

Resolution

Whereas, Rebecca Budd, served with distinction on the Oklahoma City Public Schools (OKCPS) Board of Education, representing the students, families, staff and citizens residing in District 2, from April 17, 2017, through April 9, 2021; and,

Whereas, Mrs. Budd faithfully served as a member of the Board's Budget and Finance, Operations, and Policies Committees and as Chairperson of the Board's Charter Schools Task force; and,

Whereas, Mrs. Budd joined the Board in championing the development and approval of the OKCPS Equity policy and has consistently put great emphasis on ensuring students and families of color in the District were given resources and opportunities in the most equitable manner possible; and,

Whereas, Mrs. Budd actively participated on the Superintendent Search Committee, which led to the hiring of Dr. Sean McDaniel, who has proven to be an excellent fit for OKCPS and is already among the longest serving district leaders to date; and,

Whereas, Mrs. Budd was instrumental in the launch and completion of the Facilities Management Plan that served as the basis for Superintendent Sean McDaniel's Pathway to Greatness (P2G), a phased process that realigned OKCPS facilities and resources with instructional needs to reinvent our district for the benefit of all students, regardless of where they live; and,

Whereas, Mrs. Budd joined the Board in wholeheartedly supporting OKCPS educators as they joined other educators, students, staff and concerned citizens from around the state as they used their voices at the Capitol during the 2018 Oklahoma Teacher Walkout which resulted in a significant teacher pay raise; and,

Whereas, Mrs. Budd leveraged her role on the Budget & Finance Committee to champion forward-thinking financial policies and management practices to include the Fund Balance Policy, a multi-year budget forecasting model and process, and numerous staff pay raises that resulted in the highest average teacher salary in the state; and,

Whereas, Mrs. Budd encouraged and led internal and external leaders to streamline enterprise and charter contracts and policy to close the equity gap, eliminate inconsistencies, and bolster accountability; and,

Whereas, after serving as a school volunteer at Martin Luther King Elementary for many years, Mrs. Budd utilized her role on the Board to augment the district Volunteer Services policy to allow those previously ineligible an opportunity to appeal for consideration to volunteer; and,

Whereas, Mrs. Budd joined the Board in supporting the development of a new administrative building which opened in June 2020 and is known today as the Clara Luper Center for Educational Services and houses the district's new public and board meeting space which allows for online participation to further increase district transparency; and,

Whereas, Mrs. Budd served as a passionate and knowledgeable voice for OKCPS students, families and staff on numerous local and state committees and task forces such the State Superintendent's School Board Advisory Council and Mayor Holt's Committee on Disability Concerns; and,

Whereas, Mrs. Budd actively supported the district's anti-discrimination policy and championed an annual resolution in March for OKCPS to celebrate National Disability Awareness Month, along with a variety of other resolutions to celebrate influential and diverse members of our community who have contributed to the success of OKCPS; and,

Whereas, Mrs. Budd personally led efforts to repurpose Putnam Heights Elementary so it could serve OKCPS students as the new Putnam Heights Academy when it became our alternative school; and having invited the Putnam Heights neighborhood association and other caring community partners to the table to welcome and support our students and staff; and,

Whereas, Mrs. Budd brought highly-developed research and data analysis skills to her numerous roles on the OKCPS Board, consistently encouraging the Board and Administration to invest in and take advantage of well-designed data collection mechanisms and to make decisions based on proven data-supported outcomes; and,


Whereas, Mrs. Budd was unwavering in her efforts to always hold the District and staff accountable but was equally committed to extending deep appreciation to and celebrating those who achieved outcomes that improved District operations and student achievement; and,

Whereas, in her various roles on the OKCPS Board, Mrs. Budd spent countless hours researching issues and collaborating with students, families, staff, members of the community, fellow Board members, and elected officials.

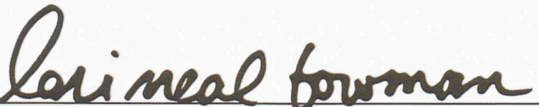
Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Oklahoma City Public Schools Board of Education, take great pride in recognizing and honoring Mrs. Rebecca Budd for her steadfast commitment to providing the highest quality education possible to the children in this school District.

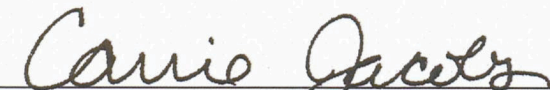
Dated this 12th Day of April, 2021.

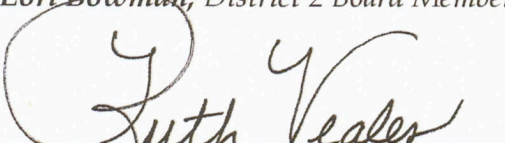


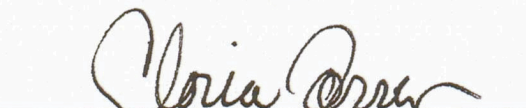

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