

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 10, 2025**

MINUTES OF THE GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING HELD AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 802 EAST VILAS, GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA ON MARCH 10, 2025.

Board Members Present:

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

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
Kaitlin Smith, Director of Special Services
Dee Benson, Director of Technology
Cody Thompson, Director of Operations
Kary Jarred, Deputy Minutes Clerk**

- 1. The meeting was called to order by President Schroder at 6:30 p.m.**
- 2. Members Ben Huskey, Matt Girard, Gail Davis, Tina Smedley, Chris Schroder, S. Janna Pierson and Ron Plagg were present for roll call.**
- 3. A quorum was established.**
- 4. President Schroder asked everyone to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 5. President Schroder asked everyone to join him in a Moment of Silence.**
- 6. President Schroder called for Employee and Student of the Month recognition.**

Mr. Hancock gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Employee of the Month. The March 2025 Support Employee of the Month was Pam Epsey and she was nominated by Bailey Blewett. March 2025 Certified Employee of the Month was Brayden Stone and he was nominated by Justin Stevens. The March Student of the Month nominated by Shurlyn Maltz was Bailey Hardin . The Student of the Month received a gift card from Blake Wimsey.

- 7A. President Schroder asked the Superintendent if there were any citizens registered to speak to the Board.**

Superintendent Simpson stated there was no citizens registered to speak to the Board.

- 7B. President Schroder called for any comments to the Board by Board Members.**

There were no comments to the Board from Board Members.

- 8. President Schroder 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 recently completed our winter sports season. Our boys wrestlers finished 9th and crowned two state champions in Bryson Hall and Kaiden Herendeen. Kaiden becomes Guthrie's first 3 time state champion. We look forward to honoring them next month.

The Guthrie Educational Foundation is hosting "Are You Smarter than a GPS 5th Grader" on April 10th 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 look forward to this Thursday night as we will have a ceremonial ribbon cutting ceremony to open the new Cotteral Elementary Building. We are having this ceremony before the official move in to allow members of our community to walk through the old building one last time and then see the new building. The old building will be open from 6:00 p.m. until 6:50 p.m. We will have everyone assemble in the cafeteria of the new building for a ribbon cutting with remarks from a few people beginning at 7:00 p.m. Following the ceremony, the new building will be open for the public to tour.

AASA Recap

Spring Break is March 17-21 with no school.

- 9. President Schroder called for Crossland Construction Update on Cotteral Elementary.**

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

10. President Schroder called for action on the Consent Agenda.

- A. Minutes of regular board meeting held on February 10, 2025**
- B. Treasurer's Report**
- C. New Activity Fund Account**
- D. Activity Fund Transfer Request as per attached list**
- E. Activity Fund Fundraisers as per attached list**
- F. Fuel bid as recommended by bid committee**
- G. Encumbrances for General Fund #'s 955-990, Building Fund #'s 424-472 and listed change orders and Activity Fund Reports-the full register is available online**
- H. Declare listed items as surplus**

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

12A. President Schroder called to receive bids for the purchase of \$6,150,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2025A of the District and vote to award said bonds to the lowest bidder complying with the Notice of Sale and Instruction to Bidders.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Girard to receive bids for the purchase of \$6,150,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2025A of the District and vote to award said bonds to the TD Security complying with the Notice of Sale and Instruction to Bidders.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

12B. President Schroder called to consider and vote on a resolution providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds in the sum of \$6,150,000 by Independent School District Number 1, Logan County, Oklahoma, authorized at an election called and held for such purpose; prescribing form of bonds; designating bonds as "General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2025A"; providing for the registration thereof; approving the form of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate; providing for the levy of an annual tax for the payment of principal of and interest on the same; and fixing other details of the issue.

A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Smedley to approve a resolution providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds in the sum of \$6,150,000 by Independent School District Number 1, Logan County, Oklahoma, authorized at an election called and held for such purpose; prescribing form of bonds; designating bonds as "General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2025A"; providing for the registration thereof; approving the form of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate;

providing for the levy of an annual tax for the payment of principal of and interest on the same; and fixing other details of the issue.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

11 President Schroder called for Appeal Hearing: Student “A” appeal of the Superintendent’s decision regarding Student’s potential academic awards.

a. Proposed executive session pursuant to OKLA. STAT. tit. 25, Section 307 (B) (7) where the disclosure of which information would violate confidentiality requirements of state or federal law

1. A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to go into executive session.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 6:47 p.m.

2. President Schroder acknowledged the Board’s return to open session at 7:34 p.m.

3. President Schroder stated the only items in Agenda #11 were discussed in executive session and no votes were taken. This shall constitute the executive session minutes.

b. President Schroder called for motion and vote to affirm the Superintendent’s decision regarding Student “A” or to modify or reverse the Superintendent’s decision in whole or in part.

A motion was made by Girard and seconded by Huskey to affirm the Superintendent’s decision regarding Student “A”.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 1 abstention by Plagg.

12C. President Schroder called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract with S & B CPA’s Associates, PLLC for auditing services for 2025-2026 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Girard to approve a contract with S & B CPA’s Associates, PLLC for auditing services for 2025-2026 for fiscal year 2024-2025.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12D. President Schroder called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract with FMX for 2025-2026.**

A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Davis to approve contract with FMX for 2025-2025.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12E. President Schroder called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract with Imagine Learning for school year 2025-2026.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to approve the contract with Imagine Learning for school year 2025-2026.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12F. President Schroder 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.

- 12G. President Schroder called for recommendation, consideration and action on District Policy F-5 Transfers Exhibit A.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Davis to approve District Policy F-5 Transfers Exhibit A.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13. 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, extra-duty assignment as listed for 2024-2025, discussion of all building level administrator's contracts as listed for 2025-2026, and periodic evaluation 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 715A.**

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:40 p.m.

- 13B. President Schroder acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:38 p.m.**
- 13C. President Schroder stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 13 were discussed and no votes were taken. This shall constitute the executive session minutes.**

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

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 15. President Schroder called for action upon recommendation of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2024-2025.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Girard to approve the extra-duty assignments as listed for 2024-2025.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 16. President Schroder called for recommendation, consideration and action upon approval for Chase Plagens to be classified as an Adjunct Teacher for Physical Science at Guthrie High School.**

A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Pierson to approve Chase Plagens to be classified as an Adjunct Teacher for Physical Science at Guthrie High School.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 17. President Schroder called for recommendation, consideration and action upon building level administrator's contracts as listed for 2025-2026 without specification for salary or assignment.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Davis to approve building level administrator's contracts as listed for 2025-2026 without specification for salary or assignment.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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

Superintendent Simpson stated there was none.

19. 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.

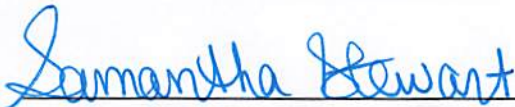
Superintendent Simpson stated there was none.

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

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Samantha Stewart, Minutes Clerk




Chris Schroder, President

The agenda was posted at the Guthrie Public School's Administrative Office, 802 E. Vilas, Guthrie, OK on March 6, 2025 at 4:30 p.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, 2024. The agenda is also on our website.

Samantha Stewart

Board Clerk and Minutes Clerk

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