

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 13, 2020**

**MINUTES OF THE GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR  
MEETING HELD AT 6:30 P.M. AT GUTHRIE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, 705 EAST  
OKLAHOMA, GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA ON JULY 13, 2020**

**Board Members Present:** Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gina Davis, Janna Pierson, Ron Plagg, Travis Sallee, Chris Schroder and Tina Smedley

**District Level School Officials Present:** Dr. Mike Simpson, Superintendent  
Doug Ogle, Assistant Superintendent  
Carmen Walters, Executive Director of Federal Programs/ Elementary Education  
Michelle Chapple, Chief Financial Officer  
Angie Smedley, Director of Special Services  
Cody Thompson, Director of Operations  
Dee Benson, Director of Technology  
Kary Jarred, Deputy Minutes Clerk

1. The meeting was called to order by President Smedley at 6:30 p.m.
2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gina Davis, Janna Pierson, Ron Plagg, Travis Sallee, Chris Schroder and Tina Smedley were present for roll call.
3. A quorum was established.
4. President Smedley asked everyone present to stand and join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. President Smedley asked everyone present to join her in a moment of silence.
6. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and vote on reorganization of the Board including:
  - A. Election of President
  - B. Election of First Vice-President
  - C. Election of Second Vice-President
  - D. Election of Board Clerk
  - E. Election of Deputy Board Clerk

**A motion was made by Plagg and Seconded by Davis to reorganize the Board as follows:**

**President: Janna Pierson**  
**First Vice-President: Gina Davis**  
**Second Vice-President: Jennifer Bennett-Johnson**  
**Board Clerk: Travis Sallee**

**Deputy Board Clerk: Ron Plagg**

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

**Board Members assumed their new positions.**

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

**Superintendent Simpson stated that there was one citizen registered to speak to the Board.**

**Betsy Jones spoke to the Board regarding school opening.**

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

**There were no comments to the Board by Board members.**

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

**Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:**

**Mr. Todd Bramwell, new principal at Guthrie Junior High School, was introduced.**

**Announced GHS graduation will be Friday night in Jelsma Stadium. We will begin at 8:00 p.m. All seniors have been notified by letter of the procedures to claim their four tickets. The distribution will be Tuesday through Thursday at the High School from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Families will be asked to social distance and masks are strongly encouraged. Guthrie News Page will livestream the ceremonies for those who cannot attend. We have heard from 151 of our 218 students in the Senior Class. 144 have indicated they plan to participate in the ceremonies, 5 were not sure and 2 declined.**

**Thanked many of our administrative staff in the IT Department as well as the Curriculum Department for essentially creating an online enrollment process from scratch. They have been testing this process where parents will enroll their child and submit all forms online. They have created a process where we can offer in-person assistance for families lacking internet connectivity or need special assistance in the process. There will be certain bugs that must be worked out but their effort is greatly appreciated.**

**Reported that with the prospect of potential closure at some time during the school year, State Superintendent Hofmeister announced on Thursday a grant process for acquiring internet hot spots that will use a cell signal to provide internet service. We will be making application to provide such a device to families that lack internet connectivity. He has been in contact with Central Electric Cooperative to explore possibilities where they could provide such a service. This is in their long range plan but will unfortunately not be ready for this school year.**

**Announced we have a contract for consideration later in the agenda for a secondary solution to provide distance learning for all students in grades 6-12 with Edgenuity. We**

have utilized this vendor for many years. The State Department of Education has secured a statewide agreement with Exact Path and we will utilize their services for distance learning in grades K-5.

Reported we are making good progress on our Summer bond projects. We expect the secure entrances and the renovations at Fogarty to be ready for the start of school.

9. **President Pierson called for action on the Consent Agenda.**

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10A. **President Pierson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon \$.10 increase for all paid student breakfast and lunch meals.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve \$.10 increase for all paid student breakfast and lunch meals.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10B. **President Pierson called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve Ms. Carmen Walters as the authorized official for GPS to sign any federal claims for reimbursement from the State Department of Education.**

A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Schroder to approve Ms. Carmen Walters as the authorized official for GPS to sign any federal claims for reimbursement from the State Department of Education.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10C. **President Pierson called for recommendation, consideration and action to approve Ms. Angie (Smedley) Young as the authorized official for GPS to sign any special education reimbursement claims from the State Department of Education for projects 621, 623, 625, 641 and 642.**

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Smedley to approve Ms. Angie (Smedley) Young as the authorized official for GPS to sign any special education reimbursement claims from the State Department of Education for projects 621, 623, 625, 641 and 642.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10D. **President Pierson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Activity Fund Handbook for 2020-2021.**

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Plagg to approve Activity Fund Handbook for 2020-2021.

