



State of Oklahoma

OFFICE OF JUVENILE AFFAIRS

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

Meeting Minutes November 14, 2018

Board Members Present

Sean Burrage – arrived at 9:19 a.m.

Tony Caldwell

Janet Foss

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

Mautra Jones

Jason Nelson

Karen Youngblood

Absent

Guests

Shawn Ashley, Lisa Williams, Robin McSpadden

Present from the Office of Juvenile Affairs

Janelle Bretten, Steven Buck, Paula Christiansen, Kevin Clagg, Donna Glandon, Rachel Holt, Misty Jobe, Carol Miller, Len Morris, Audrey Rockwell, Leticia Sanchez, Terry Smith, Matt Stangl, and Shelley Waller

Call to Order

Chair Tony Caldwell, called the November 14, 2018, special meeting of the Board of Juvenile Affairs and Board of Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School to order at 9:10 a.m. requested the Secretary to call the roll.

Public Comments

No public comment

Director's Report

Director Buck ran through his report.

Update on the Next Generation Campus Project

Mr. Kevin Clagg and Mr. Terry Smith updated the Board on the timeline and the meeting scheduled. Chairman Caldwell asked for the questions for the next Selection Committee meeting be distributed early to the Board for review. Discussion of the uniqueness of the girl's cottage and the fact they would have their own CMU. However, the cottage could be transitioned for other needs. Mr. Nelson asked if trend lines continue if the cottages could be transitioned for

other uses. That was confirmed. Judge Foss stated that space would be allocated for new cottages if trend lines move in the other direction. Dr. Grissom stated that historically OJA has been bed driven rather than the needs of the juvenile. Dr. Grissom believes that there will be a future where that is flexible. Where subunits could be created to fit the needs of the juveniles' on campus to make treatment more effective. Increasing the quality of care for our juveniles. Mr. Nelson asked how the new campus would work with visiting families. Mr. Smith referred back to the initial design and the intent to complete visits on unit. Chairman Caldwell spoke about his appreciation by the staff and the subcommittee for their work and attention to detail.

Approval of Minutes for the October 10, 2018 Board Meeting

Mr. Nelson moved to approve with a second by Mr. Burrage and Judge Foss.

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

Abstain: Jones

October 10, 2018 board minutes approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve the 2019 meeting schedule

Chairman Caldwell acknowledged that everyone would have conflicts with each option. Judge Foss asked if it would be possible to have meetings in the afternoon when the Board travels. Chairman Caldwell stated that he felt that was a possibility. Dr. Grissom stated that would affect his teaching schedule. Vice Chair Youngblood stated that the second Wednesday was bad for her schedule at the University. There was discussion about the second vs. the third Wednesday. Chairman Caldwell noted the importance of the December meeting being on the agenda.

Vice Chair Youngblood moved to approve the board meetings be held on the third Wednesday of each month in 2019 with a second by Dr. Grissom and Mr. Burrage.

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

2019 meeting schedule for the third Wednesday of the month was approved.

Discussion and/or possible vote to schedule a December 2018 special meeting

Chairman Caldwell recognized Director Buck to discuss the need for a special meeting. He referred to an upcoming meeting for the Next Generation campus which could result in the need for Board action. Additionally, there might be a need to vote on Rates and Standards. Chairman Caldwell asked the Secretary what option if December 12th was the best option. Secretary Rockwell confirmed that fit with the normal meeting schedule.

Mr. Nelson moved to approve having a special meeting on December 12, 2018, with a second by Vice Chair Youngblood.

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

December 12, 2018, was approved for a special meeting for December.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve rates and standards for Enhanced Level E Services at \$125.13 per bed per day

Ms. Jones moved to approve rates and standards for Enhanced Level E Services at \$125.13 per bed per day with a second by Vice Chair Youngblood.

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

Rates and standards for Enhanced Level E Services at \$125.13 per bed per day were approved.

School Administration Report

Chairman Caldwell recognized Principal Sanchez. Director Buck talked about his decision to add a school report to the agenda to address the School Board function of the OJA Governing Board. This report will give an overview of the last three years for Oklahoma Youth Academy Charter School.

Chairman Caldwell asked about the decrease in drop outs. Principal Sanchez stated that this was a change in communication and policy in how we worked with the juvenile and working towards GED if they get close to exiting the facility. Dr. Grissom asked about the juvenile's returning to public schools after release. Principal Sanchez believed that was a possibility and that Superintendent White would be able to better address that issue. Mr. Nelson asked if a Judge determines release for our custody if so, do they not inquire about their education moving forward. Can we be more proactive to address this issue? Dr. Grissom stated there are statutes in place that allow for violent offense adjudications not to be allowed to return to public school. Mr. Nelson asked if the juvenile's record were not protected and there is an exception for education. He further stated is a solution to extend OYACS to juveniles leaving our custody? Mr. Burrage asked, these students leave with a diploma, some with GED, and others with nothing, correct? Principal Sanchez stated that was correct. He asked if we tracked their success upon leaving OJA. She stated we do not. Director Buck reminded the Board that one of our legislative goals for 2018 addressed this issue but it was tabled. Chairman Caldwell asked what we would need to accomplish to offer OYACS to juvenile's outside of our facilities. Chairman Caldwell asked for further work on this issue. Dr. Grissom asked about the work on risk assessment and if we are aware of any work being done by the State Department of Education. Director Buck stated that there is a local control risk assessment. Therefore, it is left to the discretion of the administrator. Chief Operating Officer Holt agreed but articulated that the issue is the lack of an articulated risk assessment. Judge Foss asked if there were kids that were getting no assistance despite the work being done to assist them. Principal Sanchez informed them that happens. Mr. Nelson stated that is a child that will be in DOC.

Mr. Nelson asked for her to move back a few slides to the slide regarding credits. He asked for data regarding the juvenile being in custody. Chairman Caldwell would like to see the data from the past so that we can see where we came from. He also asked for data on bringing the

juvenile's to grade level. Mr. Nelson also asked about the difference on academic year vs. OYACS school year.

She updated the Board on the creation of a small engine repair program. This program will also include a small business entrepreneurial class. Chairman Caldwell asked if the Board could see the curriculum on the program.

Chairman Caldwell stated that there was a lot of interest in this issue and he could not wait for future reports.

Discussion and/or possible vote to approve the year-to-date OJA Finance Report

Mr. Burrage moved to approve with a second by Dr. Grissom.

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

Year-to-date OJA Finance Report approved.

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 Ms. Jones.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Director Buck took a moment to acknowledge that Principal Sanchez covers both the Central Oklahoma Juvenile Center and Southwest Oklahoma Juvenile Center and thank her for all the work that entails.

Executive Session

Mr. Nelson moved to enter executive session with a second by Ms. Jones.

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

Board entered executive session at 10:28 a.m.

Mr. Nelson moved to return from executive session with a second by Dr. Grissom.

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

Absent: Burrage

Board returned from executive session at 12:06 p.m.

Announcements/comments

Mr. Nelson thanked the group that attend the ALZ walk.

Director Buck reminded them that the special meeting will be held in Oklahoma City along with an invitation to the holiday party.

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

No new business

Adjournment

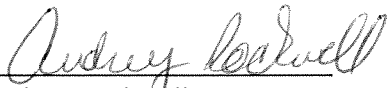
Vice Chair Youngblood moved to adjourn with a second by Ms. Jones and Mr. Nelson.

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

Chairman Caldwell adjourned the meeting at 12:08 a.m.

Minutes approved in regular session on the 16th day of January, 2019.

Prepared by:


Audrey Rockwell, Secretary

Signed by:


Tony Caldwell, Chairman