

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

MINUTES OF THE GUTHRIE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING HELD AT 6:30 P.M. CONDUCTED THROUGH VIDEOCONFERENCE ON APRIL 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 6:35 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.
- 6A. President Smedley asked the Superintendent if there were any citizens registered to speak to the Board.

Superintendent Simpson stated that a comment was sent in through email by Joe Webb regarding distance learning procedures/concerns. The comment was read aloud by Dr. Simpson.

- 6B. President Smedley called for any comments to the Board by Board members.

Member Pierson thanked GPS personnel for all the work they've done during this situation.

7. President Smedley called for the Superintendent's Reports.

Superintendent Simpson reported on the following:

Wished Board Member Davis a happy birthday from Saturday and Board Member Sallee a happy birthday today.

Reported parents were notified by email on Sunday, March 29th about the district transition to distance learning. This information was also placed on the district website as well as various social media platforms. Teachers are also reaching out to their students to provide assistance in many different ways.

Reported that based on the guidance we have received, we estimate the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund of the CARES Act will provide our district with just over \$800,000 that we expect to receive later this month. It appears we will have much greater flexibility with this money than what schools were allowed with the AARA Funds 10 years ago.

Reported that we continue to monitor when the COVID-19 peak for Oklahoma will be and how the curve could flatten in order to entertain the possibility of a commencement ceremony later in the year. Mr. LeGrande has scheduled a virtual meeting through the platform Google Meets with 7 student leaders on Tuesday evening to gain feedback about commencement.

Announced that today, we began opening Fogarty to two teachers so they may begin to pack up their rooms. We are starting at Fogarty because of the summer renovations scheduled for that building. We are hoping to be able to accomplish this in other buildings beginning May 1st. This afternoon, we began having head custodians back in the buildings to perform limited cleaning. This limited access is to avoid having more than 10 people in buildings and reduce exposure for the safety of our staff. We are still unable to allow the public to collect personal articles in the classrooms.

Recognized all of our staff and the work they've done in essentially 10 days to prepare for distance learning. Also recognized the Child Nutrition Staff for feeding an amazing number of meals. Stated that in many cases, this is the only meal some of the students are receiving.

8. President Smedley called for action on the Consent Agenda.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Plagg to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item 8A, minutes of regular meeting held on March 9, 2020 and item 8B, minutes of special meeting held on March 24, 2020.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve item 8A, minutes of regular meeting held on March 9, 2020.

The motion carried with 4 ayes and 3 abstentions-members Schroder, Sallee and Pierson abstaining.

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to approve item 8B, minutes of special meeting held on March 24, 2020.

The motion carried with 6 ayes and 1 abstention-member Sallee abstaining.

- 9A. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action upon contract for auditing services for 2020-2021 for fiscal year 2019-2020.**

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to approve contract with Putnam & Company, PLLC for auditing services for 2020-2021 for fiscal year 2019-2020.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9B. President Smedley called to receive bids for the purchase of \$400,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2020A of the District and vote to award said bonds to the lowest bidder complying with the Notice of Sale and Instructions to Bidders.**

A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Schroder to award the bid to Farmers and Merchants Bank for the purchase of \$400,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2020A of the District and vote to award said bonds to Farmers and Merchants Bank as complying with the Notice of Sale and Instructions to Bidders.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9C. President Smedley called to consider and vote on a resolution providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds in the sum of \$400,000 by Independent School District Number 1, Logan County, Oklahoma, authorized at an election called and held for such purpose; prescribing form of bonds; designating bonds as “General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2020A”; providing for the registration thereof; establishing the school district’s reasonable expectation with respect to issuance of tax-exempt obligations in calendar year 2020 and designating bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligations”; approving the form of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate; providing for the levy of an annual tax for the payment of principal of and interest on the same; and fixing other details of the issue.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Sallee to approve a resolution providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds in the sum of \$400,000 by Independent School District Number 1, Logan County, Oklahoma, authorized at an election called and held for such purpose; prescribing form of bonds; designating bonds as “General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2020A”; providing for the registration thereof; establishing the school district’s reasonable expectation with respect to issuance of tax-exempt obligations in calendar year 2020 and designating bonds as “qualified tax-exempt obligations”; approving the form of a Continuing Disclosure Certificate; providing for the levy of an annual tax for the payment of principal of and interest on the same; and fixing other details of the issue.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9D. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action to award the bid for the wooden floor installation in the North Gym at Guthrie High School.**

A motion was made by Davis and seconded by Pierson to award the bid for the wooden floor installation in the North Gym at Guthrie High School to Sports Unlimited in the amount of \$76,780.

Discussion followed.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9E. President Smedley called for discussion, consideration and vote to grant the request to Anderson & House, Inc. to withdraw its bid for summer projects at GPS and to exonerate the bidder and its surety from liability under the bid bond.**

A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to grant the request to Anderson & House, Inc. to withdraw its bid for summer projects at GPS and to exonerate the bidder and its surety from liability under the bid bond.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 9F. President Smedley called for recommendation, consideration and action to award the bid for summer projects at GPS.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Davis to award the bid for summer projects at GPS to TCS Construction for the base bid of \$1,453,400 and to reject alternates 1, 2 and 3.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

- 10. President Smedley 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 2020-2021 and discussion of 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.**

- 10A. A motion was made by Plagg and seconded by Schroder to go into executive session.**

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays. Executive session began at 7:01 p.m.

- 10B. President Smedley acknowledged the Board's return to open session at 7:10 p.m.**

- 10C. President Smedley stated that in executive session the following people were present: Jennifer Bennett-Johnson, Gina Davis, Janna Pierson, Ron Plagg, Travis Sallec, Chris Schroder, Tina Smedley and Dr. Mike Simpson. Only those items listed in Agenda Item 10 were discussed and no votes were taken.**

11. **President Smedley called for vote on action as set out on the Personnel Reports.**

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

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

12. **President Smedley called for action upon recommendation to employ career and probationary contract teachers as listed for 2020-2021.**

A motion was made by Pierson and seconded by Bennett-Johnson to employ career and probationary contract teachers as listed for 2020-2021.

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

13. **President Smedley 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.

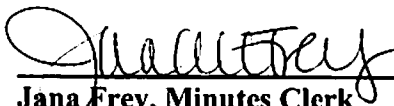
14. **President Smedley called for discussion and possible action on new business not known about or could not have been reasonably foreseen at the time of the agenda posting.**

Superintendent Simpson stated there was no new business.

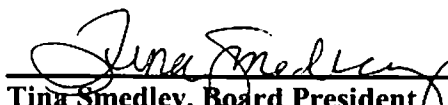
15. **A motion was made by Schroder and seconded by Plagg to adjourn the meeting.**

The motion carried with 7 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.




Jana Frey, Minutes Clerk



Tina Smedley, Board President

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