

Resolution

Whereas, Mark Mann served with distinction on the Oklahoma City Public Schools (OKCPS) Board of Education (BOE) from 2017 through 2024, having been appointed by the Board to fill the OKCPS BOE Election District Four Seat when it was vacated by his predecessor, mid-term, and was subsequently elected to two, four-year terms by the District Four voters to represent the students, families and citizens therein; and,

Whereas, Mark was elected by his peers to serve as Vice Chair for three, one-year terms and served as Chair of the Operations and Budget & Finance Committees; Co-Chair of the Bond Committee, and member of the Government Affairs Committee and Charter Schools Task Force; and,

Whereas, due to his strong belief in government entities operating transparently, as Chair of the Budget & Finance Committee, Mark championed the concept of three years of financial audits being available on the OKCPS Website, now a standing practice, which exceeds statutory requirements; and,

Whereas, working with the Operations Committee, fellow Board members, and Superintendent McDaniel, Mark played a key role in 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, Mark was appointed to three, two-year terms as the OKCPS BOE representative on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma State School Boards Association; and,

Whereas, Mark's wise counsel was invaluable to the Board, Superintendent, and Leadership Team, during the innumerable challenges faced by the District during the COVID-19 global pandemic; and,

Whereas, possessing exceptional communication and public relations skills, Mark was often asked for input by superintendents and the District's communications team when sensitive matters were being shared with the public; and,




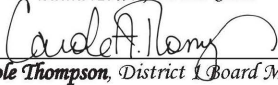

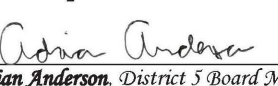


Whereas, Mark was the driving force behind the Board's resolution honoring the memory of the victims of the Holocaust, remembering those terrible events as a solemn reminder to remain vigilant against hatred, persecution, and tyranny and proclaiming that Oklahoma City Schools will always strive to promote human dignity and confront hate whenever and wherever it occurs; and,

Whereas, at the May 10, 2021, OKCPS BOE meeting, Mark enthusiastically joined his fellow Board members denouncing House Bill 1775; and,

Whereas, Mark brought a valuable perspective to all of the roles he played throughout his tenure on the Board, drawing upon knowledge gained from a Bachelor of Arts in International Government with a minor in History from the University of Oklahoma, decades of experience as an owner of an insurance agency, as a partner in a real estate investment firm, and as the director of school and community relations at the Oklahoma State Department of Education. His steady, calm demeanor, delightful sense of humor, and ability to succinctly define issues being discussed at Board of Education meetings, frequently helped the Board find solutions in the best interest of students and their families, school staff, the administration, and the taxpayers.

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 Mark Mann for his notable achievements during his tenure on the Board and extending our sincere appreciation for his untiring efforts and steadfast dedication to improving the education and enriching the lives of the children of this school District.

Dated this 12th day of February, 2024.

 Paula Lewis, Board Chair		 Lori Bowman, Vice Chair & District 2 Board Member
 Carole Thompson, District 1 Board Member		 Cary Pirrong, District 3 Board Member
 Adrian Anderson, District 5 Board Member		 Juan Lecona, District 6 Board Member
 Meg McElhane, District 7 Board Member		