Cody Thompson, Director of Operations
Dee Benson, Director of Technology
Jessica Callaway, Director of Child
Nutrition
Jean Watts, Deputy Minutes Clerk**

- 1. The meeting was called to order by President Bennett-Johnson.**
- 2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gina Davis, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, Tina Smedley and Sharon Watts were 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.**
- 5. President Bennett-Johnson asked everyone present to join her in a Moment of Silence.**

- 6A. President Bennett-Johnson asked the Superintendent if there were any citizens registered to speak to the Board.**

Superintendent Simpson stated Mr. Justin Edie had registered to speak to the Board.

Mr. Edie thanked the Board for the last 5 years of partnership with Southwest Foodservice Excellence.

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

There were no comments to the Board by Board members.

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

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Announced GHS Graduation was well attended and thanked Helen Price at the Lazy E Arena for accommodating us and allowing us to make sure everyone who wished to attend graduation was allowed to do so. Complimented Cody Thompson and his operations crew on successfully taking hold of the change in venue and completing all projects in a timely and efficient manner.

Stated the Oklahoma Legislature adjourned on May 25th. The approved appropriations bill puts as much money in classrooms as they started with this year. There was no funding for a teacher pay raise. He hopes that revenue projections are realistic. It appears the gross production is ticking up and he hopes that sales tax will have a steady growth as well. Our neighbors at the Kansas Legislature approved a budget calling for an increase in income taxes. The bill was subsequently vetoed by the governor. Last week, the legislature overrode the veto successfully. Prior to the tax issues they have had, Kansas took a similar strategy as Oklahoma by cutting until they found the sweet spot but they also started at a different starting point than we did with per pupil funding. For Oklahoma to be at the place where Kansas started this year with per pupil funding it would cost our state an additional \$2.1 billion. As far as the Texas Legislature, they are in a stalemate over funding with the House and Senate at this time. The end result is there being almost 300 well-funded districts facing massive cuts. The Texas Legislature only meets every other year. We are not the only ones having problems but of these three states we are the lowest funded in per pupil funding.

Announced we were notified last week that there have been regulatory changes by the SEC pertaining to the sale of bonds. These changes will delay the sale of our bonds by one month. When we get to August we will not have the proceeds from the

next sale. It will likely be September before we receive those funds. He does not expect this delay to cause any issues on our projects.

The movement of dirt at the Charter Oak Elementary site is in full production. Currently, there are lagoons being formed at the far west side of the site.

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

Member Watts requested Item 8A be removed from the Consent Agenda for consideration.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Pierson to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item 8A.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve Item 8A, minutes of regular meeting held on May 8, 2017.

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

9A. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon renewal of financial advisor services agreement with Municipal Finance Services, Inc. for 2017-2018.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to approve the renewal of financial advisor services agreement with Municipal Finance Services, Inc. for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

9B. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action to renew the agreement with Clearwater Enterprises for the purchase of third party natural gas for 2017-2018.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve the renewal agreement with Clearwater Enterprises for the purchase of third party natural gas for 2018-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

9C. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract with Sodexo, Inc. for 2017-2018 for Child Nutrition Services.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve the contract with Sodexo, Inc. for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9D. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Temporary Appropriations for 2017-2018 for the General Fund, Building Fund, Child Nutrition Fund, Gifts and Endowments Fund and Insurance/Casualty Fund.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Watts to approve Temporary Appropriations for 2017-2018 for the General Fund, Building Fund, Child Nutrition Fund, Gifts and Endowments Fund and Insurance/Casualty Fund.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9E. President Bennett-Johnson called for agreement with NORTHchurch, Inc. for facility use for 2017-2018.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Sallee to approve the agreement with NORTHchurch, Inc. for facility use for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9F. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon renewal with OSIG for property, general liability, fleet vehicle and errors and omissions coverage for 2017-2018.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve the renewal with OSIG for property, general liability, fleet vehicle and errors and omissions coverage for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9G. President Bennett-Johnson called for discussion, consideration and action upon renewal with OSAG for workers' compensation insurance coverage for 2017-2018.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to approve the renewal with OSAG for workers' compensation insurance coverage for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

9H. President Bennett-Johnson called for discussion, consideration and action upon renewal agreement with Aurora Learning Community Association (ALCA) for 2017-2018.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Pierson to approve the renewal agreement with Aurora Learning Community Association (ALCA) for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

9I. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon:

- Elementary Student Handbook for 2017-2018**
- Handbook Supplements for Cotteral, Central, Fogarty and GUES for 2017-2018**

Superintendent Simpson recommended a correction on page 256 of the board packet to include “and improved school climate” for the approval of this item.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Davis to approve:

- Elementary Student Handbook for 2017-2018**
- Handbook Supplements for Cotteral, Central, Fogarty and GUES for 2017-2018**

with the amendment of a correction on page 256 of the board packet to include “and improved school climate”.

