

Audit and Risk Management Advisory Committee  
Jefferson County Public Schools  
April 21, 2022  
First Floor Conference Room

**ARMAC Members Present:** Chairperson James Rose, Co-Chairperson Rhonda Mitchell, Dr. Sarah Moyer, and Pedro Bryant

**Public Present:** None

**JCPS Staff Present:** Amy Dennes, Dr. Dena Dossett, Kevin Brown, Carolyn Callahan, Eddie Muns, Hannah Lehman, Jim Jury, Jodell Renn and Shari Mattingly

**Board Members Present:** none

Chair Rose called the meeting of the Audit and Risk Management Advisory Committee (ARMAC) to order at 2:04 pm. A quorum was present.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chair Rose requested a motion to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2022 meeting, which was made by Co-Chair Mitchell and seconded by Mr. Bryant. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Future State – School Choice – Amy Dennes, Chief of Staff, and Dr. Dena Dossett, Chief of Accountability, Research, and Systems Improvement**

Ms. Dennes and Dr. Dossett presented a summary of the new School Choice proposal, which included a video presentation by Superintendent Dr. Marty Pollio. The Committee had the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback. Overall, the committee found the presentation informative and could see that the plan has been well thought out. Some follow up that the committee expressed interest in receiving some follow-up which is included in the new business section as items for the next meeting.

**Report on Changes to the FY 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report – Eddie Muns, Executive Administrator Accounting Services**

Mr. Muns explained the process of making changes to the annual report and why it was needed. KDE had a concern about an indirect cost of overhead expenses to our grant program. Operating transfers in and out were made to correct the report.

Chair Rose asked if there is a standard way for doing this and by making the correction the ability to maximize the grants isn't handicapped. He also asked if a footnote was added in the financials and why KDE didn't realize this concern earlier. Mr. Muns explained that no footnote was added since it was just a reclassification with no fund balance impact, and this has been discussed in the past with KDE, but this was the first time that they did not accept the practice that had been followed for many years. As a result, JCPS decided to make the change in the most recently issued financial statements so that going forward it would no longer be an issue. Mr. Muns also shared that the revised statements have been posted in all of the relevant locations on the Districts website and sent to the appropriate oversight entities.

## **Internal Audit Update – Jodell Renn, Director of Internal Audit**

Ms. Renn introduced Ms. Carolyn Callahan, the new JCPS Chief of Communications and Community Relations. She then provided an update on current projects the Internal Audit team is working on, along with projects co-sourced with outside partners.

Chair Rose asked if Ms. Renn had started her planned conversations with Board members and Chiefs yet. He also inquired how she sets up the framework for them to discuss their concerns. Ms. Renn affirmed that meetings had been occurring and included validating the audit universe with each person and requesting input into the FY 2023 plan. Ms. Renn shared that the conversations with the Chiefs have really become more robust and meaningful over the years as everyone is gaining a better understanding of the process.

Ms. Renn requested the committee to consider any areas that they think should be included in the audit plan. Co-Chair Mitchell suggested look at items the District doesn't get reimbursed for by the federal government. She also suggested a review to ensure money isn't left on the table at the end of a ESSR program.

### **New Business**

The following items are noted to be included as a follow up to questions in this meeting:

How JCPS will ensure the schools are properly resourced, especially in the high poverty areas. In addition, how will transparency and equity of PTA's/boosters be addressed especially for schools that don't have the same level of support.

How school choice and resourcing high poverty schools are connected. Interested in see policies that address financial resourcing of high poverty or choice schools. What metrics are going to be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the school choice plan once implemented and the frequency of the evaluation. Who would be performing the evaluation? Co-Chair Mitchell suggested that any outside evaluation be overseen by JCPS Internal Audit to provide independence and include monitoring of any corrective action plans.

How will the District support the "no exit" policy to provide resources to the schools where a student may be disruptive.

JCPS to provide data on the sibling preference to better understand why elimination of this preference and will result in families being separated and how this may have a negative affect on high poverty families.

Chair Rose asked for any other comments, and again stated that recommendations for new members is needed. Ms. Renn suggested that having a committee member with an IT background would be a valuable addition to ARMAC.

### **Adjournment**

Co-Chair Mitchell made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Dr. Moyer seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:04 pm.