

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 8, 2024**

**MINUTES OF THE GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING HELD AT 6:30 P.M. AT GUTHRIE HIGH SCHOOL, 802 E. VILAS GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA ON APRIL 8, 2024.**

**Board Members Present:**

**Gail Davis, Tina Smedley, Matt Girard, Chris Schroder, S. Janna Pierson and Ron Plagg**

**District Level School Officials Present:**

**Dr. Mike Simpson, Superintendent  
Carmen Walters, Assistant Superintendent  
John Hancock, Executive Director of Personnel  
and Secondary Ed.  
Dr. Michelle Chapple, CFO  
Angie Young, Director of Special Services  
Cody Thompson, Director of Operations  
Dee Benson, Director of Technology  
Kary Jarred, Deputy Minutes Clerk**

- 1. The meeting was called to order by President Plagg at 6:30 p.m.**
- 2. Members Gail Davis, Matt Girard, Tina Smedley, Chris Schroder, S. Janna Pierson and Ron Plagg were present for roll call.**
- 3. A quorum was established.**
- 4. President Plagg asked everyone to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 5. President Plagg asked everyone to join him in a Moment of Silence.**
- 6. President Plagg called for the seating of new Board Member and oath of office.**
- 6A. Ms. Samantha Stewart, Minutes Clerk and Clerk of the Board, administered the oath of the office to Mr. Ben Huskey who then took his place on the board.**
- 7. President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration and vote on reorganization of the Board including:
  - A. Election of President**
  - B. Election of First Vice-President**
  - C. Election of Second Vice-President**
  - D. Election of Board Clerk**
  - E. Election of Deputy Board Clerk****

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to reorganize the Board as follows:**

**President: Chris Schroder  
First Vice-President: Tina Smedley  
Second Vice-President: Janna Pierson  
Board Clerk: Gail Davis  
Deputy Board Clerk: Matt Girard**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

**Board Members assumed their new positions.**

- 8. President Schroder called for Student Recognition of Kiwanis Club Sophomore of the Year.**

**Dr. Simpson called Jerry Gammil of Kiwanis to present their award.**

**Jerry Gammil introduced Madison Grindle who wrote an essay for the scholarship. He presented her with a \$250 check and certificate.**

- 9. President Schroder called for Presentation of State Champion Wrestler**

**Coach Jadon Davenport introduced the two-time State Champion Wrestler Kaedin Herendeen.**

- 10. President Schroder called for Presentation of Employee and Student of the Month recognition.**

**Mr. Hancock gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Employee of the Month. The April 2024 Support Employee of the Month was Cody Thompson nominated by Lesley Cotton. The April 2024 Certified Employee of the Month was not available, Mr. Hancock will announce in May. The Student of the Month for April nominated by Mr. Noah Estes was Rylee Brown. Blake Wimsey with Foundation Insurance presented Rylee with a \$50 gift card to Walmart.**

- 11A. President Schroder 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.**

- 11B. President Schroder called for any comments to the Board by Board Members.**

**Janna Pierson thanked Ron Plagg for his service as President. Tina Smedley and Chris Schroder both thanked Ron as well.**

**12. President Schroder called for Superintendent's Reports:**

**Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:**

**Gwendlyn Eyster, 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at GUES, was named a finalist for the Scripps Spelling Bee. Ms. Eyster competed at the Paycom Center on March 25 and finished in 13<sup>th</sup> place for the state competition.**

**Last Tuesday, the Guthrie Educational Foundation distributed 44 grants to teachers in our district totaling \$33,000. Also, each building teacher of the year received a \$150 for classroom supplies.**

**Congratulations to the High School vocal program for a successful presentation of Seussical. Dr. Simpson enjoyed the opening night presentation.**

**There will be a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will focus on the recommendations from the Long Range Planning Committee. We will have our architect and bond advisor present to offer guidance.**

**Thanks to our ability to have distance learning during our weather events, we were not in session last Friday and it appears also for Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.**

**Graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Jelsma Stadium. We will begin the ceremonies at 7:30 p.m.**

**13. Cotteral Elementary Construction Update**

**Lane McMillian with Crossland Construction gave a newsletter containing updates of their progress on Cotteral Elementary.**

**14. President Schroder called for action on the Consent Agenda**

**B. Treasurer's Report**

**C. Activity Fund Fundraisers as per attached list**

**D. Activity Fund Transfers as per attached list**

**E. Fuel bid as recommended by bid committee**

**F. Encumbrances for General Fund #'s 1080-1141, Building Fund #'s 388-426 and listed change orders and Activity Fund Reports-the full register is available online**

**G. Declare listed items as surplus**

**H. Transportation Request:**

**From Guthrie Public Library, Guthrie Oklahoma for Teen Library Council on June 18, 2024 to and from Oklahoma City Zoo, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for 1 bus and 1 driver.**

