



State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS

Board of Juvenile Affairs and Board of Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School

Meeting Minutes January 16, 2019

Board Members Present

Sean Burrage

Tony Caldwell

Janet Foss

Stephen Grissom – arrived at 9:25 a.m.

Karen Youngblood

Absent

Mautra Jones

Jason Nelson

Guests

Quinton Chandler, Paul Haley, Richard Mann, John Smart, Tyler Talley, and Lisa Williams

Present from the Office of Juvenile Affairs

Janelle Bretten, Steven Buck, Paula Christiansen, Kevin Clagg, Dusty Dowdle, Donna Glandon, Rachel Holt, Travis Kirkpatrick, Len Morris, Audrey Rockwell, Leticia Sanchez, Terry Smith, Matt Stangl, Shelley Waller, and Melissa White

Call to Order

Chair Tony Caldwell, called the January 16, 2019, meeting of the Board of Juvenile Affairs and Board of Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School to order at 9:00 a.m. requested the Secretary to call the roll.

Public Comments

No public comment

Director's Report

Director Buck reported to the Board after discussing the agenda further with legal counsel agenda item VIII(D) would not be discussed during executive session but covered on agenda item IV(A). Director Buck ran through his report.

Update on the Next Generation Campus Project

Mr. Clagg updated the Board on the status of the bonds and discussed the calendar. Mr. Smith ran through an update on the DBE meetings and thanked Paul Haley for his assistance. Chair Caldwell echoed Mr. Smith's thanks to Paul Haley with OMES for his assistance. He also

recognized the work and effort of all the other individuals that have assisted during this process. He quoted Winston Churchill, "We have finally reached the end of the beginning."

Discussion and/or possible vote on next steps regarding contract negotiations with the leading candidate from the Office of Management Enterprise Services (OMES) Request for Proposal, CAP 18159DB

Judge Foss made the following motion: Having followed the protocols outlined in Title 61 of the Oklahoma Statutes, I move the OJA board authorize the Facilities subcommittee (Committee) enter into a negotiations conference on a contract for the construction of the OJA next generation campus. The Committee shall begin negotiations with the top bidder from Office of Management Enterprise Services (OMES) Request for Proposal, CAP 18159DB evaluation process. If the Committee is unsuccessful in those negotiations, it may engage the second place bidder from same CAP. Dr. Grissom seconded the motion.

Judge Foss commented on the length of the process, all of the details going into the consuming process. When taking an existing campus with its existing structures and creating a new campus around this structure with a uniformity and maintaining uniformity. She is willing to work with the top bidder to work to get OJA's needs met.

Chairman Caldwell took a moment to note that neither proposal met the required beds. OJA's preeminent goal is to come out of the negotiations with the 144 beds needed. The work ahead is how do to adjust the current proposals to meet our needs. He also requested that we keep that need foremost in our minds.

Aye: Burrage, Caldwell, Foss, Grissom, and Youngblood
Absent: Jones, Nelson

Chair Caldwell took a moment to thank Judge Foss and Dr. Grissom, along with the OJA staff specifically Terry Smith and Kevin Clagg, for their work.

Approval of Minutes for the November 14, 2018 Board Meeting

Vice Chair Youngblood moved to approve with a second by Mr. Burrage.

Aye: Burrage, Caldwell, Foss, Grissom, and Youngblood
Absent: Jones, Nelson

November 14, 2018 board minutes approved.

Election of the 2019 Board of Juvenile Affairs Chair

Judge Foss moved Chair Tony Caldwell continue in the position, there were no other nominations, Mr. Burrage seconded the nomination.

Aye: Burrage, Caldwell, Foss, Grissom, and Youngblood
Absent: Jones, Nelson

Principal Sanchez updated on work by Mr. Weaver to coordinate work with Oklahoma Christian and Seminole State College to assist OYACS students and potentially offer classes as practicums. She discussed conversations with Vatterott college donation to OYACS. Those talks are ongoing. She acknowledged School Board appreciation month and discussed the apple given to each board member.

Chair Caldwell asked Superintendent White if she would be able to report on the attainment levels of OJA youth outside of the facilities. She felt that would be potentially possible but difficult due to short stays in certain facilities. Chairman Caldwell was distressed by the lack of interest by certain facilities in assisting youth in obtaining educational opportunities.