Discussion followed.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

9J. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon agreement with Beth McLean for Occupational Therapy for 2017-2018.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve the agreement with Beth McLean for Occupational Therapy for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

9K. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon renewal agreement with Logan County Health Department for nursing services for 2017-2018.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to approve the renewal agreement with Logan County Health Department for nursing services for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

9L. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action on the following appointments for 2017-2018:

- **Michelle Chapple – Purchasing Agent**
- **Michelle Hamby – Encumbrance Clerk**
- **Jana Wanzer – Treasurer**
- **Anita Paul – Assistant Treasurer**
- **Jana Frey – Clerk of the Board and Minutes Clerk**
- **Jean Watts – Deputy Clerk of the Board and Deputy Minutes Clerk**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve the following appointments for 2017-2018:

- **Michelle Chapple – Purchasing Agent**
- **Michelle Hamby – Encumbrance Clerk**
- **Jana Wanzer – Treasurer**
- **Anita Paul – Assistant Treasurer**
- **Jana Frey – Clerk of the Board and Minutes Clerk**
- **Jean Watts – Deputy Clerk of the Board and Deputy Minutes Clerk**

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

9M. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action to accept each bid as listed for lawn services for Guthrie Public Schools for 2017-2108.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Davis to accept each bid as listed for lawn services for Guthrie Public Schools for 2017-2018.

Discussion followed.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

9N. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action to ratify the lease purchase financing agreement for Oklahoma LED project.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to ratify the lease purchase financing agreement for Oklahoma LED project.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9O. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon revision to District Policy:**

- **F-6 *Guthrie Public Schools Wellness Policy***

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve the revision to District Policy:

- **F-6 *Guthrie Public Schools Wellness Policy***

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9P. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon appointment of Michelle Chapple, Executive Director of Finance, to replace Dennis Schulz, outgoing Assistant Superintendent, as designated representative of the Board of Education to conduct employee negotiations for the 2017-2018 school year.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve the appointment of Michelle Chapple, Executive Director of Finance, to replace Dennis Schulz, outgoing Assistant Superintendent, as designated representative of the Board of Education to conduct employee negotiations for the 2017-2018 school year.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10. 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, rehiring of support personnel as listed for 2017-2018, employment of temporary contract teachers as listed for 2017-2018, employment of career and probationary teachers as listed for 2017-2018, extra-duty assignments as listed for 2017-2018, employment of Vo Ag Instructors for 2017-2018, and teacher negotiations 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, 2 and 7**

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:36 p.m.

- 10B. President Bennett-Johnson acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:22 p.m.**

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

11. President Bennett-Johnson called for a vote on action as set out on the Personnel Reports.

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

12. President Bennett-Johnson called for action upon recommendation to rehire support personnel as listed for 2017-2018.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve to rehire support personnel as listed for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

13. President Bennett-Johnson called for action upon recommendation to employ temporary contract teachers as listed for the first semester of 2017-2018.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Davis to employ temporary contract teachers as listed for the first semester of 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

14. President Bennett-Johnson called for action upon recommendation to employ probationary teachers as listed for 2017-2018.

Superintendent Simpson recommended the removal of Stephen Hodge from the listed probationary teachers for approval due to previously accepting his resignation.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to employ probationary teachers as listed for 2017-2018 with the amendment of removing Stephen Hodge from the list.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

15. President Bennett-Johnson called for action upon recommendation to employ career and probationary teachers as listed for 2017-2018.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Sallee to approve to employ career and probationary teachers as listed for 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 16. President Bennett-Johnson called for action upon recommendation of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2017-2018.**

Superintendent Simpson recommended the JH and HS Athletic Extra-Duty lists be pulled from the extra-duty lists presented for approval.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pennington to approve the extra-duty assignments as listed with the exception of the JH and HS Athletic Extra-Duty lists.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 17. President Bennett-Johnson called for possible vote to employ 1 or more Vo Ag Instructors for the 2017-2018 school year.**

Superintendent Simpson stated he had no recommendations at this time.

- 18. 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 the resignation of Ashley Wilson, 5th Grade Teacher, with an effective date of May 23, 2017.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to approve the resignation of Ashley Wilson effective May 23, 2017.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 19. 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.**

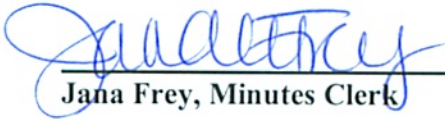
Superintendent Simpson stated this was the last regular board meeting for Dennis Schulz and Eldona Woodruff and to please thank them for their service.

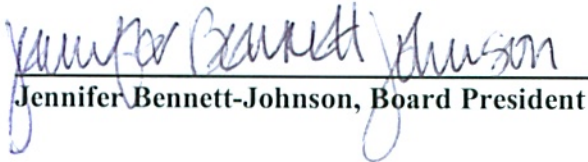
Member Davis stated her appreciation to the GJHS staff on the superb musical presentation held at Faver Auditorium.

- 20. A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Sallee to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.


Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk


Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Board President

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