

Oklahoma Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children Meeting Minutes

10:00 AM

Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Virtual (Zoom)

On Wednesday, June 23, 2021 at 10:00 AM the Oklahoma Council on Educational Opportunity for Military Children Commission met virtually via zoom. Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, chair, called the meeting to order. Roll was called and the group did the flag salute over zoom.

Voting members present: Superintendent Joy Hofmeister, Dr. Darrell Floyd, Dr. Rick Cobb, and Brian Bobek. Non-voting members present: Augelica Fleming, Nakisha Hall, Timmy Higgins and Judy Mott. Members absent: Senator Adam Pugh, Kevin Hime, and Dr. Shelly Ellis

Superintendent Hofmeister and members reviewed the agenda for the June 23, 2021 meeting and the minutes from the July 28, 2020 meeting. A motion was made by Brian Bobek with a second from Dr. Rick Cobb to approve the agenda for the July 23, 2021 meeting. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Brian Bobek with a second from Dr. Rick Cobb to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2020 meeting with a correction in paragraph five changing the word impact to compact. With the noted correction the motion carried.

Dr. Floyd provided a brief update of the Interstate Compact. He stated that the commission was designed to help make military students transition into schools as smooth as possible. Dr. Floyd gave an overview of some of the topics that are addressed in the Interstate Compact. He relayed that legislation was passed to designate April as Purple Up! month designated for the month of the military child. He reviewed the current Oklahoma MiC3 website and brought attention to updates that need to be made.

Dr. Floyd brought up the issue of whether or not to include the National Guard in MiC3 that will be addressed in the Interstate Compact Annual Business Meeting in Little Rock, AR Nov. 4-5, 2021. The group was in agreement that there is no reason they should not be included. A motion was made by Dr. Rick Cobb with a second from Brian Bobek to approve the inclusion of the National Guard in MiC3. The motion carried.

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

Timothy Higgins, Vance Air Force Base, reported that twice within the past two years he has dealt with families who have had challenges of moving from a state that uses a weighted GPA average to a state that does not.

Superintendent Joy Hofmeister stated that grades are a local district policy not on the state level. She mentioned one thing we could do is add in a component to the First Year Superintendent training that GPA of students who have moved is something Superintendents need to be sensitive to.

Augelica Fleming, Fort Sill, reported ongoing concerns with credit transfer. She stated that Lawton Public Schools decided to include both GPAs in transcripts. Ms. Fleming reported on best practices during the pandemic which included continuing to provide a virtual education option. She noted that SB54 passed allowing Oklahoma school districts to submit an application to designate their campus as a purple star eligible school. Lawton Public Schools became the first district in OK to become a purple star designated program, with Freedom Elementary in Fort Sill as the first elementary school recognized as a purple star school.

Nakisha Hall, Tinker Air Force Base, reported no issues. She mentioned that during COVID she was able to share MiC3 and is continuing to work with further districts to be aware of the organization and support military kids.

Dr. Floyd reported that the Oklahoma state dues to the Compact Commission for FY22 have been paid in the amount of \$10,045 on May 26, 2021.

There was no old business reported.

A tentative date of Wednesday, June 22, 2022, for the next MiC3 meeting was proposed by Dr. Floyd. The meeting would be in-person at the CCOSA office in Oklahoma City.

A motion was made by Brian Bobek with a second from Dr. Rick Cobb to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 10:44 A.M.