

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 9, 2018**

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 APRIL 9, 2018

Board Members Present:

**Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gina Davis,
Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Travis
Sallee, Tina Smedley and Sharon Watts**

District Level School Officials Present:

**Dr. Mike Simpson, Superintendent
Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent
Carmen Walters, Executive Director of
Federal Programs/Elementary Ed
Michelle Chapple, Chief Financial Officer
Angie Smedley, Director of Special
Education
Cody Thompson, Director of Operations
Dee Benson, Director of Technology
Jean Watts, Deputy Minutes Clerk**

- 1. The meeting was called to order by President Sallee.**
- 2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gina Davis, Terry Pennington, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, Tina Smedley and Sharon Watts 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 asked everyone present to join him in a Moment of Silence.**
- 6. President Sallee called for Foundation Insurance Student of the Month.**

Dr. Simpson introduced Blake Wimsey from Foundation Insurance. Mr. Wimsey introduced the March Students of the Month, Caitlyn Cox and Madilynn Myers. Mr. Wimsey read the nomination letters submitted by Caitlyn's teacher, Ms. Williams and Madilynn's teacher, Ms. Helmberger. Mr. Wimsey presented both Caitlyn and Madilynn with a \$65 Stacy's Place gift card.

- 7. President Sallee called for the presentation of Certified and Support Employee of the Month.**

Mr. Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent, announced the certified and support employees of the month award winners for March: Mr. Taylor Steier, GHS Assistant Band Director, as certified Employee of the Month and Mr. Cody Thompson, GPS Director of Operations, for support Employee of the Month. Nomination letters were read by Mr. Rob Blackburn, GHS Band Director, for Mr. Steier and by Ms. Marsha Todd, Principal of Fogarty Elementary, for Mr. Thompson.

Mr. Ogle presented the award winners with a plaque.

- 8A. President Sallee asked the Superintendent if there were any citizens registered to speak to the Board.**

Superintendent Simpson stated there were 21 citizens registered to speak to the Board.

Ms. Katy Johnson spoke to the Board regarding teacher support.

Ms. Christy McCormack spoke to the Board regarding the teacher walkout.

Ms. Victoria Hood spoke to the Board regarding the teacher walkout.

Ms. Lesley Cotton spoke to the Board regarding the work stoppage.

Ms. Audra Branson spoke to the Board regarding continued support.

Ms. Jeri Mick spoke to the Board regarding continued support for our school walkout.

Ms. Sherryl Green spoke to the Board regarding support for the continued school walkout.

Ms. Brenda Brandon spoke to the Board regarding caseloads for Special Education and the lack of support staff.

Ms. RaeAnn Walters spoke to the Board regarding board support for the walkout.

Dr. Anna Coffin spoke to the Board regarding board support for the teacher walkout.

Ms. Emily Cordell spoke to the Board regarding school and support.

Mr. Andrew Rowley spoke to the Board regarding public education.

Ms. Jackie Ross spoke to the Board regarding teacher troubles.

Ms. Bethany Walls spoke to the Board regarding teacher support.

Mr. Bradley Walls spoke to the Board regarding teacher support.

Mr. Colton Walls spoke to the Board regarding teacher support.

Ms. Sondra Danner spoke to the Board regarding support of teachers.

Ms. Jill Tontz spoke to the Board regarding education.

Ms. Katrina White spoke to the Board regarding support for the walkout.

Ms. Lauren Parker spoke to the Board regarding the teacher walkout.

Ms. Shelley Lute spoke to the Board regarding funding.

8B. President Sallee called for any comments to the Board by Board members.

Member Sallee publicly thanked the Guthrie Ministerial Alliance for the prayer vigil held recently for school employees, legislators, parents, etc.

Member Pennington addressed the teachers telling them he hoped they know the Board cares and supports them and that he is a Bluejay through and through.

