



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

**MINUTES
January 28, 2016**

The meeting agenda for January 2016 was submitted by Superintendent Baker Kurrus to the Arkansas Commissioner of Education, Johnny Key, serving as the LRSD Board.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Donation of Property

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT	ITEM	DONOR
Central High School	\$3,000 for boy's tennis team	Mr. Blaine Siegel
Henderson Middle School	Cash donations for Diamond Diva Mentoring Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$500.00 - \$50.00 - \$250.00 - \$10.00 - \$550.00 - \$100.00 - \$100.00 - \$10.00 - \$50.00 - \$100.00 	Subaru Car Dealership Evelyn Moore Linda Simmons Tanya Johnson Bank of the Ozarks Gwen Marshall Rick Wooley Melani Smith Leeann Bennett Hardy Funeral Home
Parkview High School	\$500.00 cash donation for Parkview students	BHT Investment Company, Inc.
Woodruff Early Childhood Center	\$100.00 cash donation for Woodruff ECC students	Leon Green

All donations were accepted with appreciation.

B. Minutes

Minutes from a meeting dated December 17, 2015 were submitted and approved as written.

II. SCHOOL SERVICES

A. Dyslexia Intervention

Students identified as dyslexic must receive specific interventions in order to be in compliance with Act 1294 of 2013 and Act 1268 of 2015. Specific guidelines were provided as part of the agenda and as justification for the provision of professional development and specific training for district interventionists in elementary, middle and high schools.

A contract with The Institute for Multi-Sensory Education was provided for review in the amount of \$64,500. Approval of the commissioner was requested and granted.

B. Reconfiguration Recommendations for Chicot and Watson to Chicot Pre-K Center / Chicot Elementary K – 5 and Watson Elementary K – 5

Chicot and Watson were reconfigured in the 2007-08 school year to address their designation as in year 4 and 5 of school improvement. Watson was changed from a Pre-K through 5 to an intermediate school, grades 3 through 5. Chicot previously served Pre-K through 5, and was changed to a primary school, grades K through 2. The original intent was for Chicot to serve as the primary feeder school to Watson, however that was not the case and students completing the primary grades at Chicot were then assigned to several different elementary schools for grades 3 through 5. This configuration has not proven to be successful in providing the level of educational support desired.

Additional details and a timeline for the conversion were provided in the board's agenda. The recommendation included discontinuing the Pre-K center at Chicot and returning to a K through 5 elementary school. Watson will expand their grade capacity to also serve K through 5 elementary students.

Dr. Sadie Mitchell submitted the request for approval of the superintendent and the commissioner of education. It was approved as submitted.

C. Reconfiguration Recommendations for Geyer Springs Elementary

Geyer Springs Elementary School was restructured during the 2014-15 school year to the Geyer Springs Gifted & Talented Academy. The school would have drawn GT students from across the district; however, changes were made to the initial plans to also include attendance zone students regardless of their GT status. During the 2015-16 school year, the total enrollment was 222, with only 89 of those students designated as gifted. Pre-K classrooms were added during the 2015-16 school year; however, enrollment still has not reached the anticipated level of operational efficiency.

A recommendation was submitted to convert Geyer Springs to a Pre-K Center, operating in a similar manner as Fair Park Early Childhood Center, Chicot Early Childhood Center, and Rockefeller Early Childhood Center. Current Geyer Springs students will be reassigned to available seats in their attendance zone or magnet schools.

The recommendation was approved as submitted.

III. HUMAN RESOURCES

D. Personnel Changes

Routine personnel changes were included in the agenda. All personnel changes were approved as submitted.

E. Student Calendar 2016-17

The 2016-17 student calendar was submitted for review and approval. The calendar provides 178 student contact days, beginning on August 15, 2016. It was **approved**.

IV. FINANCE & SUPPORT SERVICES

A. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Property and the Execution of Documents

The LRSD entered into a contract with Baptist Health to purchase property located at 5701 Ranch Drive in west Little Rock. The purchase price was \$11,500,000. A resolution was required authorizing the purchase and designating the person(s) authorized to execute documents required to finalize the purchase. The contract was signed by Superintendent Baker Kurrus, and the resolution **was adopted** by signature of Commissioner of Education, Mr. Johnny Key.

B. Adoption of the LRSD Ten-Year Facilities Master Plan

Act 1426 of 2005 requires each school district to submit a ten year facilities master plan bi-annually. The master plan identifies potential improvement projects and maintenance services provided by the school district. Board approval of the submission is required in order to comply with state statutes. The master plan was submitted for approval by adoption of a resolution. The resolution was part of the agenda, and was **adopted** by signature of the Commissioner of Education.

C. Electronic Transfer of Funds

Act 989 of 2011 revised state statutes concerning the powers and duties of school district treasurers. The act clarified school district disbursements may be made by electronic transfer of funds if the transfers are initiated by the school district and authorized in writing by both the disbursing officer of the board and the superintendent of the school district.

The district's Chief Financial Officer recommended authorization for the district treasurer to initiate electronic funds transfers as necessary and appropriate for recurring fund disbursements. Authorization was **granted** as requested.

D. Budget Transfer

Board policy DBJ requires board approval when appropriating transfers of funds outside the adoption of the fiscal year budget. The superintendent or designee is allowed to make line item changes during the year; however, expenditures requiring a transfer in excess of \$50,000 will be approved by the board.

The Chief Financial Officer requested approval to transfer \$11,672,500 plus additional amounts for closing costs from the Operating Fund to the Building Fund for the purchase of real property located at 5701 Ranch Drive in Little Rock. Authorization was **granted**.

E. Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Monthly Reports

The monthly reports were provided as part of the agenda and were accepted, as submitted.

F. December 2015 Financial Statements

The financial reports for the month of December were included as a part of the meeting agenda. They were accepted as submitted.

APPROVED: 02-25-16

Originals signed by:
H. Baker Kurrus, Superintendent

Approved by:
Johnny Key, ADE Commissioner