

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

**A) MINUTES
B) SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
C) August 21, 2008**

The Board of Directors of the Little Rock School District convened a special meeting on Thursday, August 21, 2008. The meeting was held in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, 810 West Markham Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. President Katherine Mitchell presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katherine Mitchell
Dianne Curry
Charles Armstrong
Baker Kurrus
Robert M. Daugherty

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Larry Berkley
Melanie Fox

ALSO PRESENT:

Linda Watson, Superintendent of Schools
Beverly Griffin, Recorder of Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL_

Dr. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Five members of the Board were present at roll call. Mr. Berkley and Ms. Fox were absent.

II. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

Dr. Mitchell stated the purpose of the meeting and referred to the items listed on the special meeting agenda:

- A. Appointment of School Administrators
- B. Appointment of Department Administrators
- C. Superintendent's Contract – Correction

III. ACTION AGENDA

A. Appointment of School Administrators

Ms. Curry made a motion to consider the administrative appointments individually. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion and it **carried** **unanimously.**

Cynthia Collins was recommended for appointment as principal of Franklin Elementary School. Mr. Kurrus moved to approve the recommendation, Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion and it **carried unanimously**.

Brent Mitchell was recommended for appointment as assistant coordinator at Hamilton Learning Academy. Ms. Curry moved to approve the appointment, Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion and it **carried unanimously**.

Monica Norwood was recommended for appointment as assistant principal at Cloverdale Middle School. Mr. Kurrus moved to approve the appointment; Dr. Daugherty seconded the motion and it **carried 4-1**, with Ms. Curry casting the no vote.

B. Appointment of Department Administrators

Ms. Curry made a motion to have the board cast one vote of approval for the recommended departmental administrators. Dr. Daugherty seconded the motion.

Mr. Kurrus spoke in opposition to the approval of any administrative positions at this time. He reviewed the rationale behind his opposition, noting the high percentage of the district's operational expenses allocated to administration and the fact that the board has not yet been provided with a budget projection for the year. He also noted that enrollment is down and won't be confirmed for several weeks. Dr. Daugherty, Ms. Curry and Dr. Mitchell spoke in support of the appointments.

Recommended appointments were:

- Vanessa Cleaver, Director of Mathematics
- Suzi Davis, Director of Reading and English
- Dennis Glasgow, Interim Associate Superintendent of Accountability
- Marie McNeal, Director of Social Studies
- Lloyd Sain, Director of Secondary Teacher Development
- Marion Woods, Director of Elementary Teacher Development

Dr. Mitchell called for the vote, and the motion **carried 4-1**, with Mr. Kurrus casting the no vote.

C. Superintendent's Contract – Correction

Mike Moore, attorney from the Friday Firm, responded to questions from the board regarding corrections made to the superintendent's contract after the vote that was taken on May 22, 2008. The contract was amended after the vote to provide for an annual \$25,000 payment into an annuity program of the superintendent's choice.

After general discussion and questions surrounding the changes, Mr. Kurrus asked that Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Watson discuss the matter in private or in an

executive session of the board prior to placing the matter for a public vote.

Mr. Armstrong made a motion to table to allow for additional discussion; Ms. Curry seconded the motion. Dr. Daugherty offered a motion to amend the motion to table until the next board meeting. The amendment to the motion died for lack of second.

Mr. Kurrus suggested a suspension of the rules to consider the item at the next board meeting if Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Watson could come to an agreement on the contract item in question.

Dr. Mitchell had previously added action on the contract corrections as an agenda item and it remained on the agenda from the date of the agenda session on August 14th.

The vote on the motion to table was **3-2 in favor**, with Dr. Daugherty and Dr. Mitchell voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

APPROVED: 08-28-08

President

Originals Signed by: _
Katherine P. Mitchell,

Melanie Fox, Secretary