

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2017**

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 JANUARY 9, 2017

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

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
Cody Thompson, Director of Operations
Jessica Callaway, Director of Child Nutrition
Jean Watts, Deputy Minutes Clerk

1. The meeting was called to order by President Watts.
2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, Tina Smedley and Sharon Watts were present for roll call.
3. A quorum was established.
4. President Watts asked everyone present to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. President Watts asked everyone present to join her in a Moment of Silence.
6. President Watts asked for the presentation of Certified and Support Employee of the Month.

Mr. Doug Ogle, Executive Director of Personnel and Secondary Education, announced the award winners for December: Ms. Michele Bufford, Library Aide at Fogarty, for support employee of the month and Mr. Jon Chappell, GPS Athletic

Director, as certified employee of the month. Nomination letters were submitted to the committee by: Ms. Charity McPeck, secretary at GHS, for Ms. Michele Bufford and Ms. Susan Birdwell, Transportation Secretary, for Mr. Jon Chappell.

Mr. Ogle presented the award winners with a plaque.

- 7A. President Watts 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.

- 7B. President Watts called for any comments to the Board by Board members.**

There were no comments to the Board by Board members.

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

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Recognized the Guthrie Board of Education as January is School Board Appreciation Month. Board members were presented a certificate from the OSSBA for appreciation of their service.

Announced we will be having school on March 10th since we were out for an inclement weather day on Friday, January 6th.

Gave a financial update for the District. Stated we received our midterm adjustment numbers on January 4th. Announced we were higher in our weighted ADM by just over 16 students from our initial allocation. Our state aid was cut by \$149,021. Some of the reasons for the decrease in state aid are as follows:

Growth in our District in local revenue

Growth in total students statewide

11 additional schools went back on state aid this year because of drops in their local revenue which generally traces back to the energy sector depression

Although we had a large state aid reduction, we have looked at everything and we are where we predicted we would be financially at this time. Because of the actions we took regarding our budget last year, we are in a decent financial position currently.

- 9. President Watts called for action on the Consent Agenda.**

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

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10A. President Watts called for discussion, consideration and possible action on recommendation from ad-hoc committee charged with exploring possible names for the new elementary school.**

The ad-hoc committee recommended three suggestions presented by the public: Woodcrest Elementary, Charter Oak Elementary and Hollie Chappell Elementary.

A letter was read by President Watts from Mary Lou Chappell declining the possible recommendation of the new school being named after her late husband-Hollie Chappell.

Discussion followed.

A motion to name the new school *Charter Oak Elementary* was made by Sallee and seconded by Smedley.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

- 11. 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 periodic annual evaluation and terms of employment 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 7.**

- 11A. A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to go into executive session.**

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:24 p.m.

- 11B. President Watts acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 7:50 p.m.**

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

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

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

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

13. President Watts called for recommendation, consideration and action to accept any resignations offered since the posting of the agenda.

Superintendent Simpson stated there were no resignations offered since the posting of the agenda.

14. President Watts 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.

15. A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Pennington to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



E. Sharon Watts, Board President

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