

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 12, 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 MAY 12, 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 Smedley at 6:30 p.m.**
- 2. Members Ben Huskey, Gail Davis, Tina Smedley, Chris Schroder, S. Janna Pierson, Matt Girard and Ron Plagg were present for roll call.**
- 3. A quorum was established.**
- 4. President Smedley asked everyone to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 5. President Smedley asked everyone to join her in a Moment of Silence.**
- 6. President Smedley called for Employee and Student of the Month recognition.**

**Mr. Hancock gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Employee of the Month. The May 2025 Support Employee of the Month was Amy Hurley and she was nominated by Deanna Davenport. May 2025 Certified Employee of the Month was Aaron Harbin and she was nominated by Emily Carpenter and Warren Field. The April Student of the Month nominated by Jay Benson was Kenneth (Kenny) Evans. The May Student of the Month nominated by Cecil Midgett was Jerek Barter. Both Students of the Month received a gift card from Blake Wimsey with Foundation Insurance.**

**7. President Smedley called for Presentation of State Champion Wrestlers**

**Dr. Simpson introduced Coach Jadon Davenport. Coach Davenport introduced Bryson Hall a State Champion Wrestler.**

**8A. 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.**

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

**There were no comments from the Board by Board Members.**

**9. President Smedley called for Superintendent's Reports:**

**Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:**

**Cotteral Playground Donation of \$53, 640 for the cost of artificial turf in the play area of the playground by an anonymous donor.**

**Donation from Mike Monahan family.**

**Important Dates:**

**May 13<sup>th</sup> Senior Academic Awards night in the HS Gym beginning at 6:30 p.m.**

**May 14<sup>th</sup> Baccalaureate Services 7:00 p.m. at Community Church**

**May 16<sup>th</sup> High School Graduation at Jelsma Stadium beginning at 7:30 p.m.**

**May 22<sup>nd</sup> Last day of school**

**4 day work week for administrative staff will begin on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Spring Athletic Accomplishments**

**Boys and Girls Golf qualified for State Girls finishing 9<sup>th</sup> and Boys began play today**

**Girls Tennis team qualified for State**

**Lola Brown #1 singles qualified**

**Kinsey Hardesty #2 singles qualified**

**Aspen Mitchell and Riley Tobin #1 doubles placed 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Haven Hudson and Hollie Mitchell #2 doubles placed 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Boys Tennis is playing today**

**Baseball team lost in the Regional Final to Duncan**

**Girls Track was the Regional Champion**

**Slow Pitch Softball was the District Champion but fell in Regionals**

**SB 139 was recently signed into law. It will require the district to adopt a policy prohibiting student use of cell phones and personal electronic devices such as smart watches or smart glasses from the start of the school day until the end. Exceptions may be made for emergencies or to monitor health issues. Our attorney's have begun work on the policy for the board to review prior to adoption. This must go into effect for the 2025-26 school year.**

**10. President Smedley called for Construction Update.**

**Lane McMillian with Crossland Construction gave updates of their progress.**

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

- A. Treasurer's Report**
- B. Activity Fund Requests as per attached list**
- C. Fuel bid as recommended by bid committee**
- D. Encumbrances for General Fund #'s 1071-1192, Building Fund #'s 541-580, and listed change orders and Activity Fund Reports-the full register is available online**
- E. Out of State Employee Trip Request: Dr. Mike Simpson, AASA Legislative Advocacy Conference, Washington, D.C., July 7-10, 2025.**
- F. Transportation request from YMCA for Summer Day Camp trips for various dates as outlined in your packet.**
- G. Cotteral Elementary Sign Donated by F & M Bank**
- H. Contracts/Agreements under \$10,000**
  - 1. Renewal agreement with Oklahoma State School Boards Association for membership dues for 2025-2026**
  - 2. Discussion, motion and possible action to approve or not to approve entry into an agreement with the Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administration (CCOSA) to participate in the CCOSA District Level Services Program for the 2025-2026 fiscal year**

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

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

**12. President Smedley called for minutes of regular meeting held on April 14, 2025.**

**A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Davis to approve the minutes of regular meeting held on April 14, 2025.**

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

- 13A. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve teachers, aides and administrator as listed for 2025 K-6 Remedial Summer School.**

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to approve to approve teachers, aides and administrator as listed for 2025 K-6 Remedial Summer School.**

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

- 13B. President Smedley called recommendation, consideration and action upon renewal with National Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Participation Agreement with BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative for 2025-2026**

**A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Girard to approve renewal with National Purchasing Cooperative Interlocal Participation Agreement with BuyBoard National Purchasing Cooperative for 2025-2026.**

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

- 13C. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract with Sodexo, Inc. for 2025-2206 for Child Nutrition Services.**

**A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Pierson to approve contract with Sodexo, Inc. for 2025-2206 for Child Nutrition Services.**

