

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2021**

**MINUTES OF THE GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING HELD AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,
802 EAST VILAS, GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA ON DECEMBER 13, 2021**

Board Members Present: Ron Plagg, Gail Davis, Chris Schroder,
Janna Pierson, Tina Smedley, Travis
Sallee and Jennifer Bennett-Johnson

District Level School Officials Present: Dr. Mike Simpson, Superintendent
Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent
Carmen Walters, Executive Director of
Federal Programs/Elementary Ed
Cody Thompson, Director of Operations
Michelle Chapple, CFO
Angie Young, Director of Special Services
Samantha Stewart, Minutes Clerk
Kary Jarred, Deputy Minutes Clerk

1. The meeting was called to order by President Jennifer Bennett-Johnson at 6:30 p.m.
2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Ron Plagg, Gail Davis, Chris Schroder, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, and Tina Smedley were present for roll call.
3. A quorum was established.
4. President Bennett-Johnson asked everyone to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. President Bennett-Johnson asked everyone to join her in a Moment of Silence.
6. President Bennett-Johnson called for presentation of Employee and Student of the Month.

Mr. Ogle gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Support Employee of the Month who was Edward Robles and was nominated by Anita Paul. Certified Employee of the Month was Laura Porter who was nominated by Dusty Throckmorton. The Support and Certified Employee of the Month were presented a plaque and a \$25

Sonic gift card from the Lions Club this week. Tinaya Brown, was the Student of the Month and she was nominated by Kristen Hooper. Tinaya was presented a \$60 Visa Gift Card by Blake Wimsey from Foundation Insurance.

- 7A. President Bennett-Johnson 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. President Bennett-Johnson called for any comments to the Board by Board members.**

Travis Sallee addressed an issue brought to the Board during public comments regarding a concern from a citizen at the October Board meeting.

- 8. President Bennett-Johnson called for the Superintendent's Report**

The board seats up for election this year are seats #3 and #4. Ms. Pierson currently holds seat #3. She fired for re-election and did not draw an opponent. Ms. Bennett-Johnson currently holds seat #4. She did not file for re-election. Matt Girard was the only person to file for that seat. Ms. Davis who currently holds seat #6 was appointed with more than half of the term remaining. That means an election was required for the seat holder for the remainder of the term until 2025. Ms. Davis was the only person to file for seat #6 to serve the remainder of the term. Ultimately, that means an election is not necessary this year. Ms. Bennett-Johnson will serve until the scheduled election would have been on April 4th. Mr. Girard will be sworn in at the next meeting after the date of the election. Congratulations to the two returning board members and Mr. Girard for their willingness to serve. As for Ms. Bennett-Johnson, Dr. Simpson will reserve my appreciation for your service until your last board meeting.

The Teachers of the Year for 2021-2022 are as follows:

**Cindy Crawford who is an Interventionist at Fogarty,
Courtney Sund who is a 2nd Grade teacher at Charter Oak,
Beth Taylor who is a 4th Grade teacher at Cotteral,
Barbara Christianson who is a Pre-Kindergartener teacher at Central,
Rachel Gibson who is a 5th Grade Reading teacher at GUES,
Bryan Dearing who is an US History teacher at the Jr. High,
Jessica Maker who is a Family and Consumer Science teacher at the High School,
and Laura Benham who is a Special Education teacher at the High School.**

The winter band concert was last Thursday night. Thankfully, we were able to return to the Scottish Rite Temple for the performance after a one-year absence due to COVID. The vocal concert is tomorrow night also at the Scottish Rite Temple, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Total Wellness testing hub reopened today. They will be open over the break on Dec 20-23rd and Dec. 27-30th as families may need to be tested during that time. The tests available include strep, flu and COVID.

A reminder to all that we will be in distance learning this Friday. Staff will report to work and many have scheduled their COVID booster for that day as well.

Families are asked to email covid19@guthrieeps.net to communicate with us during the break in the event of a positive case. We would.

