

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2014**

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 OCTOBER 13, 2014

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gail Davis, Tom Holtz, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Sharon Watts and Travis Sallee

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
Jean Watts, Deputy Minutes Clerk**

- 1. The meeting was called to order by President Sallee.**
- 2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gail Davis, Tom Holtz, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Sharon Watts and Travis Sallee were 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 September: Ms. Marsha Todd, Fogarty Elementary School Principal, as certified employee of the month and Mr. Kenneth Bohanan, Jr. High School Custodian, as support employee of the month. Nomination letters were read by the staff member who submitted the nominations: Ms. Jamie Alexander, Fogarty Elementary Teacher, for Ms. Todd and Ms. Kathy Ice, Jr. High Teacher, for Mr. Bohanan.

Mr. Ogle, also, announced that the Guthrie Lions Club donated a \$25.00 Sonic card to each winner as well as the winners from September. They will award a \$25.00 Sonic card to each monthly award winner throughout the school year.

- 6A. President Sallee 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.

- 6B. President Sallee called for any comments to the Board by Board Members.**

President Sallee stated he had spoken with Superintendent Simpson concerning assignments on the Board Committees. At the Board Retreat a year ago, there was discussion about changing the assignments every six months. Asked that Board Members contact Dr. Simpson if they would like to change their current assignment.

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

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Reminded everyone that Fall Break is Thursday and Friday (October 16-17).

The Guthrie High School football team, which is undefeated, will play Western Heights on Thursday night (October 17) at 7:00 p.m. at Jelsma Stadium. The following game next week will, also, be played on a Thursday night (October 23) at Douglass Stadium because of construction work at Southeast.

Congratulated the Girls Softball team who finished the year with a 20-13 record.

Spoke of the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams Suburban Conference Meet Tuesday (October 14) and Regionals on Saturday (October 25) at Norman.

Wanted to thank Mr. Ogle for taking on the duties of acting Athletic Director. The Board would be acting on the resignation of Mr. Gary Boxley, Athletic Director, later in the agenda.

Stated during the upcoming November Board Meeting, that dates would be approved for scheduled Board Meetings for 2015. The usual dates are on the 2nd Monday of every month. However, the 2nd Monday in January (12th) falls on the date of a UVA Retreat which is listed on the Consent Agenda for consideration at tonight's meeting. He will recommend moving the January meeting to Thursday, January 15. He noted the following Monday falls on Martin Luther King Day. It would, also, push back the timeline on paying bills to wait until that date.

Stated we have 150 students who will be affected by mid-year EOI exams. The State, currently, lacks a vendor to provide the tests. By law, the students must pass the test in order to receive credit for the course. We are at an impasse and are awaiting direction from the State Department of Education (SDE).

Reminded everyone of the Bond Election on November 4. Stated each Board Member had been given a schedule of meetings where he was giving a presentation on the Bond Issue. Stated he had already given 8 presentations and has 8 more scheduled. The presentation is available on the District web site and District Facebook page. Distributed a packet of the information he is giving out to everyone attending the presentations. The packet contains demographic data of where our students reside, a total enrollment line graph and a Bond Issue history from 1977 to present on Guthrie School bond elections. He thanked the City of Guthrie for filming the presentation and displaying on the October Edition of the City Manager's Forum. He stated the goal of the presentation is to provide as much information as possible to the community.

8. President Sallee called for presentation of 2013-2014 A-F District Report Card by Ms. Carmen Walters, Executive Director of Federal Programs and Elementary Education and Mr. Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education.

Power point presentations were given by Ms. Walters on the elementary sites and Mr. Ogle on the secondary sites. They each spoke of plans that were in place to increase grades.

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

There were no items to be removed from the agenda for discussion.

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10A. President Sallee called for discussion and possible action regarding the 2014-2015 School Budget.

Dr. Simpson introduced Mr. Dennis Schulz, Assistant Superintendent, who gave an overview of the 2014-2015 School Budget.

President Sallee complimented Dr. Simpson and Mr. Schulz on the good job they had done with the school's money and the conservative way they estimate with the budget. Was pleased that busses were able to be bought from the General Fund. Thinks it is wise, as a District, to save the bonding capacity for buildings and to have been able to purchase the busses out of the General Fund says a lot about good management from Dr. Simpson and Mr. Schulz.

Mr. Schulz replied it took several years to get to where we were able to do this. Stated we would not be able to accumulate that kind of money every year. It helped that we were conservative through the recession.

Dr. Simpson stated this was a complement to our staff. As we had been through, and weathered, some of the most difficult times this state has ever seen since the Great Depression, our staff has done a remarkable job. Administration and the Board worked hard to try and show our appreciation through negotiations in what we were able to do for

salaries. We were able to do that and still feel comfortable with the budget. He stated he was thankful for the work that Mr. Schulz does.

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Holtz to approve the 2014-2015 School Budget.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10B. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Professional Development Committee for 2014-2015.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve Professional Development Committee for 2014-2015.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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

- E-21 *College Coursework Student*
- E-32 *Valedictorian and Salutatorian (Regulation)*
- E-35 *Graduation Requirements*
- E-44 *Supplemental Online Course Procedures*
- F-19B *Policy Protecting Student Privacy on District Websites and Television Broadcasts*

A motion was made by Bennett-Johnson and seconded by Watts to approve proposed revisions to District Policies E-21, E-32, E-35, E-44 and F-19B.

Discussion followed.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10D. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon proposed change to parent/teacher conference dates on 2014-2015 school calendar.

A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Watts to approve change to 2014-2015 school calendar as presented.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10E. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Life Skills/Character Program for 7th and 8th grade students.

A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Davis to approve Life Skills/Character Program for 7th and 8th grade students.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10F. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Start Talking Class for 7th and 8th grade students.**

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Holtz to approve Start Talking Class for 7th and 8th grade students.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10G. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon survey request from Last Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of America for grades 9-11.**

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Davis to table the survey request from Last Frontier Council, Boy Scouts of America for grades 9-11.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. No action taken.

- 10H. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Activity Fund Account name changes:**

- Soccer Booster Club HS changed to Soccer HS**
- Tennis Booster HS changed to Tennis JH/HS**

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Pierson to approve Activity Fund Account name changes:

- Soccer Booster Club HS changed to Soccer HS**
- Tennis Booster HS changed to Tennis JH/HS**

The motion carried with 7 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, discussion of appointment of Interim Athletic Director, discussion of extra-duty assignments for 2014-2015 and discussion of purchase or appraisal of real property, 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, 3 and 7.**

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 8:10 p.m.

- 11B. President Sallee acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 8:49 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 Bennett-Johnson to approve action as set out on the Personnel Reports.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

13. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action to appoint an Interim Athletic Director.

Superintendent Simpson recommended the Board amend the extra-duty contract of Jon Chappell to name him the Interim Athletic Director for Guthrie Public Schools for the remainder of the school year.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Pierson to approve Dr. Simpson's recommendation of Jon Chappell as Interim Athletic Director.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

14. President Sallee called for action upon recommendation of extra-duty assignments as listed for 2014-2015.

A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Watts to approve extra-duty assignments as listed for 2014-2015.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

15. 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.

16. 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 no new business.

17. A motion was made by Holtz and seconded by Watts to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



Kay Gammill, Minutes Clerk



Travis Sallee, Board President

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