Superintendent White clarified her statements. Chair Caldwell thanked her for her work and challenged her that children in our care outside of our facilities are obtaining the same level of care as the children in our facilities. He wasn't sure how but maybe it is extending OYACS or if there is a better option.

Dr. Grissom clarified the problems with obtaining information from schools due to stringent confidentiality laws. He believes a better job could be done but he is not sure how to find the leverage to make that happen. Specifically children with Individual Education Plans (IEP) it is wrong not to handle their educational needs appropriately.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve the 2018-2019 year-to-date Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School Finance Report

Vice Chair Youngblood moved to approve with a second by Mr. Burrage and Judge Foss.

Aye: Burrage, Caldwell, Foss, Grissom, and Youngblood

Absent: Jones, Nelson

The 2018-2019 year-to-date OYACS Finance Report approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve modifications to the FY2019 encumbrances for the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School

Vice Chair Youngblood moved to approve with a second by Judge Foss.

Aye: Burrage, Caldwell, Foss, Grissom, and Youngblood

Absent: Jones, Nelson

FY2019 encumbrances for the Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School were approved.

Discussion and possible action to approve adjunct teacher status for Mikeal Goff, Auto Mechanics

Vice Chair Youngblood moved to approve with a second by Mr. Burrage.

Aye: Burrage, Caldwell, Foss, Grissom, and Youngblood

Absent: Jones, Nelson

Adjunct teacher status for Mikeal Goff, auto mechanics, approved.

Discussion and possible action to approve adjunct teacher status for Jim Weaver, History

Director Buck made a note about Mr. Weaver receiving the 2019 Mission Recipient. He also was a cofounder of RAM.

Vice Chair Youngblood moved to approve with a second by Judge Foss.

Aye: Burrage, Caldwell, Foss, Grissom, and Youngblood

Absent: Jones, Nelson

Adjunct teacher status for Jim Weaver, history, approved.

Executive Session

Assistant Attorney General Amy Stuart recommended entering executive session and reminded the Board that agenda item VIII(D) would not be discussed.

Mr. Burrage moved to enter executive session with a second by Vice Chair Youngblood.

Aye: Burrage, Caldwell, Foss, Grissom, and Youngblood

Absent: Jones, Nelson

Board entered executive session at 10:06 a.m.

Mr. Burrage moved to return from executive session with a second by Vice Chair Youngblood.

Aye: Burrage, Caldwell, Foss, Grissom, and Youngblood

Absent: Jones, Nelson

Board returned from executive session at 11:06 a.m.

Discussion and/or possible vote on items arising from Executive Session

Mr. Burrage moved to authorize the Attorney General's staff to proceed, under the parameters agreed upon in executive session, in Underwood v. State, with a second by Dr. Grissom.

Aye: Burrage, Caldwell, Foss, Grissom, and Youngblood

Absent: Jones, Nelson

Authorization to the Attorney General's staff to proceed, under the parameters agreed upon in executive session, in Underwood v. State approved.

Announcements/comments

Director Buck gave an update on the Santa Claus commission gifts this year for 345 young people.

Chairman Caldwell asked if anyone wanted to change their committee assignments to let him know.

Vice Chair Youngblood took a moment to thank the finance committee and Mr. Clagg for the transparency and work completed.

New business; as authorized by 25 O.S. § 311(A) (9)

No new business

Adjournment

Vice Chair Youngblood moved to adjourn with a second by Mr. Burrage.

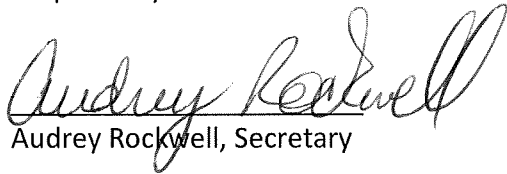
Aye: Burrage, Caldwell, Foss, Grissom, and Youngblood

Absent: Jones and Nelson

Chairman Caldwell adjourned the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

Minutes approved in regular session on the 20th day of February, 2019.

Prepared by:


Audrey Rockwell, Secretary

Signed by:


Tony Caldwell, Chairman