

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 11, 2024**

**MINUTES OF THE GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING HELD AT 6:30 P.M. IN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 802 E.
VILAS GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA ON MARCH 11, 2024.**

Board Members Present:

Gail Davis, Tina Smedley, Matt Girard, Chris Schroder, Travis Sallee, 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, Travis Salle, 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 Presentation of Employee and Student of the Month recognition.**

Mr. Hancock gave a PowerPoint presentation starting with the Student of the Month from February. The Student of the Month for February nominated by Justin Galloway was Brianna Valdes. Blake Wimsey with Foundation Insurance presented Brianna with a \$50 gift card to Walmart. Mr. Hancock continued his PowerPoint presenting of the Employee of the Month. The March 2024 Support Employee of the Month was Hallie West nominated by Kristen Hooper. The March 2024 Certified Employee of the Month was Shayna Vaughan nominated by Frank Sanchez, T.J. Bufford, Mandy Sharpe and Ana Salas-Ocampo. The Student of the Month for March nominated by Jordan Aman was Kennedi Wheeler. Blake Wimsey with Foundation Insurance presented Jordan with a \$50 gift card to Walmart.

7. President Plagg called for Presentation of State Champion Wrestler

The State Champion was out sick. We look forward to honoring him next month.

8A. President Plagg 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.

8B. President Plagg called for any comments to the Board by Board Members.

Travis Sallee thanked the Board for many years. Janna Pierson, Chris Schroder, Ron Plagg, Tina Smedley, Gail Davis and Matt Girard all said they were thankful for the time Travis has served on the Board.

9. President Plagg called for Superintendent's Reports:

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Board Member Training Balances for continuing education are at your seat. If you notice a discrepancy, please see Samantha.

We completed our winter sports season with an incredibly successful run. Our boys wrestlers finished 8th and crowned a state champion as Kaiden Herendeen successfully defended his title. We look forward to honoring him next month. The boys and girls basketball teams both advanced to the Area Tournament with the boys losing a heartbreaker instant classic in the Area Championship game.

The Guthrie Educational Foundation is hosting "Are You Smarter than a GPS 5th Grader?" on March 26th at the Meridian South Campus. It begins at 5:45 p.m. Please see Mr. Hancock or Ms. Walters for tickets. This is the largest fundraiser for the foundation that funds grants annually to our teachers for their classrooms.

We have a planned educational opportunity for Cottler 3rd graders where they get to construct a replica of a pre-cast concrete panel which is scaled down in size similar to the walls of the new gym. They will then use a miniature crane to put the panels in place. The actual work on this project will be something they can observe taking place shortly after this learning exercise.

Spring Break is March 18-22 with no school.

Goodbye to Travis and thanked him for his time on the Board.

10. Cotteral Elementary Construction Update

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

11. Presentation of Long Range Planning Committee priorities

Tyler Calvert and Zach Robbins presented the priorities of the Long Range Planning Committee.

12. President Plagg called for action on the Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of regular board meeting held on February 12, 2024**
- B. Treasurer's Report**
- C. Activity Fund Fundraisers as per attached list**
- D. Fuel bid as recommended by bid committee**
- E. Encumbrances for General Fund #'s 1002-1066, Building Fund #'s 350-356, 373-397, 658, Child Nutrition #15 and listed change orders and Activity Fund Reports- the full register is available online.**
- F. Recommendation, consideration and action upon renewal contract with FMX for 2024-2025.**

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

13A. President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Contingency Modification #2 for Crossland Construction.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Girard to approve Contingency Modification #2 for Crossland Construction.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays

13B. President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract renewal with SylogistEd, Inc. formally known as Municipal Accounting Systems, Inc. for accounting application for 2024-2025.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Davis to approve contract renewal with SylogistEd, Inc. formally known as Municipal Accounting Systems, Inc. for accounting application for 2024-2025

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13C. President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract with S & B CPA's Associates, PLLC for auditing services for 2024-2025 for fiscal year 2023-2024.**

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13D. President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration and action upon K-6 Remedial Summer School Program.**

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Girard to approve K-6 Remedial Summer School Program.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13E. President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration, and action on District Policy F-5 Transfers Exhibit A.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to leave District Policy F-5 Transfers Exhibit A as it is.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 14. President Plagg 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, extra duty assignment as listed for 2023-2024, discussion of all building level administrator's contracts as listed for 2024-2025, and periodic evaluation of Dr. Michael Simpson, Superintendent of Schools, discussion of the resignation of Lyn Steffens, 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 and 70 OKLA. STAT. Section 5-118.**

- 14A. A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to go into executive session.**

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:32 p.m.

- 14B. President Plagg acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:46 p.m.**

- 14C. President Plagg stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 14 were discussed and no votes were taken.**

- 15. President Plagg called for vote on action as set out on the Personnel Reports.**

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Girard to approve the Personnel Reports.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 16. President Plagg called for action upon recommendation of extra-duty assignment for 2023-2024.**

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Smedley to approve extra-duty assignments for 2023-2024.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 17. President Plagg called for recommendation, consideration and action upon building level administrator's contracts as listed for 2024-2025 without specification for salary or assignment.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson approve building level administrator's contracts as listed for 2024-2025 without specification for salary or assignment.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 18. President Plagg called for recommendation, discussion and vote to enter into the Resignation Agreement with Ms. Steffens to accept Lyn Steffens' resignation from her employment with the Guthrie Public Schools.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Schroder to enter into the Resignation Agreement with Ms. Steffens to accept Lyn Steffens' resignation from her employment with the Guthrie Public Schools.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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

Superintendent Simpson stated there were none.

- 20. President Plagg 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.**

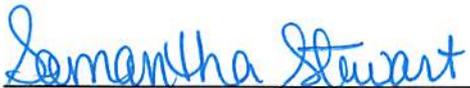
Superintendent Simpson stated there was no new business.

21. President Plagg called for the meeting to be adjourned.

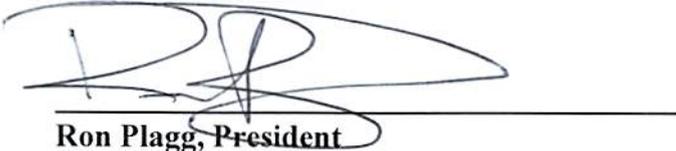
A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Smedley to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Samantha Stewart, Minutes Clerk



Ron Plagg, President

The agenda was posted at the Guthrie Public School's Administrative Office, 802 E. Vilas, Guthrie, OK on March 8, 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

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