



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

**MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
February 14, 2013**

The Board of Directors of the Little Rock School District held a special board meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2013, in the boardroom of the administration building, 810 West Markham Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. President Dianne Curry presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dianne Curry
Greg Adams
Norma Johnson
Tommy Branch
Jody Carreiro
Leslie Fisker
Michael Nellums

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Morris Holmes, Superintendent of Schools
Beverly Griffin, Recorder of Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Ms. Curry called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m. All members of the board were present at roll call.

II. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called for the purpose of receiving a legal update and a recommendation from Attorney Chris Heller on charter school considerations.

Mr. Heller reviewed the District Court judge's decision in the LRSD v PCSSD case as related to the state's charter school approvals as related to the Pulaski County desegregation case. The judge ruled in favor of the State's position, and the LRSD has thirty days to appeal if the board so desires. The deadline is coming up on Monday, February 18. Mr. Heller had provided a written recommendation for the board, and had provided an opportunity for them to ask questions regarding the possibility of appeal.

The LRSD took the position before the District court that the state had violated the terms of the desegregation agreement where they had agreed to support a system of magnet schools in the LRSD. Under the current charter school system, the state is supporting a competing system of schools which is continuing to undermine the ability for the LRSD

magnet schools to succeed. The LRSD's position has been they are in violation of the original desegregation agreement. Appealing to the Eighth Circuit Court of appeals would allow an opportunity for them to determine if the state is in violation of the settlement agreement.

After Mr. Heller responded to questions from the board, Mr. Adams made a motion to accept the recommendation to move forward with filing an appeal. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion, and it **carried 5-2**, with Mr. Carreiro and Ms. Fisker voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

APPROVED: 02-28-13

Originals Signed by:
Dianne Curry, President
Norma J. Johnson, Secretary