



# John Rex Charter School

## Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

June 21, 2018

### Board Directors

#### Present:

Joe Clytus  
Justin Ellis  
Kelly Feille, Ph.D.  
Phil Horning  
Kirk Humphreys  
Stan Hupfeld  
Robin Johnson  
Gary Jones  
Cristina McQuiston  
Jennifer Monies  
Charifa Smith  
Gail Vines

*This highlights newsletter is created for our families, staff, and the community in order to offer timely information related to recent JRCS board actions, discussions, or reports given at the most recent meeting.*

*These notes are highlights from the meeting listed above and should not be considered officially approved minutes of the meeting.*

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### Bittersweet Farewell to Molly Goldsworthy



The board of directors shared its appreciation and thanks to assistant head of school Molly Goldsworthy. She will leave John Rex Charter School to serve as principal at the Catholic School of St. Eugene in Oklahoma City. Molly played an integral role in the formation of John Rex's educational philosophy and was instrumental in successfully opening the school in 2014.

Chairperson Phil Horning said, "This is an impressive young lady. Thank you so much for your hard work and service at John Rex Charter School. You will be greatly missed!"

Molly shared a heartfelt letter with the board. She will continue to serve in her leadership role at JRCS until the end of June.

### Consent Agenda

- Minutes from the April 19, 2018, board meeting were approved.
- Financial reports from April 2018 and May 2018 were approved.
- Purchase orders #106-132 were approved.
- Out-of-district student transfers (open and emergency) for SY 18-19 were approved.
- Contract renewals for vendors were approved.

### Discussion & Actions

**BOARD OF DIRECTOR SEATS:** The board reappointed **Cristina McQuiston** as an independent board member for another three-year term. The seat expires June 30, 2021.

- OKC Public Schools  
**Robin Johnson & Gail Vines** will continue to serve on the board; however, their terms expired June 30, 2017. (OKCPS has taken no action on these two seats.)  
Seats held by **Carrie Jacobs** and **Justin Ellis** will expire June 30, 2018.
- OKC Quality Schools  
**Joe Clytus** and **Nathaniel Harding** were renewed by OKCQS at its meeting in February 2018. They will begin new three-year terms that will expire on June 30, 2021.
- Independent seats  
**Charifa Smith**, representing an independent seat on the board, submitted her resignation from the board effective June 30, 2018. Her seat term expires in June 2019.
- Board Candidate Introductions  
**Ellen Buettner** was introduced at the meeting. She will be considered for a seat that will expire June 30, 2018. Alicia Currin-Moore withdrew her candidacy.

**CHILD NUTRITION:** Gail Vines led a discussion about the school's kitchen. The topic focused on the state-of-the-art equipment and its potential to provide students with more healthy food choices.

## Meeting Dates

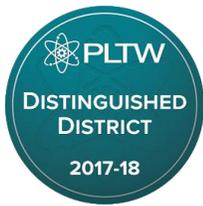
July 19, 2018

September 20, 2018

November 15, 2018

## Public Comments

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**INSURANCE COVERAGE AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION:** The board unanimously approved quotes from Beckman Company for insurance coverages with Oklahoma Schools Insurance Group (OSIG) and workers' compensation insurance with Oklahoma School Assurance Group (OSAG) for SY 2018-19.

**EMPLOYMENT:** The board went into executive session to discuss the employment and contract for Head of School/Superintendent Dr. Joe Pierce. The board unanimously approved a one-year contract renewal for Dr. Pierce in open session. Board members commended Dr. Pierce for his outstanding leadership.

**BUDGET:** The board discussed and approved the preliminary draft operational budget for FY19. Pending additional financial information regarding the state aid allocation from the State Department of Education, a final operational budget will be presented at the July board meeting.

## HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT:

- Director Charifa Smith attended her last board meeting on June 21. She resigned from her seat and is moving to New York City with her family. The board thanked her for her service and work.
- Molly Goldsworthy submitted her resignation after serving as John Rex Charter Elementary School's Assistant Head of School for four years. She will be leading St. Eugene's Catholic School as school principal. She plans to continue with her responsibilities at John Rex until the end of June.
- JRCS was awarded a \$600,000 charter expansion grant through federal funds for the addition of a sixth-grade class.
- PTA's Fuel Up! Fundraiser and Auction in January raised approximately \$60,000. The PTA plans to allocate \$45,000 to JRCS to assist the school with the cost of employing a full-time Spanish teacher, continued art instruction provided by the Arts Council, and additional playground equipment.
- The school's website updates are in progress; more information about the middle school will be available online.
- Enrollment interest at JRCS continues to grow. There are now 547 students on the waiting list for 2018-19. The number is more than double the amount of students at JRCS when it opened in 2014.
- Personnel Report for 2018-19:
  - Heather Zacarias will serve as John Rex Charter School's new director of elementary education.
  - A complete faculty & staff roster was shared with the board. At the time of the meeting, only one pre-K position is left to fill; interviews are in progress



## Board Member Comments

- Charifa Smith thanked the board of directors for their support and said it was a pleasure serving together.
- Gail Vines encouraged the board to keep in mind the importance of having a library for students, as it is a haven for children to reflect.
- Justin Ellis shared kind words with Phil Horning about his leadership role on the board.