

Ozarka College
Special Board of Trustee Meeting
April 17, 2017
2:00 p.m.
President's Conference Room/Conference Call

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Ozarka College Board of Trustees met at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 17 in the President's Conference Room on the Melbourne campus.

Present: Jack Yancey, Dennis Wiles, Ryan Howard, Ben Cooper, Dr. Richard Dawe, Tina Wheelis, and Fay Mitchell

Via Conference Call: Tim Gamill and Fred Holzhauser

Absent: Darla York

Chair Yancey called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Action Item – Ozarka Kids Academy

Dr. Dawe informed the Board that Ozarka Kids Academy has been losing money for several years due to decreased enrollment, which is the direct result of competitors that established operations in Melbourne the past couple of years and are subsidized for their services. We could have a maximum of 80 children and we have dropped from 46 students in 2013 to an anticipated 10 students in 2018. Tina Wheelis and Dr. Dawe met with the mayor of Melbourne and informed him of the possible closing of Ozarka Kids Academy, since the building belongs to the city, per the grant agreement. The building will go back to the city on July 1, 2017, should the Board vote to close Ozarka Kids Academy.

Trustee Wiles asked about possible opportunities for the employees at the Kids Academy. Dr. Dawe said the employees have been told that, upon Board approval, the Kids Academy will close on June 30, 2017 and that two of the full-time employees will be provided an opportunity to transfer to vacant positions on the Melbourne campus. We will encourage the part-time employees to apply for any available part-time positions with the College.

Tina informed the Board that all parents were personally given a letter and verbally told about the possible closing, and also given information on BearKatz Academy.

After discussion, Trustee Howard made a motion to close Ozarka Kids Academy. Trustee Wiles seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Trustee Yancey expressed his appreciation to Dr. Dawe for flying to Fort Campbell Kentucky to pick up Color Guard personnel for Sheriff Lawrence's funeral.

Trustee Wiles expressed his congratulations to all involved for the fantastic job they did with the gala this year.

With no further business, Trustee Yancey asked that a motion be made to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Cooper made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Gammill seconded. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.