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

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10A. President Bennett-Johnson called for the presentation of 2020-2021 audit by Putnam and Company, LLC

Mr. Putnam from Putnam and Company, LLC gave the presentation.

Discussion followed.

No action was taken.

- 10B. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon appointment of Lou Barlow, Doug Ogle and Michelle Chapple as designated representatives of the Board of Education to conduct employee negotiations for the 2021-2022 school year.

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Davis to approve the appointment of Lou Barlow, Doug Ogle and Michelle Chapple as designated representatives of the Board of Education to conduct employee negotiations for the 2021-2022 school year

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10C. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon agreement with Betsy Chen, BCBA of BC Behavioral LLC, to provide specialized services relating to the provision of educational and behavioral services for students.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Plagg to approve the agreement with Betsy Chen BCBA of BC Behavioral LLC, to provide specialized services relating to the provision of educational and behavioral services for students.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10D. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon the 2021 Oklahoma Youth Tobacco Survey for 6th-12th grade students sponsored by The Oklahoma State Department of Health with help from the Sooner Survey Center at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC)**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Davis to approve the 2021 Oklahoma Youth Tobacco Survey for 6th-12th grade students sponsored by The Oklahoma State Department of Health with help from the Sooner Survey Center at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC).

Discussion followed.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10E. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon revision to District Policy: F-48 Foreign Exchange Students**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Sallee to approve the revision to District Policy: F-48 Foreign Exchange Students.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10F. President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon revision to District Policy: F-5A Student Transfers**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve the revision to District Policy: F-5A Students Transfers.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10G. President Bennett-Johnson called for presentation of proposed new district policy: E-47 Prohibition on Race and Sex Discrimination in Curriculum and Instruction.**

No action was taken.

- 11. President Bennett-Johnson 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 2021-2022, discussion of employment of temporary contract teachers as listed on Schedule A for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year, discussion of employment of probationary contract teacher as listed on Schedule B for the second semester of the 2021-2022, discussion of employment of career contract teacher as listed on Schedule C for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year 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**

- 11A. A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Smedley to go into executive session.**

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:04 p.m.

- 11B. President Bennett-Johnson acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:12 p.m.**

- 11C. President Bennett-Johnson stated in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 11 were discussed and no votes were taken.**

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

A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Sallee.

The motion carried by 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13. President Bennett-Johnson called for action upon recommendation of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2021-2022.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Davis.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

14. **President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation to employ as temporary teachers for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year the individuals listed on Schedule A of this agenda.**

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Pierson to approve the recommendation to employ as temporary teachers for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year the individuals listed on Schedule A of this agenda.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

15. **President Bennett-Johnson called for action upon recommendation to employ as probationary contract teacher for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year the individual listed on Schedule B of this agenda.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Schroder to approve the recommendation to employ as probationary contract teacher for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year the individual listed on Schedule B of this agenda.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

16. **President Bennett-Johnson called for action upon recommendation to employ as probationary contract teacher for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year the individual listed on Schedule C of this agenda.**

A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Smedley to approve the recommendation to employ as probationary contract teacher for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year the individual listed on Schedule C of this agenda.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

17. **President Bennett-Johnson called for recommendation, consideration and action to accept any resignations offered since the posting of the agenda.**

Superintendent Simpson stated there was none.

18. **President Bennett-Johnson called for discussion and possible action on new business not known about or could not have been reasonable foreseen at the time of the agenda posting.**

Superintendent Simpson stated there was none.

19. President Bennett-Johnson called for the meeting to be adjourned.

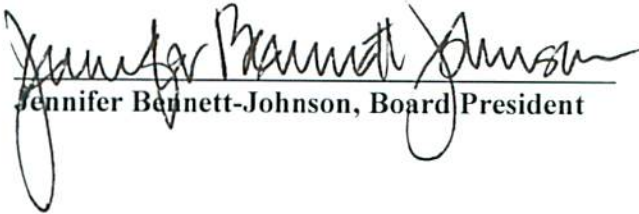
A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Schroeder to adjourn.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.



Samantha Stewart, Minutes Clerk



Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Board President

APPROVED

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