

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 09, 2015**

MINUTES OF THE GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING HELD AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD, 802 EAST VILAS, GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA ON FEBRUARY 09, 2015

Board Members Present: Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Tom Holtz, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Sharon Watts and Travis Sallee

Board Member Absent: Gail Davis

District Level School Officials Present: Dr. Mike Simpson, Superintendent
Dennis Schulz, Ass't Superintendent
Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel/Secondary Ed
Carmen Walters, Executive Director of Federal Programs/Elementary Ed
Eldona Woodruff, Director of Special Education
Jerry Gammill, Director of Facilities
Dee Benson, Director of Technology
Steve Cordell, Director of Transportation

1. The meeting was called to order by President Sallee.
2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Tom Holtz, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Sharon Watts and Travis Sallee were present for roll call.

Member Gail Davis was not present for roll call.

3. A quorum was established.
4. President Sallee asked everyone present to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. President Sallee called for presentation of Certified and Support Employee of the Month

Mr. Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education, announced the award winners for January: Ms. Amanda Perring, 3rd grade teacher at Fogarty, as certified employee of the month and Ms. Jana Frey, Financial Secretary at GUES, as support

employee of the month. Nomination letters were read by the staff member who submitted the nominations: Ms. Trisha Hunter, 3rd grade teacher at Fogarty, for Ms. Perring and Ms. Emily Turner, Instructional Coach at GUES, for Ms. Frey.

Mr. Ogle presented the award winners a plaque and a \$25.00 Sonic Gift Card donated by the Guthrie Lions Club.

6. **President Sallee called for presentation of Guthrie Public Schools' Site Teachers of the Year and District Teacher of the Year for 2015-2016.**

Dr. Simpson introduced Ms. Carmen Walters, Executive Director of Federal Programs and Elementary Education, and Mr. Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education. Ms. Walters first explained the process of Teacher of the Year and then recognized the Elementary Site Teachers of the Year – Cotteral: Kathleen Jensen and Sarah Lausen, Central: Jessica Owens, Fogarty: Katie Datin and Trenda Monnahan, GUES: Kim Hinkle, Tammy Adams and Lisa Good. Ms. Walters then announced the 2015 Elementary Teacher of the Year as Ms. Sarah Lausen. Mr. Ogle recognized the Secondary Site Teachers of the Year - Jr. High: Bryan Dearing and Sheri Stevenson, High School: Diana Meek, Matt Perring, Sherrie Simek and Justin Stevens. Mr. Ogle then announced the 2015 Secondary Teacher of the Year as Bryan Dearing.

Dr. Simpson acknowledged the community members and businesses who donated gifts for this year's Teacher of the Year selections. For the Runner-up: Flowers from Mary's Flower Shop, \$25 gift certificate from Vencedora Designs, \$30 gift certificate from Kelli Richardson/Healing Massage, handmade pottery from Gail Davis/Board Member and a tank of gas a week for 1 month during the summer from Eskridge Chevrolet. To the Winner: handmade Bluejay quilt from Sharon Watts/Board Member, Flowers from Furrow Flowers and Gifts, Guthrie ornament from Heritage Collection, \$5 gift certificate from Rick's Fine Chocolates & Coffees, 2 - \$15 gift certificates and 2 refillable cups from Billy Sims Barbecue, Lunch for 2 and 2 - \$5 gift certificates from Missy's Donuts & Bakery, 2 free meals from The Stables Restaurant, gift basket from InterBank, gift basket from AC's Hallmark, \$20 gift certificate and Oklahoma necklace and bracelet from Boutique 206, \$25 gift certificate from Cato's, \$25 gift certificate from Friends Boutique, \$25 gift certificate from Boomarang Diner, \$30 gift certificate from Kelli Richardson/Healing Massage, handmade pottery and \$30 gift certificate to Guthrie Arts Center from Gail Davis/Board Member, \$50 gift certificate to Gage's Steakhouse, \$50 gift certificate from Vencedora Designs, \$50 Amazon gift card from BancFirst, \$75 gift certificate from Shelton Photography, \$100 check from Kay and Lamar Wade, \$100 from Edward D. Jones, for personal use 1 month during summer choice of: Jeep Cherokee, Chevy Tahoe, GMC Yukon, Ford Edge, Explorer, Expedition or Dodge Durango from John Vance Auto Group and for personal use 1 month during summer choice of: Chevrolet Truck C1500, Camaro or 4 Door Sedan and tank of gas a week for that month from Eskridge Chevrolet.

Dr. Simpson stated that all Site Teachers of the Year would receive a gift from Environmental Management Incorporation.

Dr. Simpson thanked everyone who made a donation and stated this highlights the support of education in our community.