9. President Sallee called for the Superintendent's Reports.

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

On March 30th, the Guthrie Educational Foundation went around the district presenting grants to successful applicants. There were 26 successful grants totaling \$19,466. In addition, each teacher of the year for 2017-2018 received \$100 to use in their classroom.

GHS Prom will be held at the Dominion house on Saturday, April 28th regardless of school being in session or not.

Jelsma Stadium was featured in *High School Today*. The nationwide publication highlights athletic venues from across the country.

Superintendent Hofmeister extended the testing window by one week. GPS is working to revise our schedule as well.

During the work stoppage, we are continuing to serve lunch and breakfast at Cottler Elementary and lunch at Central Elementary. Today we discontinued lunch service at GUES due to a lack of participation. While our participation has been light at Cottler and Central, it has grown since starting the program.

We have over 200 students with an identified need for additional support for nutrition. Those students receive a backpack full of food each Friday to provide nourishment over the weekend. The Guthrie Ministerial Alliance has been instrumental in providing a mechanism by which those students do not go hungry. We have also had some staff volunteer their time to facilitate pickup and delivery of the food.

- 10. President Sallee called for discussion and possible action regarding teacher work-stoppage.**

Board members discussed possible ramifications regarding the teacher work-stoppage.

Dr. Simpson explained the process of calling school from day to day due to the work-stoppage.

Member Davis read a prepared statement.

- 11. President Sallee called for action on the Consent Agenda.**

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12A. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action to award bid for virtualizing GPS servers to Beasley Technology in the amount of \$67,951.00.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Watts to award bid for virtualizing GPS servers to Beasley Technology in the amount of \$67,951.00.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12B. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract for auditing services for 2018-2019 for fiscal year 2017-2018.**

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Bennett-Johnson for approval upon contract with Putnam & Company, PLLC for auditing services for 2018-2019 for fiscal year 2017-2018.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12C. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Growth and Development presentation by Ms. April Devereaux BSN, RN for 5th grade students at Guthrie Upper Elementary.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Watts to approve the Growth and Development presentation by Ms. April Devereaux BSN, RN for 5th grade students at Guthrie Upper Elementary.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 12D. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve a Right of Way Agreement between the District and Central Rural Electric Cooperative for a 20 foot wide easement and 10 feet either side of the electric facilities as built or existing and the necessary easement to serve the premises along E. Charter Oak Road in the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, T15N. R2W, Logan County, Oklahoma.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to approve a Right of Way Agreement between the District and Central Rural Electric Cooperative for a 20 foot wide easement and 10 feet either side of the electric facilities as built or existing and the necessary easement to serve the premises along E. Charter Oak Road in the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter of Section 24, T15N. R2W, Logan County, Oklahoma.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 13. 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, employment of career and probationary contract teachers as listed for 2018-2019, discussion of teacher negotiations for 2018-2019 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, 2 and 7.**

- 13A. A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Watts to go into executive session.**

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 8:42 p.m.

- 13B. President Sallee acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 9:54 p.m.**

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

14. President Sallee called for a vote on action as set out on the Personnel Reports.

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

15. President Sallee called for recommendation, consideration and action to employ career and probationary contract teachers as listed for 2018-2019.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to employ career and probationary contract teachers as listed for 2018-2019.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

16. President Sallee called for consideration and action upon Superintendent's contract.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Smedley to approve the amendment to the Superintendent's contract.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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

Superintendent Simpson stated he had received no resignations.

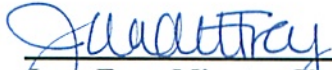
18. President Sallee called for discussion and possible action on new business not known about or could not have been reasonably foreseen at the time of the agenda posting.

Superintendent Simpson stated there was no new business.

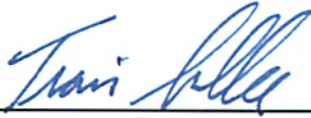
19. A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Smedley to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 9:56 p.m.




Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



Travis Sallee, Board President

APPROVED

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