

Resolution

Whereas, Jean Bostwick served with distinction as a highly-valued member of Oklahoma City Public Schools' Leadership Team for nineteen years, from August, 2002, through September, 2021; and,

Whereas, Jean held the position of Controller during her first thirteen years with the district and served as Chief Finance Officer for the final six years of her tenure; and

Whereas, Jean oversaw over 5 billion budgeted revenues and 1.4 million paychecks issued to OKCPS employees, totaling over 3.2 billion dollars; and,

Whereas, Jean managed the authorization and ensured proper utilization of 3 bond authorizations (2001, 2007, and 2016) totaling 572 million dollars.

Whereas, Jean's leadership played a pivotal role in the district receiving clean annual financial audits—every year—since 2003; and,

Whereas, Jean's list of accomplishments improving the Finance Department's operations and structure includes but is not limited to: the creation of the School Accounting Department, which trains school sites on Student Activity Funds; moving Student Activity Funds from WenGage to SAP, which resulted in more efficient processing of the same; and transitioning from paper to electronic archives of financial records which significantly reduced paper, toner, and labor costs; and,

Whereas, working closely with the Board, Superintendent, and Cabinet, Jean was instrumental in smoothly guiding the district through the multitude of finance-related challenges associated with the implementation of the large scale, system-wide Pathway to Greatness (P2G) initiative, realigning numerous OKCPS facilities and resources with instructional needs and Board Policy A-08, Vision for Equity; and,

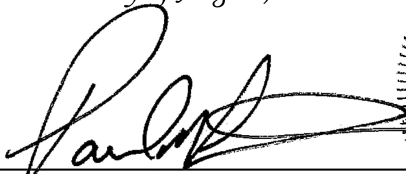
Whereas, Jean consistently made it a priority to recognize and publicly praise Finance Department team members and cooked breakfast for them, once a year; and,

Whereas, known for an unwavering commitment to operating within state and federal laws, Board policies, and district regulations, Jean gained a reputation as a courteous, professional co-worker, friend, and mentor to her fellow team members who was generous with her time, could be counted on to consistently meet or exceed deadlines, was always thinking and planning ahead and tied every project to putting the OKCPS kids first; and,

Whereas, Jean's exhaustive knowledge, experience, and expertise in all areas of school finance resulted in her earning the respect of board members, superintendents, colleagues, and district partners and lead to her being an invaluable asset to the board, especially in her role advising the board's sub-committees focused on bonds, budgets, and finance.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Oklahoma City Public Schools Board of Education, take great pride in recognizing and honoring Mrs. Jean Bostwick for her considerable achievements during her tenure as Controller and Chief Finance Officer for the district. And, we extend our sincere appreciation for her steadfast dedication to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the district's financial operations, which empowered our dedicated teachers, administrators, and staff to provide a world class education to our precious students, efforts that will pay dividends in the lives of OKCPS students and families and district operations for years to come and for which the taxpayers funding this district can be proud of.

Dated this 9th day of August, 2021.

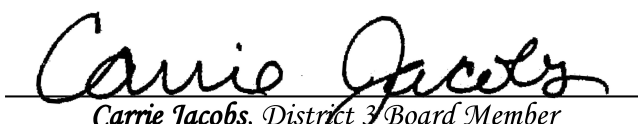

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