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

- 13D. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action upon amendment to renew agreement with Clearwater Enterprises for the purchase of third party natural gas for 2025-2026.**

**A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Girard to approve an amendment to renew agreement with Clearwater Enterprises for the purchase of third party natural gas for 2025-2026.**

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

- 13E. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Temporary Appropriations for 2025-2025 for the General Fund, Building Fund, Child Nutrition Fund, Gifts and Endowments Fund and Insurance/Casualty Fund.**

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Schroder to approve Temporary Appropriations for 2025-2025 for the General Fund, Building Fund, Child Nutrition Fund, Gifts and Endowments Fund and Insurance/Casualty Fund/**

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

- 13F. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action upon agreement with Alcohol and Drug Testing, Inc. for student drug testing services for 2025-2026.**

**A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Girard to approve agreement with Alcohol and Drug Testing, Inc. for student drug testing services for 2025-2026.**

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

- 13G. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Substitute Staff Placement agreement with ESS South Central, LLC.**

**Discussion followed.**

**A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Plagg to approve Substitute Staff Placement agreement with ESS South Central, LLC.**

**Discussion followed.**

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

- 13H. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action upon agreement with Oklahoma State Department of Education for the 2025 Summer Food Service Program.**

**A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Pierson to approve agreement with Oklahoma State Department of Education for the 2025 Summer Food Service Program.**

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

- 13I. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action to accept each bid as listed for lawn services for Guthrie Public Schools 2025-2026.**

**Discussion followed.**

**A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Girard to accept each bid as listed for lawn services for Guthrie Public Schools 2025-2026.**

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

- 13J. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Elementary Student Handbook for 2025-2026.**

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to approve Elementary Student Handbook for 2025-2026.**

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

- 13K. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Guthrie Upper Elementary Student Handbook for 2025-2026.**

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to approve Guthrie Upper Elementary Student Handbook for 2025-2026.**

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

- 13L. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Jr. High School Student Handbooks for 2025-2026.**

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to approve Jr. High Student Handbooks for 2025-2026.**

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

- 13M. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Guthrie High School Student Handbook for 2025-2026.**

**A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Plagg to approve Guthrie High School Student handbook for 2025-2026.**

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

- 13N. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Guthrie High School Course Description Handbook for 2025-2026.**

**A motion was made by Girard and seconded by Huskey to approve Guthrie High School Course Description Handbook for 2025-2026.**

**Discussion followed.**

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

- 13O. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Faver Alternative School Student Handbook for 2025-2026.**

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to approve Faver Alternative School Student Handbook for 2025-2026.**

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

- 13P. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Transportation Department Employee Policy and Procedure Handbook for 2025-2026.**

**A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Girard to approve Transportation Department Employee Policy and Procedure Handbook for 2025-2026.**

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

- 13Q. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action upon School Bus Rider's Handbook for 2025-2026.**

**A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Pierson to approve School Bus Rider's Handbook for 2025-2026.**

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

- 14. President Smedley called for proposed executive session for the purpose of discussing employment of personnel, FMLA requests, resignations/separation from employment and transfer of position requests all as set out on the Personnel Reports, rehiring of support personnel as listed for 2025-2026, employment of temporary contract teachers as listed for 2025-2026, employment of probationary teachers as listed for 2025-2026, employment of career teacher as listed for 2025-2026, 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 Girard to go into executive session.**

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:14 p.m.**

- 14B. President Smedley acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:08 p.m.**

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

- 15. President Smedley 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 Smedley called for action upon recommendation to rehire support personnel as listed for 2025-2026.**

**A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Pierson to approve the rehire support personnel as listed for 2025-2026.**

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

- 17. President Smedley called for action upon recommendation to rehire temporary contract teachers as listed for 2025-2026.**

**A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Girard to approve to rehire temporary contract teachers as listed for 2025-2026.**

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

- 18. President Smedley called for action upon recommendation to rehire temporary to probationary teachers as listed for 2025-2026**

**A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to rehire temporary to probationary teachers as listed for 2025-2026.**

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

- 19. President Smedley called for action upon recommendation to employ probationary to career contract teacher as listed for 2025-2026.**

**A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Girard to employ probationary to career contract teacher as listed for 2025-2026.**

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

- 20. President Smedley called for action to employ career contract teacher as listed for 2025-2026.**

**A motion was made by Girard and seconded by Plagg to employ career contract teacher as listed for 2025-2026.**



The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

21. 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.

22. 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.

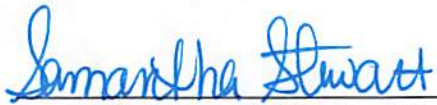
Superintendent Simpson stated there was no new business.

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

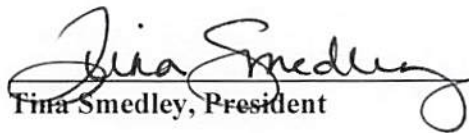
A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Schroder to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 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 May 8, 2025 at 4:45 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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