

Resolution

Whereas, Carrie Coppernoll Jacobs served with distinction on the Oklahoma City Public Schools (OKCPS) Board of Education (BOE) from February, 2016, through June, 2022, having twice been elected by the voters of OKCPS Board District Three to represent the students, families and citizens therein; and,

Whereas, during her tenure on the OKCPS BOE, Carrie faithfully served as Vice Chair of the Board (2019-2020), Chairwoman of the Operations Committee, Co-Chair of the Bond Committee, and member of the Academics Committee and the John W. Rex Charter Elementary School Board of Directors; and,

Whereas, within months of starting her first term on the Board, Carrie created the Board's Policies Committee and served as its Chairwoman until May, 2022. Carrie raised the bar on the time and energy the Board applied to focusing on policy making and maintenance, spending innumerable hours reviewing and discussing suggested revisions with the Policies Committee and the Board, resulting in two major overhauls of the canon of OKCPS Board Policies, streamlining, updating, and improving the same in July of 2016 and November of 2021, and led efforts resulting in the creation of many new and revision of hundreds of existing policies throughout her tenure, notable highlights include Fund Balance (C-30), Medical Marijuana (F-33), Charter Schools (I-22), Student Uniform and Dress Code (F-22), Decennial Redistricting of School Board Districts (B-16), Law Enforcement in Schools (F-32), and Bond Oversight and Planning Committee (C-04); and,

Whereas, Carrie authored revisions to the Board's Nondiscrimination Policy (G-02), including language to protect individuals' "gender identity or expression" (placing OKCPS as one of the first school districts, nationwide, to do so) and contributed to the creation of the Vision for Equity Policy (A-08), the value, timing, and importance of which cannot be overstated; and,

Whereas, Carrie worked diligently with fellow Board members and staff to increase the uniformity of the district's contracts with charter schools; and,

Whereas, in May of 2018, Carrie joined the majority of her colleagues in voting to hire Dr. Sean McDaniel as Superintendent of Schools, the longest serving superintendent, next to Karl Springer, in the past 22 years; and,

Whereas, under Carrie's leadership, as its Chairwoman, the Operations Committee played a key role in laying the foundation for the Pathway to Greatness (P2G) project that resulted in a comprehensive realignment of district resources to best meet the needs of the students; and,

Whereas, Carrie enthusiastically joined her colleagues on the Board in support of the decision to rename schools previously named after confederate generals and led the effort to rename the district's new administrative building, opened in June, 2020, as the Clara Luper Center for Educational Services and the Board's resolution memorializing this historic action honoring Ms. Luper; and,

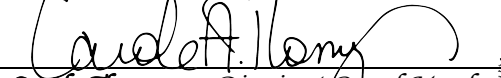
Whereas, Carrie consistently contributed very relevant, concise questions and comments that helped clarify matters being deliberated by the Board during its meetings, a skill likely honed during her tenure at "The Oklahoman" as the education beat reporter covering the OKCPS district, the State Department of Education, and education trends; and,

Whereas, with two daughters of her own who attend OKCPS schools, Carrie's passion, and steadfast commitment to always do what is in the best interest of students and their families, even when doing so was not always popular or easy, was undeniable.

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 Carrie Coppernoll Jacobs for her unwavering dedication to serving the students, parents, staff and community members of this district.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2022.

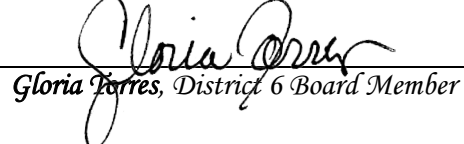

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