



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

MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
January 13, 2011

The Board of Directors of the Little Rock School District held a special meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2011. The meeting was held in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, 810 West Markham Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. President Melanie Fox presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melanie Fox
Jody Carreiro
Michael Nellums
Greg Adams
Charles Armstrong
Dianne Curry
Katherine Mitchell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Beverly Griffin, Recorder of Minutes

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Ms. Fox called the meeting to order at 5:14 p.m. All members of the board were present at roll call.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The agenda for the special meeting included the following items:

- Personnel Changes
- Appointment of Interim Superintendent
- Resolution – Superintendent Search
- Presentation – Thomas McPherson

II. ACTION AGENDA

A. PERSONNEL CHANGES

Routine personnel changes were presented for the board's review and approval. Mr. Armstrong moved to approve the changes are recommended. Ms. Curry seconded the motion, and it **carried unanimously**.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Fox requested a motion to convene an executive session at 5:17 p.m. Mr. Armstrong made the motion and Mr. Adams seconded. The motion **carried unanimously**.

The board remained in closed session from 5:15 p.m. to 5:41 p.m. They returned and reported no action was taken.

B. APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Carreiro moved to hire Dr. Morris Holmes as interim superintendent of the Little Rock School District under the terms of the contract presented for review. Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion and it **carried unanimously**. Ms. Fox announced that Dr. Holmes would begin work on Tuesday, January 18, 2011.

C. RESOLUTION SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

A resolution was presented for adoption which outlined guidelines for the process to hire a superintendent for the 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Adams moved to approve the resolution and Mr. Armstrong seconded the motion.

Dr. Mitchell asked for additional time to review the resolution prior to taking a vote, asking for additional language and clarification of the process. Ms. Curry agreed with Dr. Mitchell on the need for additional time.

Mr. Carreiro, Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Adams spoke in favor of moving forward with approval of the resolution. After a brief discussion Mr. Adams and Mr. Armstrong withdrew their motion and second. Action on the resolution was **tabled** for the January 27, 2011 meeting.

D. PRESENTATION

Dr. Thomas Jacobsen, consultant with the superintendent search firm of McPherson & Jacobsen, made a presentation regarding the services available to the district in seeking a new superintendent. Low Dunn, also a consultant with McPherson & Jacobsen, introduced herself as Dean of Students at the Louisiana Technical College.

A packet of information was provided for the board's review. Dr. Jacobsen estimated a total cost of \$32,500 if services were provided for the complete superintendent search process. Modification of services for a lesser amount could be negotiated between the firm and the board if desired. The contracted amount would include the cost of travel for the consultants, advertising, phone expenses, copies, and other minimal office expenses.

If the contract with the consultants were extended and confirmed, the firm would meet with the board prior to beginning a schedule of meetings and public forums with various stakeholder groups. Dr. Jacobsen suggested meetings with parents, city officials, ministerial groups, and other identified stakeholders in the city. No action was taken on the presentation at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

APPROVED: 01-27-11

Originals Signed by:
Melanie Fox, President
Michael Nellums, Secretary