



This newsletter is created for the benefit of 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 approved official 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 located at www.johnrexschool.org

Board Directors Present

- Ellen Buettner
- Nathaniel Harding
- Gary Jones
- Chris Kavanaugh
- Cristina McQuiston
- Jennifer Monies
- Gail Vines

Next Regular Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2020
at 12:00PM
Myriad Botanical Gardens
301 W. Reno, OKC

John Rex Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

February 20, 2020

Presentations

Anthony McDermid from TAP Architecture- Anthony updated our board members and guests on the progress of the McAlpine Center Middle School expansion. Construction manager interviews conducted by TAP and the JRCS building committee took place that evening. The selection of a CM firm will speed things along as we plan to start construction in March.

Jeff Hewett from Sanders, Bledsoe & Hewitt; CPA- The 2018-19 annual audit results were presented. The auditor noted there were no significant deficiencies in the internal controls over financial reporting and that the audit disclosed no instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements.

Heather Zacarias, Interim Superintendent & Director of Elementary- Heather reported on the progress of clusters at the elementary site, school wide student mentoring partnership with Enable Midstream and elementary staff, City Rescue Mission partnership and staff professional development including a staff field trip to visit CRM on March 4th, Bank of Oklahoma Advertisement featuring John Rex Rockets posted at Will Rogers International Airport over the next 6 months, and the Garden Groundbreakers Middle School program with the Myriad Garden; featured on the cover Public Garden Magazine as well as highlighted in an article. She also updated the board on enrollment.

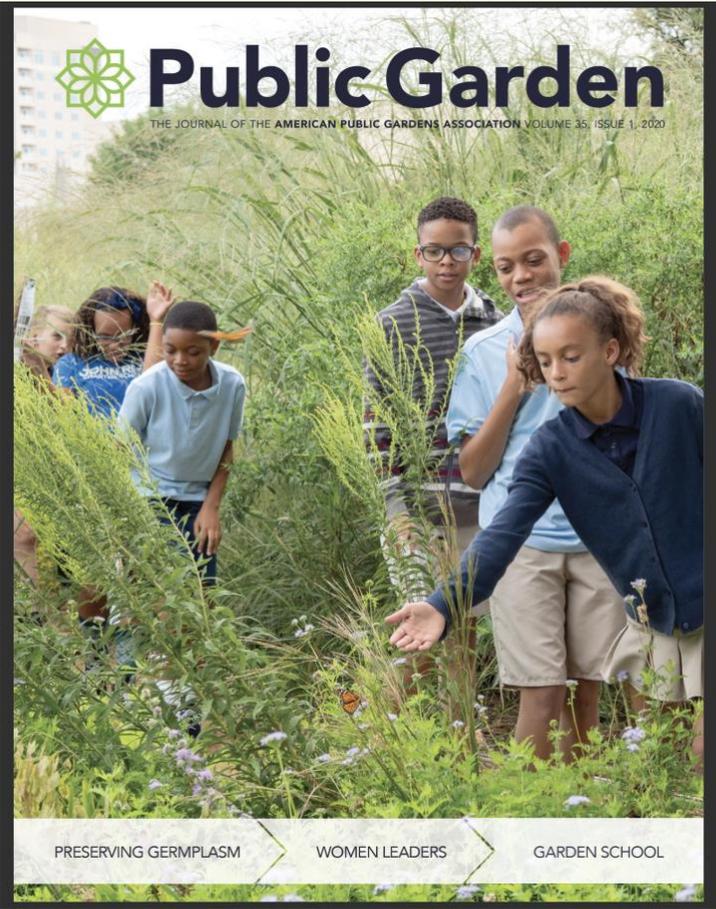
- 630 students returned their intent to enroll forms
- 302 eligible students submitted applications through the lottery
- 31 PreK siblings who are Tier 2 have indicated intent to enroll

Consent Agenda Unanimously Approved

- Minutes from the November 2019 & January 2020 board meetings were approved.
- November 2019, December 2019 & January 2020 Financial Reports were approved.
- Purchase orders #115-127 were approved.

Action Item & Discussion Highlights

- The board voted unanimously to approve the election of new board officers as follows:
 - a. Vice President- Ellen Buettner
 - b. Secretary- Gary Jones
 - c. Vice-Secretary- Christopher Kavanaugh
- Jeff Hewitt, auditor, presented and discussed the results of the 2018-19 audit. He stated that it was a “clean” audit with no findings. There were no recommendations and no need for any corrective action. Financials indicated that the school had approximately 18.6% carry over last year. A carryover is necessary to begin the next school year and for a growing school like JRCS to cover expenses until mid-term adjustments from the state are received in January the following year.
- The board approved the results of the 2018-19 audit conducted by Sanders, Bledsoe & Hewitt CPAs.
- The board voted unanimously to approve the Contract for Audit for 2019-2020 and the Engagement Letter for Audit for Sanders, Bledsoe & Hewitt.
- The board voted unanimously to approve establishing a gift fund for donations received in 2019-20 and subsequent donations received. The donation fund will be used for projects such as the McAlpine Middle School expansion.
- The board voted unanimously to approve reassigning from the general fund to the gift fund the following donations received in 2019-20: Inasmuch Foundation donation of \$500,000 for McAlpine MS expansion, Anschutz Foundation donation of \$15,000 and American Fidelity Foundation of \$10,000.
- The board voted unanimously to approve recommended changes by legal counsel to JRCS board policies. An updated board policy manual can be found on our website: www.johnrexschool.org
- The board voted unanimously to approve contract with Oklahoma Public Resource Center to assist in the Board’s superintendent search and hiring process. More information to come from Nathaniel Harding, board chair.



John Higginbotham, CEO, Bank of Oklahoma – Oklahoma City
 with students from John Rex Charter Elementary School

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