



LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT
810 WEST MARKHAM STREET
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72201

MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
June 14, 2012

The Board of Directors of the Little Rock School District held a special meeting on Thursday, June 14, 2012, in the boardroom of the administration building, 810 West Markham Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. President Jody Carreiro presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jody Carreiro
Michael Nellums
Charles Armstrong
Greg Adams
Dianne Curry
Melanie Fox
Norma Johnson

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Morris Holmes, Superintendent of Schools
Beverly Griffin, Recorder of Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mr. Carreiro called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All members of the board were present at roll call. Ex officio member of the board Angela Seay, teacher representative from Cloverdale Middle School was also present. The student ex officio did not attend.

II. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The agenda for the special meeting listed the following items for consideration:

- A. ADE Grant Submission: 21st Century Community Learning Center Application
- B. Realignment of Central Office Instructional Teams
- C. Transfer of School Principals

III. ACTION AGENDA

A. ADE – Grant Submission: 21st Century Community Learning Center Application

Linda Young presented information on grant submissions to the Arkansas Department of Education for extended learning opportunities at Washington Elementary School and Forest Heights Middle School. If funded, the grants would provide up to \$660,000 over five years to provide before school, after school, Saturday and summer enrichment activities.

Ms. Fox moved to approve the submissions. Ms. Curry seconded the motion and it **carried unanimously**.

B. Realignment of Central Office Instructional Teams

Dr. Holmes provided an overview of his proposal to realign central office staff. He described this as simply a further modification of the reorganization which took place a year ago. Board members were provided a copy of a diagram of the realignment. Mr. Glasgow responded to questions regarding the responsibilities assigned under the proposal.

Ms. Fox made a motion to approve the recommended realignment; Ms. Johnson seconded the motion, and it **carried unanimously**.

Board members requested information and questioned Dr. Holmes and staff members regarding the logistics of the reorganization. Board members agreed the proposed additional staff assistance at the secondary level was appropriate; however, there was consensus that additional support was also needed at the elementary level. Sadie Mitchell responded to questions, and board members asked Dr. Holmes to bring a proposal for at least one additional administrator at the elementary level.

C. Transfer of School Principals

Dr. Holmes presented a recommendation to reassign and transfer building principals. Dr. Sadie Mitchell presented the new assignments at the elementary level; Dr. Dan Whitehorn presented the secondary transfers. The recommendations were:

- Katina Ray to Baseline
- Tyrone Harris to Brady
- Deborah Mitchell to Dodd
- Sherkeyer Jackson to Fulbright
- Karen Carter to King
- Scott Morgan to McDermott
- Ada Keown to Meadowcliff
- Beverly Jones to Romine
- Sandra Register to Terry
- Teresa Richardson to Western Hills
- Lori Brown to Williams Magnet
- Eleanor Cox to Wilson

- Lillie Scull to Woodruff Pre-K Center

Dan Whitehorn presented the secondary level transfers:

- Wanda Ruffins to Cloverdale
- Willie Vinson to Felder
- Connie Green to Forest Heights as Interim
- Keith McGee to Hamilton as Interim

Ms. Fox made a motion to approve the recommended transfers; Mr. Adams seconded the motion.

Dr. Nellums made a motion to postpone action for two weeks; Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion. Ms. Fox spoke in opposition to the motion to table. The **motion failed 5-2**, with Dr. Nellums and Mr. Armstrong voting in favor.

On the original motion to transfer and reassign principals as recommended by Dr. Holmes, the **motion carried 5-2**, with Mr. Armstrong and Dr. Nellums voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

APPROVED: 6.28.12



Jody B. Carreiro, President



Charles Armstrong, Secretary