



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

MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
September 13, 2012

The Board of Directors of the Little Rock School District held a special meeting on Thursday, September 13, 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 6:19 p.m. All members of the board were present at roll call.

Ex officio members of the board were present during the agenda meeting, but left prior to the call to order of the special meeting: Donterio Porter, teacher representative from Dunbar Magnet Middle School, and Nicholas Barnes, student representative from Parkview Magnet High School.

II. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The agenda for the meeting included action on:

- Athletic Budget and Expenditure Report, 2012-13
- Second Reading: DJF, Minority and Women Owned Enterprises

A hearing had been scheduled for the meeting, but was postponed prior to the meeting being convened.

III. ACTION AGENDA

A. 2012-13 Athletic Budget & Prior Year Expenditure Report

Mr. Bailey presented information on the 2011-12 school year athletic expenditures. Under Arkansas code governing public school athletic revenues and expenditures, the board is required to provide a prior year expenditure report as well as the current school year athletic budget prior to September 15 of each year. The report was provided as part of the board's agenda.

Ms. Fox made a motion to approve the athletic budget, seconded by Ms. Curry. The vote was unanimous.

B. Second Reading: Policy DJF, Minority and Women Owned Enterprises

Policy DJF, Minority and Women Owned Enterprises, had been tabled from a previous meeting, and was returned to the board for consideration at the request of the board. Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the policy on second reading. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion.

Dr. Nellums moved for an amendment to the motion to go to a 40% minority target goal, and to follow the state's definition of minority vendors, which would eliminate the inclusion of women business owners. He provided a substitute policy to completely replace the policy presented by the administration. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion. After discussion, both the motion and the second were withdrawn.

Mr. Adams spoke in favor of the original motion, favoring the policy provided in the board's agenda. Dr. Nellums again offered an amendment, asking to substitute the 40% goal for minority vendors and to withdraw the women owned business. Mr. Armstrong seconded the amendment.

The amendment would change 30% to 40% and would completely strike the 5th paragraph of the policy presented. All references to women owned businesses would be removed by the amendment.

Mr. Carreiro spoke in favor of the original motion; Ms. Fox stated she would abstain from the vote due to the questions and confusion. Ms. Curry asked for the language for inclusion of women to remain in the policy, with the only change being 40%.

Voting on the amendment, the motion failed 1-5-1, with Dr. Nellums voting in favor and Ms. Fox abstaining.

The original motion to approve policy DJF carried 4-3, with Ms. Johnson, Dr. Nellums and Mr. Armstrong voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVED: 09-27-12

Originals Signed by:
Jody B. Carreiro, President
Charles Armstrong, Secretary