

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 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 APRIL 14, 2025.

Board Members Present: Ben Huskey, S. Janna Pierson, Ron Plagg, Gail Davis, Tina Smedley and Chris Schroder

Board Member Absent: Matt Girard

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, Gail Davis, Tina Smedley, Chris Schroder, S. Janna Pierson and Ron Plagg were present for roll call.

Member Matt Girard was not 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 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 Plagg to reorganize the Board as follows:

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

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

Board Members assumed their new positions.

7. President Smedley called for Presentation of State Champion Wrestlers

They were unable to attend tonight's Board Meeting. We are hoping to honor them at May's Board Meeting.

8. President Smedley called for Employee and Student of the Month recognition.

Mr. Hancock gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Employee of the Month. The April 2025 Support Employee of the Month was Robert Hall and he was nominated by Daniqua Bickell. April 2025 Certified Employee of the Month was Cottoral Elementary and they were nominated by multiple nominations. The April Student of the Month was unavailable. We look forward to honoring the student in May.

9A. President Smedley 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.

9B. President Smedley called for any comments to the Board by Board Members.

Ron Plagg said he thinks Chris Schroder did a great job as past president and looks forward to Tina Smedley's leadership.

10. President Smedley called for Superintendent's Reports:

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

March 24th brought sorrow to our district and especially to the Upper Elementary with the loss of a student, Blessing Farson and longtime teacher Charlotte Mitchell. We dedicated staff from other buildings during the days following the loss to deal

with grief and process the events. Also, Dr. Simpson is saddened to report the loss of Mike Monahan yesterday. Mike was an integral part of our community as a reporter for the Guthrie News Leader. His tireless work to carry the story of our students will be greatly missed.

Much appreciation to the Cotteral Staff and Crossland Construction for their work in moving buildings over Spring Break with a smooth start in the new facility. Today, we saw the beginning of demolition of the old building. The site will truly take on a new look.

On April 1st, the Guthrie Educational Foundation distributed 44 grants to teachers in our district totaling over \$30,000. Also, each building teacher of the year received a \$150 for classroom supplies. Each building received an additional \$1,000 for their use.

On April 4th, we celebrated Support Staff Appreciation Day. Thanks to the Guthrie Chamber of Commerce and our Education and Workforce Development Committee for their work on that event.

On April 10th, the Guthrie Educational Foundation hosted “Are You Smarter than a GPS 5th Grader” and it was a tremendous success.

A reminder that both inclement weather days were used so we were in class on April 11th and will be this Friday as well.

Graduation is scheduled for Friday, May 16th at Jelsma Stadium. We will begin the ceremonies at 7:30 p.m.

11. President Smedley called for action on the Consent Agenda.

- A. Minutes of regular board meeting held on March 10, 2025**
- B. Treasurer’s Report**
- C. Activity Fund Transfers as per attached list**
- D. Fuel bid as recommended by bid committee**
- E. Encumbrances for General Fund #'s 991-1070, Building Fund #'s 473-540, Child Nutrition # 16 and listed change orders and Activity Fund Reports-the full register is available online**
- F. Declare listed items as surplus**
- G. Out of State Trip Request: Monetta Fields and students, Jostens National Youth Workshop, San Diego, CA, 7/20/25-7/26/25**
- H. Transportation Request from Langston University Band, Langston OK for ‘89er Days Celebration Parade on April 19, 2025 to and from Guthrie, OK for 5 buses and 5 drivers.**
- I. Transportation Request from Community Church for Church Camp on May 28, 2025, May 31, 2025, for 1 bus and 1 driver June 23, 2024 and June 28,**

2025 for 2 buses and 2 drivers to and from Green Country Camp, Disney, OK.