Dr. Simpson then announced the 2015 Teacher of the Year as Mr. Bryan Dearing.

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

Superintendent Simpson stated Ms. Mildred Harding had registered to speak to the Board.

Ms. Harding spoke on her displeasure of the book "Call of the Wild" that was on the list of required reading at Guthrie Jr. High School.

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

Member Holtz stated this was his last official Board Meeting and he wanted to thank the Board Members, Superintendent, staff, administrators and teachers for their support. Stated he would still be supporting the District through the Education Foundation and helping to promote future bond issues.

- 8. President Sallee called for the Superintendent's Reports.**

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

On finances and mid-term adjustments: The \$20 million held back from the State Department of Education was released and reapportioned to districts based on their Personal Property Tax Assessment Ratio. Counties who assess above 11% are allowed to keep the difference between 11% and the assessed ratio locally. The remainder goes into the school funding formula. Due to an error on their part, this law has not been followed by the Oklahoma Tax Commission since the law was passed in 1992. This does not have a great effect for us since our Personal Property Tax Assessment Ratio was lowered by the Logan County Assessor to 10%. Oklahoma City Public Schools, Edmond, Putnam City and Western Heights were big winners with each district receiving near \$1 million. Our portion was \$3,200.

The Guthrie Education Foundation Dinner Fundraiser was a tremendous success. He gave a big thanks to keynote speaker Mike Turpen and the Foundation Board.

The OSSBA Region 6 Workshop for continuing education will be held Thursday at the Luther High School Cafeteria. President Sallee, Members Bennett-Johnson and Pierson have registered to attend.

Wrestling Regional Tournament will be in Tahlequah on February 20-21 and basketball pairings will be released soon.

Guthrie Schools will be hosting the Chamber Coffee at 9:30 a.m. on March 4th at Fogarty Elementary. Dr. Simpson will give tours of the building to community members at the conclusion of the Coffee.

Personally thanked Member Holtz for his service on the Board. On behalf of the District for appreciation of his service, Dr. Simpson presented Member Holtz with a plaque.

9. President Sallee called for any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

Item 9A, Minutes of regular meeting held on January 15, 2015, was pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to approve the Consent Agenda excluding Item 9A, Minutes of regular meeting held on January 15, 2015.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve Item 9A of the Consent Agenda.

The motion carried with 5 ayes and 1 abstention – Member Pennington abstaining.

10A. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Guthrie High School Driver's Education Summer School 2015.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Holtz to approve Guthrie High School Driver's Education Summer School 2015.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

10B. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon proposed revisions to District Policies:

- D-1 *Nondiscrimination*
- D-2 *Harassment*
- D-3 *Grievance for Discrimination or Retaliation Complaints*

A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Watts to approved proposed revisions to District Policies:

- D-1 *Nondiscrimination*
- D-2 *Harassment*
- D-3 *Grievance for Discrimination or Retaliation Complaints*

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

10C. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon proposed school calendars for:

- 2015-2016
- 2016-2017

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approved proposed school calendars for:

- 2015-2016
- 2016-2017

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10D. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action regarding possible funding mechanisms for school buildings and directing the Superintendent to meet with City of Guthrie officials to convey the Board of Education's current thoughts and direction regarding same.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve action regarding possible funding mechanisms for school buildings and directing the Superintendent to meet with City of Guthrie officials to convey the Board of Education's current thoughts and direction regarding same.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11. President Sallee 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 and discussion of all district level administrator's contracts as listed for 2015-2016, 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.**

- 11A. A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to go into executive session.**

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:41 p.m.

- 11B. President Sallee acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:14 p.m.**

- 11C. President Sallee stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda Item 11 were discussed and no votes were taken.**

- 12. President Sallee called for a vote on action as set out on the Personnel Reports.**

A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Watts to approve action as set out on the Personnel Reports.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon district level administrator's contracts as listed for 2015-2016 without specification for salary or assignment.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve district level administrator's contracts as listed for 2015-2016 without specification for salary or assignment.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

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

Superintendent Simpson stated there were no new resignations.

- 15. President Sallee 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 one item under new business. With the recent appointment of Ms. Jana Frey as Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, he would recommend the extra-duty stipend for Clerk of the Board that comes with that position.

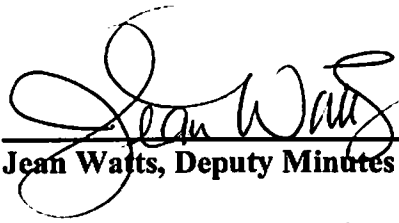
A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Watts to approve extra-duty stipend of Clerk of the Board for Ms. Jana Frey.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 16. A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Watts to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Jean Watts, Deputy Minutes Clerk



Travis Sallee, Board President

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