



# John Rex Charter School

## Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

### June 21, 2018

*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.*

*Additional information about the Board of Directors, links to board policies & bylaws, as well as minutes from previous meetings may be found on our website at [www.johnrexschool.org](http://www.johnrexschool.org)*

#### **Board Directors Present**

Ellen Buettner  
Joe Clytus  
Justin Ellis  
David Greenwell  
Nathaniel Harding  
Phil Horning  
Kirk Humphreys  
Stan Hupfeld  
Jace Kirk  
Cristina McQuiston  
Jennifer Monies  
Ruth Veales

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

September 20  
November 15

#### **Welcome to our newest board members**

OKCPS appointed individuals to serve/continue to serve on the John W. Rex Charter Elementary School Board of Directors, as follows: **Phil Horning** to continue to serve (term July 1, 2016, thru June 30, 2019); **Gary Jones** to continue to serve (term July 1, 2016, thru June 30, 2019); **Gail Vines** to continue to serve (term July 1, 2017, thru June 30, 2020); Robin Johnson, stepping down; **Justin Ellis** filling seat Robin Johnson vacated (term July 1, 2017, thru June 30, 2020); **Ruth Veales** filling seat Justin Ellis vacated (term July 1, 2018, thru June 30, 2021); Carrie Jacobs, stepping down; and **Jace Kirk** filling seat Carrie Jacobs vacated (term July 1, 2018, thru June 30, 2021).

In other action, **Ellen Buettner**, representing an independent seat on the board, was unanimously approved to fulfill Charifa Smith's vacant seat. The term of this seat expires in June 2019.

#### **Consent Agenda**

- Minutes from the June 21, 2018, board meeting was approved.
- Financial report from June, 2018 was approved.
- Purchase orders #1-102 FY19 were approved.
- Additional emergency transfers for SY 18-19 were approved.
- Contract agreement renewal with Hickman Law Group was approved.

#### **Discussion & Actions**

- Based on the SDE's announcement of an increase in state aid allocated to the School, a revised operational budget for FY19 was unanimously approved. This increase will cover significant increases in teacher/support salaries, as mandated by recent state legislation.
- School activity accounts for FY19 were unanimously approved with no changes from the previous school year.
- Information regarding a recent policy review and potential future updates to board was presented and discussed. Minor changes in Section A related to state/federal regulations were discussed as well as language changes needed to provide consistency throughout all board policies related to our recent adoption of a non-discrimination policy as well as changes in federal and/or state law. Chairman Horning requested that future updates to policies be written so that they are reader friendly to the public.

#### **Head of School Report**

Dr. Pierce shared introduced Heather Zacharias, new Director of Elementary Education. He gave an update on: construction renovations at Myriad Gardens for sixth grade, information about the increase in teacher salaries, organizational structure modifications, board training opportunities, and July personnel actions.

#### **Board Member Comments**

- Justin Ellis welcomed all new board members.
- Phil Horning echoed Mr. Ellis's comments and then thanked those that have offered care and support to him recently.
- Ruth Veales shared her personal story about serving on the OKCPS board and added that she desires to also serve JRCS board in order to help all children.
- Kirk Humphreys inquired about enrollment numbers and pointed out that the demand for admission to JRCS outweighs the school's capacity at this time. Discussion followed that the number of families on the waiting list is nearly the size of the current school population- suggesting an opportunity in the future to potentially serve additional children under the John Rex model.

#### **Public Comments**

- Rebecca Budd shared information about an upcoming project that OKCPS is conducting related to a survey of all facilities in the OKCPS District.