**I. Change the title for Designated Representative for Oklahoma School Assurance Group**

**J. Contracts/Agreements under \$10,000**

**1. Renewal agreement with Learning Sciences International for 2024-2025 for iObservation**

**2. Renewal agreement with PowerSchool for School Recruiter Services for school year 2024-2025**

**3. Student Affiliation Agreement with University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Davis to approve the Consent Agenda removing item A.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

**A. Minutes of regular board meeting held on March 11, 2024**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Davis to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting March 11, 2024.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes and 1 abstention by Huskey.**

**15A. President Schroder called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Contingency Modification #3 for Crossland Construction.**

**A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Girard to approve Contingency Modification #3 for Crossland Construction.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays**

**15B. President Schroder called for consider and vote to approve a resolution pertaining to the district's \$3,000,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2024A; including fixing the amount of bonds to mature each year; fixing the time and place the bonds are to be sold; approving the preliminary official statement and authorizing distribution of same; authorizing the clerk to give notice of said sale as required by law; and approving other matters related to the issuance of bonds.**

**Discussion followed.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to approve a resolution pertaining to the district's \$3,000,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2024A; including fixing the amount of bonds to mature each year; fixing the time and place the bonds are to be sold; approving the preliminary official statement and authorizing distribution of same; authorizing the clerk to give notice of said sale as required by law; and approving other matters related to the issuance of bonds.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

**15C. President Schroder called for consider and vote to approve a contract with BancFirst, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to serve as registrar and paying agent on the district's \$3,000,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2024A.**

**A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Davis to approve a contract with BancFirst, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to serve as registrar and paying agent on the district's \$3,000,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2024A.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 15D. President Schroder called for consider and vote to approve a contract with Hilborne & Weidman, Tulsa, Oklahoma to serve as Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel on the district's \$3,000,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2024A.**

**A motion was made by Girard and seconded by Smedley to approve a contract with Hilborne & Weidman, Tulsa, Oklahoma to serve as Bond Counsel and Disclosure Counsel on the district's \$3,000,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2024A.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 15E. President Schroder called for recommendation, consideration, and action to ratify the agreement with BSN Sports, LLC for purchasing and supplying athletic apparel and footwear to Guthrie Public Schools for 2024-2025**

**Discussion followed.**

**A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Girard to ratify the agreement with BSN Sports, LLC for purchasing and supplying athletic apparel and footwear to Guthrie Public Schools for 2024-2025.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 15F. President Schroder called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract with Imagine Learning for school year 2024-2025.**

**A motion was made by Girard and seconded by Pierson to approve contract with Imagine Learning for school year 2024-2025.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 15G. President Schroder called for recommendation, consideration and action for auditing services with S&B CPA's Associates, PLLC for 2024-2025 for fiscal year 2023-2024.**

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to approve auditing services with S&B CPA's Associates, PLLC for 2024-2025 for fiscal year 2023-2024.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 15H. President Schroder called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Growth and Development presentation by Logan County Health Department for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Guthrie Upper Elementary.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Girard to approve the Growth and Development presentation by Logan County Health Department for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Guthrie Upper Elementary.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 15I. President Schroder called for recommendation, consideration and action upon request for Special Education students to attend State Special Olympics Summer Games May 15-17, 2024.**

**A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Smedley to approve the request for Special Education students to attend State Special Olympics Summer Games May 15-17, 2024.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 16. President Schroder 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, employment of career and probationary contract teachers as listed for 2024-2025 and discussion of teacher negotiations for 2024-2025 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**

- 16A. A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to go into executive session.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:05 p.m.**

- 16B. President Schroder acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 7:33 p.m.**

- 16C. President Schroder stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 16 were discussed and no votes were taken.**

- 17. President Schroder called for vote on action as set out on the Personnel Reports.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to approve the Personnel Reports.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 18. President Schroder called for action upon recommendation to employ career contract teachers as listed on Schedule A for 2024-2025.**

**A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Girard approve to employ career contract teachers as listed on Schedule A for 2024-2025.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.**

- 19. President Schroder called for action upon recommendation to employ career contract teachers as listed on Schedule B for 2024-2025**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Girard to employ career contract teachers as listed on Schedule B for 2024-2025.**

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

20. President Schroder called for action upon recommendation to employ career contract teachers as listed on Schedule C for 2024-2025

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Girard to employ career contract teachers as listed on Schedule C for 2024-2025.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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

Superintendent Simpson stated there were none.

23. President Schroder 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.

24. President Schroder called for the meeting to be adjourned.

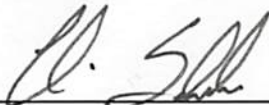
A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Smedley to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.




Samantha Stewart, Minutes Clerk



Chris Schroder, President

APPROVED

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BOARD OF EDUCATION  
GUTHRIE, OK

The agenda was posted at the Guthrie Public School's Administrative Office, 802 E. Vilas, Guthrie, OK on April 4, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in accordance with the Open Meeting Law and notice of this regular meeting was given to the Logan County Clerk, prior to December 15, 2023. The agenda is also on our website.

Samantha Stewart  
Board Clerk and Minutes Clerk