- J. Transportation Request from Generations Church for Church Camp on May 28, 2025 and May 31, 2025 to and from Camp Cargill, Sparks, OK for 1 bus and 1 driver.**
- K. Transportation Request from First Southern Baptist Church for May 28, 2025, May 31, 2025, July 7, 2025 and July 12, 2025 to and from Falls Creek Camp in Davis, OK for 1 bus and 1 driver.**
- L. Transportation Request from Guthrie Public Library, Guthrie Oklahoma for Teen and Tween Library Council on June 13, 2025 to and from Philbrook Museum, Tulsa, Oklahoma for 1 bus and 1 driver.**
- M. Contracts/Agreements under \$10,000**
 - 1. Renewal agreement with Learning Sciences International for 2025-2026 for iObservation**
 - 2. Renewal agreement with PowerSchool for School Recruiter Services for school year 2025-2026**

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

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12A. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Contingency Modification #9 for Crossland Construction.**

A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Davis to approve Contingency Modification #9 for Crossland Construction.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12B. President Smedley called recommendation, consideration and action to ratify the agreement with BSN Sports, LLC for purchasing and supplying athletic apparel and footwear to Guthrie Public School for 2025-2026.**

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Huskey to ratify the agreement with BSN Sports, LLC for purchasing and supplying athletic apparel and footwear to Guthrie Public School for 2025-2026.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12C. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action upon "Always Changing and Growing Up" Presentation for 5th grade students at Guthrie Upper Elementary.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to approve “Always Changing and Growing Up” Presentation for 5th grade students at Guthrie Upper Elementary.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12D. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action upon request for Special Education students to attend State Special Olympics Summer Games May 2025.**

A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Pierson to approve request for Special Education students to attend State Special Olympics Summer Games May 2025.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13. President Smedley 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 assignments, employment of career and probationary contract teachers as listed for 2025-2026 and discussion of teacher negotiations for 2025-2026 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.**

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Plagg to go into executive session.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 6:50 p.m.

- 13B. President Smedley acknowledged the Board’s return to open session at 7:18 p.m.**

- 13C. President Smedley stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 13 were discussed and no votes were taken.**

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

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

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 15. President Smedley called for action upon recommended extra-duty assignments.**

A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Schroder to approve the extra-duty assignments.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 16. President Smedley called for action upon recommendation to employ career contract teachers as listed on Schedule A for 2025-2026.**

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Plagg approve to employ career contract teachers as listed on Schedule A for 2025-2026.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 17. President Smedley called for action upon recommendation to employ career contract teachers as listed on Schedule B for 2025-2026**

Dr. Simpson handed out a revised Schedule B for 2025-2026.

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Davis to employ career contract teachers as listed on the revised Schedule B for 2025-2026.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 18. President Smedley called for action upon recommendation to employ career contract teachers as listed on Schedule C for 2025-2026.**

A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Davis to employ career contract teachers as listed on Schedule C for 2025-2026.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 19. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action on the hiring of a new Director of Special Education.**

Dr. Simpson stated he is recommending we hire Dr. Faneé Webster as new Directore of Special Educaiton.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to approve the hiring of Dr. Faneé Webster as the new Director of Special Education.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

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

Superintendent Simpson stated there were none.

21. President Smedley 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.

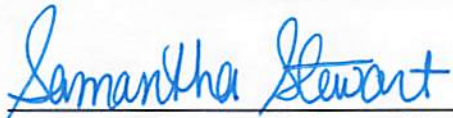
Superintendent Simpson stated there was no new business.

22. President Smedley called for the meeting to be adjourned.

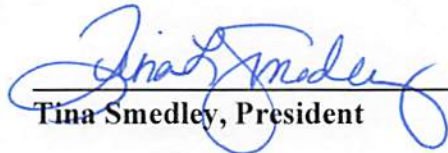
A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Schroder to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



Samantha Stewart, Minutes Clerk




Tina Smedley, President

The agenda was posted at the Guthrie Public School's Administrative Office, 802 E. Vilas, Guthrie, OK on April 10, 2025 at 3:15 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

APPROVED

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