

Oklahoma Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children Meeting

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

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On Wednesday, July 24, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. the Oklahoma Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children Commission met at the Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administration, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, chair, called the meeting to order. After the salute to the flag, she welcomed members and guests. Dr. Darrell Floyd introduced himself to the group as the new Oklahoma Commissioner, appointed by Governor Stitt.

Voting members present: Superintendent Joy Hofmeister and Dr. Darrell Floyd. Non-voting members present: Augelica Fleming, Jason Crosby, Nathan Covington, David Jackson, and Dr. Pam Deering. Members absent: Senator Adam Pugh, Dr. Shelly Ellis, Kurt Bollenbach, Melody Pankonin, and Brenda Spencer-Ragland. Supt. Hofmeister made the declaration that a quorum was not met after roll was called.

Supt. Hofmeister asked members to review the agenda for July 24, 2019 meeting and the minutes from the June 11, 2018 meeting. There was no quorum for an approval.

Dr. Pam Deering explained her resignation as commissioner due to her current job advocacy efforts that do not meet the requirements for the role of the Oklahoma Commissioner. She also gave an overview of the Interstate Compact for Oklahoma. Dr. Deering began serving as commissioner in 2009. Dr. Floyd reviewed the member chart and discussed who still needs to be appointed. Supt. Hofmeister expressed interest in appointing a former State Board of Education member as the Military Family Liaison. Augelica Fleming informed the group that Brenda Spencer-Ragland has retired and will need to be replaced. The invoice for FY20 Oklahoma dues has been received and will be paid. Dr. Deering explained to Dr. Floyd the process of gathering concerns from the people and reporting back to the school to resolve issues.

An update from the Military-based school liaisons reported from Altus Air Force Base, Tinker Air Force Base and Fort Sill:

Nathan Covington, Altus Air Force Base, reported that the main issue he comes across is counselors do not know about credit requirement changes.

Jason Crosby, Tinker Air Force Base, reported that many of the concerns that receives comes from two metro area districts. Mr. Crosby reiterated that the school counselors need to be made aware of the compact and need a better understanding of the difference in graduation credits among different states. He also mentioned that many of the pre-k first-come-first-serve policy hurts military families that come later in the year.

Augelica Fleming, Fort Sill, reported that they have had a high increase in international families, and there is an issue with interpreting transcripts. She also reported issues in Lawton, as some families want to attend schools outside of their zone.

David Jackson addressed the concern that some people think OSSAA is not military compact friendly due to residency requirements. He also explained that there is a waiver process for unusual circumstances.

In new business, Superintendent Hofmeister suggested that the next annual meeting be held during the legislative session to increase involvement from legislators.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.