

Special Board of Trustee Meeting

Minutes

March 29, 2010

3:00 p.m.

Present via conference call: Chair Ben Cooper, Bob Evins, Barbara Perryman, and Larry Sullivan

Present in person: Vice Chair Dennis Wiles, Bonnie Wyatt, Dr. Richard Dawe, Joan Stirling, Tina Wheelis, Amy Pinkston, Nancy Dust and Mayor Mike Cone

Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Chair Cooper noted that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed expansion of the Kids' Academy. Chair Cooper asked Dr. Richard Dawe to explain the proposal.

Dr. Dawe noted that there are new requirements that will affect regulations of the Kids' Academy. These regulations will increase number of staff per student load. Mayor Mike Cone had previously approached Dr. Dawe about the possibility of increasing the capacity of the Kids' Academy by expansion. There is a grant opportunity available through the Arkansas Department of Human Services and the ADEC that the City of Melbourne will apply for that provides an opportunity for expansion.

Mayor Cone discussed the opportunity for the City of Melbourne and Ozarka College to partner together to supply childcare that is undersupplied in the community.

Vice Chair Dennis Wiles inquired about the funding cycle and selection date.

- Funding cycle - May 1
- Selection Date - October 1

Vice Chair Wiles asked for details about the funding process. Amy Pinkston supplied the following answers:

This is a competitive grant process with a rating scale. Selection will be based on how we rate compared to the other applicants. This grant is open to the entire state but at this time no one else from the White River District has applied. Funding is from ADEC and Arkansas Department of Human Services.

Dr. Dawe – We will have to comply with new guidelines even if we do not get the funding. The fee structure for the Kids' Academy will need to change whether the grant is received or not.

Dennis Wiles moved to approve that Ozarka College enter into a collaborative agreement with the City of Melbourne to apply for a Child Care Center Construction/Renovation Grant, and if awarded, work with the City of Melbourne to expand the existing facility.

Bob Evins seconded the motion. Chair Cooper polled the Board Members for their votes.

- Larry Sullivan - yes
- Bonnie Wyatt - yes
- Barbara Perryman - yes
- Bob Evins - yes

- Dennis Wiles - yes

The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Mike Cone noted that it is required that an Architect be named for the grant. Mayor Cone asked for any recommendations that the Board and Administration might have. It was suggested that Harris Architects be considered as they are currently working on an Ozarka project and have previously been consulted about the Kids' Academy expansion.

The Architect can be selected without competitive bid however the contractor would have to be selected by competitive bid.

Mayor Cone thanked the Board of Trustees for their support in this project.

Bob Evins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Wiles seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned 3:15 p.m.

Submitted by Nancy Dust