



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

**MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
June 25, 2012**

The Board of Directors of the Little Rock School District held a special meeting on Monday, June 25, 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 7:00 p.m. Six members of the board were present at roll call; Dr. Nellums arrived at 7:11 p.m.

II. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called in response to a petition from parents and citizens in the community of Williams Magnet Elementary School. An open forum was provided for the petitioners to express concerns regarding the transfer of building principal, Sandra Register.

III. ACTION AGENDA

Kate Franks, Williams PTA president served as moderator and provided a printed agenda for the presentation. Ms. Franks provided a brief overview of the history of Williams Magnet school, its development as a stipulation magnet school, the district's desegregation case, the current test scores and the school's diversity.

Jennifer Bradley, parent of Williams Elementary students, discussed a meeting held with Dr. Holmes and the process used for recommending the principal change at Williams. She expressed concern and belief that the criteria used was not applicable to Williams Magnet School. Ms. Bradley spoke in support of Ms. Register as the Williams principal and asked the board to reconsider the decision to move Ms. Register.

Dean Elliott, parent of a third grade student at Williams Magnet, reported he resides in the Pulaski County Special School District. Mr. Elliott stated he understood the board's perspective and their reasons for supporting Dr. Holmes in decisions related to personnel. However, he asked Dr. Holmes to reconsider the decision to transfer Ms. Register.

Michael Knox, parent of a Williams Magnet student and resident of the North Little Rock District, reported he had experienced some transitional challenges with his children while working through the implementation of the core curriculum. He expressed support for Ms. Register and stated he and his wife had selected Williams through the magnet transfer process after looking at several other schools. He expressed support not only for Ms. Register, but for the entire staff at Williams.

Sarah Relano, the district's 2012 Elementary teacher of the year and 4th grade teacher at Williams Magnet School, expressed support for Ms. Register as a leader and mentor. She asked for reconsideration of the transfer of Ms. Register.

Williams students, Katie, Connor and Quinn Cullen with Crystal, Cameron and Cairee Davis made a presentation on behalf of the students at Williams Magnet School.

Clark Tucker, son-in-law of Ms. Register, appealed to the board to reconsider their decision to transfer Ms. Register from Williams. He reviewed her commitment and devotion to Williams, noting that Ms. Register had attended school at Williams and as a 4th grade student established a goal to be the principal of Williams. "The school is part of her identity, and part of her heart." He asked Dr. Holmes to change his recommendation for Williams Magnet School.

CLOSING REMARKS

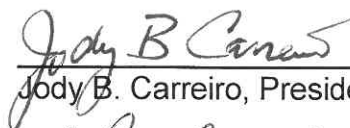
Dr. Holmes addressed the audience, thanked them for their comments and reported he had met with Ms. Register and with a group of parents regarding their concerns. He noted he had read all their emails, letters, and had returned their phone calls. He expressed appreciation for their input, and said he empathized with their concerns.

Mr. Carreiro made closing remarks and thanked the audience members for their attendance and input.

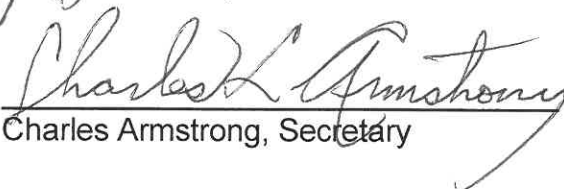
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

APPROVED: 6.28.12



Jody B. Carreiro, President



Charles Armstrong, Secretary