



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

**MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
March 8, 2012**

The Board of Directors of the Little Rock School District held a special meeting on Thursday, March 8, 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:

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 5:42 p.m. All members of the board were present at roll call. Teacher ex-officio, Lori Hoyt from **Elementary School** was also present.

II. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called for the purpose of approving the proposed change to an eight-period day at the middle school level for the 2012-2013 school year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL INITIATIVE: EIGHT-PERIOD DAY WITH ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES

Dr. Holmes reviewed the recommendation to change the configuration of the school day at the middle school level to an eight-period day. This change was recommended by the Middle School Task Force and was supported by the teachers who had an opportunity to vote on the change. It was noted the change at Cloverdale Middle School will have to be approved by the State Board of Education as it will mean a modification of the charter currently in place.

Dr. Whitehorn also reviewed the information and offered information on the benefits of providing the eight period instructional day. Each teacher will have a collaboration period each day and develop a more consistent quality of instruction. Students will have additional time for elective

Mr. Armstrong made a motion to approve the recommendation for the eight-period day and the elective courses. Ms. Curry seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

APPROVED: 03-15-12

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