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

- 10E. President Pierson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Jr. High School Student Handbook for 2020-2021.**

**A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve the Jr. High School Student Handbook for 2020-2021.**

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

- 10F. President Pierson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Faver Alternative School Student Handbook for 2020-2021.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Sallee to approve the Faver Alternative School Student Handbook for 2020-2021.**

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

- 10G. President Pierson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Guthrie High School Student Handbook for 2020-2021.**

**A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Smedley to approve the Guthrie High School Student Handbook for 2020-2021.**

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

- 10H. President Pierson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Guthrie High School Course Description Handbook for 2020-2021.**

**A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Schroder to approve the Guthrie High School Course Description Handbook for 2020-2021.**

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

- 10I. President Pierson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Memorandum of Understanding between Meridian Technology Center and Guthrie Public Schools for supplemental funding for Guthrie Middle School Gateway to Technology Programs for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for 2020-2021.**

**A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Meridian Technology Center and Guthrie Public Schools for supplemental funding for Guthrie Middle School Gateway to Technology Programs for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for 2020-2021.**

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

- 10J. President Pierson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon loan agreement with Child Nutrition Fund for 2020-2021.**

**A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Sallee to approve loan agreement with Child Nutrition Fund for 2020-2021.**

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

- 10K. President Pierson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon agreement with Imperial Vending for snack vending for 2020-2021.**

**A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Schroder to approve agreement with Imperial Vending for snack vending for 2020-2021.**

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

- 10L. President Pierson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon agreement with Renaissance Learning, Inc.**

**Discussion followed.**

**A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Sallee to approve the agreement with Renaissance Learning, Inc.**

**The motion carried with 6 ayes, 1 abstention and 0 nays-Member Davis abstaining.**

- 10M. President Pierson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon renewal agreement with Northwest Evaluation Association.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Sallee to approve the renewal agreement with Northwest Evaluation Association.**

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

- 10N. President Pierson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Edgenuity Virtual Classroom for 2020-2021.**

**Discussion followed.**

**A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve Edgenuity Virtual Classroom for 2020-2021.**

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

- 10O. President Pierson called for recommendation, consideration and action upon agreement with Follett School Solutions, Inc. for library inventory software for 2020-2021.**

**A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve agreement with Follett School Solutions, Inc. for library inventory software for 2020-2021.**

**Discussion followed.**

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

- 10P. President Pierson called for agreement with Betsy Chen, BCBA of BC Behavioral LLC, to provide specialized services relating to the provision of educational and behavioral services for students for 2020-2021.**

**A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Sallee to approve the agreement with Betsy Chen, BCBA of BC Behavior LLC, to provide specialized services relating to the provision of educational and behavioral services for students for 2020-2021.**

**Discussion followed.**

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

- 10Q. President Pierson called for recommendation, consideration and vote to implement the COVID-19 Guidelines as submitted and to authorize the Superintendent to make such modifications as may be necessary from time to time provided that any material modification shall be reviewed by the Board of Education at its next meeting.**

**Discussion followed.**

**A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Sallee to implement the COVID-19 Guidelines as submitted and to authorize the Superintendent to make such modifications as may be necessary from time to time provided that any material modification shall be reviewed by the Board of Education at its next meeting.**

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

- 11. President Pierson 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 teacher negotiations for 2020-2021 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.**

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

**The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:36 p.m.**

- 11B. President Pierson acknowledged the board's return to open session at 8:13 p.m.**

- 11C. President Pierson stated that in executive session the following people were present: Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gina Davis, Janna Pierson, Ron Plagg, Travis Sallee, Chris Schroder, Tina Smedley and Dr. Mike Simpson. Only those items listed in agenda item 11 were discussed and no votes were taken.**

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

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

13. President Pierson 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.

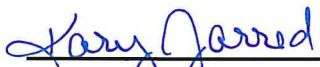
14. President Pierson called for discussion and possible action on new business not known about or could not have been reasonably foreseen at the time of the agenda posting.

Superintendent Simpson stated there was no new business.

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


The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

  
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~~Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk~~  
Kary Jarred, Deputy Minutes Clerk

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Janna Pierson, Board President

APPROVED

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