

**GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 10, 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 AUGUST 10, 2015

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

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 Pennington.
2. Members Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gail Davis, Janna Pierson, Travis Sallee, Tina Smedley, Sharon Watts and Terry Pennington were present for roll call.
3. A quorum was established.
4. President Pennington asked everyone present to stand and join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5A. President Pennington 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.
- 5B. President Pennington called for any comments to the Board by Board members.

There were no comments by Board members.

6. President Pennington called for the Superintendent's Reports.

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Key dates to be aware of: Thursday, August 13th at 9:00 a.m. is New Teacher Orientation- Board Members are invited to attend; Friday, August 14th at 8:00 a.m. is Convocation at GJHS; Monday, August 17th at 7:30 a.m. a Special Board Meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m. to consider the approval of the Negotiated Agreement; August 20th is the first day of school; Friday, August 28th-30th the CCOSA Conference will be held in OKC with Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Pierson, and Mrs. Smedley scheduled to attend.

Teachers returned to classrooms over the weekend. Thanked the custodial staff and maintenance staff for the work done to get our schools ready for another year.

Our new hire list for this year sits at 36 teachers which is down from 55 last year. We may have been in trouble this year if we were in need of 55 new hires as the pool of applicants is less than usual.

Had the opportunity to visit one on one with the new City Manager, Bruce Johnson, as well as the new Publisher of the Guthrie News Leader, Pam Nelson. Looking forward to working with both of them to make our community a better place.

7. President Pennington called for action on the Consent Agenda.

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.

8A. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon calculating the 2015-2016 school year by instructional hours.

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Smedley to approve calculating the 2015-2016 school year by instructional hours.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

8B. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon Teen Risk Avoidance and Character Education (TRACE) for 9th grade students.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Sallee to approve the Teen Risk Avoidance and Character Education (TRACE) for 9th grade students.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

8C. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract with Parent Education Program, formerly known as Oklahoma Parents as Teachers (OPAT) Program, for 2015-2016.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve the contract with Parent Education Program, formerly known as Oklahoma Parents as Teachers (OPAT) Program, for 2015-2016.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 8D. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon School Bus Driver's and Monitor's Handbook for 2015-2016.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Smedley to approve the School Bus Driver's and Monitor's Handbook for 2015-2016.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 8E. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon School Bus Rider's Handbook for 2015-2016.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Smedley and seconded by Pierson to approve the School Bus Rider's Handbook for 2015-2016.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 8F. President Pennington called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract with Schoolwires Inc. to host the District website for 2015-2016.**

Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve the contract with Schoolwires, Inc. to host the District website for 2015-2016.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9. President Pennington 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, teacher negotiations 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, 2 and 7.**

- 9A. A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Sallee to go into executive session.**

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:19 p.m.

- 9B. President Pennington acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 7:49 p.m.**

- 9C. President Pennington stated that in executive session only those items listed in Agenda**

Item 9 were discussed and no votes were taken.

10. President Pennington called for a vote on action as set out on the Personnel Reports.

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

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

Superintendent Simpson stated we had received the resignation of Whitney Lynn, Para Professional/Pre-Kindergarten Aide at Cotteral Elementary. The resignation is effective immediately.

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Sallee to accept the resignation of Whitney Lynn.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

12. President Pennington 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 were two new items for consideration by the Board: transfer of position for Robert Hall from Cafeteria Manager at Fogarty to Cafeteria Manager at GUES; transfer of position for Lisa Green from Cafeteria Worker at Cotteral to Cafeteria Manager at Fogarty.

A motion was made by Watts and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve the transfers of positions for Robert Hall from Cafeteria Manger at Fogarty to Cafeteria Manager at GUES and for Lisa Green from Cafeteria Worker at Cotteral to Cafeteria Manager at Fogarty.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

13. A motion was made by Sallee and seconded by Watts to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



Terry Pennington, Board President

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