



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

MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
March 14, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Little Rock School District held a special board meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2013, immediately following the regularly scheduled agenda meeting. It was held 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:

Beverly Griffin, Recorder of Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Ms. Curry called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. All members of the board were present at roll call.

II. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The agenda for the meeting listed the following items:

- A. Appointment of Administrator
- B. Executive Session
- C. Facilities Worksession

ACTION AGENDA

A. Appointment of Administrator

The board received a recommendation to appoint John Daniels to the position of Athletic Director. Mr. Daniels is currently serving as interim principal of Hall High School. Ms. Fisker made a motion to accept the administration's recommendation; Mr. Carreiro seconded the motion, and it **carried unanimously**.

B. Executive Session

Mr. Carreiro made a motion to convene an executive session to discuss the appointment of an interim superintendent; Ms. Fisken seconded the motion, and it **carried unanimously**.

The board returned from executive session at 8:06 p.m. and reported no action was taken.

Mr. Carreiro made a motion to appoint a transition leadership team to include Dennis Glasgow, Marvin Burton, and Kelsey Bailey, and to empower board president Curry to work with the team to appoint one of them to serve as the acting superintendent upon the retirement of Dr. Holmes. Ms. Fisken seconded the motion. It **carried unanimously**.

C. Facilities Work session

Board members heard information from district administrators regarding school enrollment and capacity from Dr. Freddie Fields.

The board asked the administration to seek additional data from Metroplan regarding growth areas of the city, and to request a map to assist the board in decisions regarding the need for school options in those growth areas. Demographic data is needed in order to fully develop a plan for future facilities.

Dr. Holmes discussed and expounded upon the variance of available classroom space across the district, especially at the middle level. He also noted the lack of athletic facilities and the need for upgrades and improvements to all secondary athletic fields, gymnasiums, and locker rooms.

Mr. Bailey reported on bond refunding and refinancing and capital improvement projects. Financial projections from Stephens have been included in discussions, including projections on millage increase possibilities.

Dr. Holmes suggestion enlisting community members to begin reviewing and gathering information on reshaping the needs of the Little Rock public school community. He strongly encouraged the formation of a citizens group to help move the board forward by prioritizing the perceived needs of the district.

Another worksession will be scheduled to review and discuss options. Ms. Curry offered to allow time for public comment and input.

Dr. Holmes suggested and the board agreed there was a need to hire a consultant to work with the district administration and the community to make recommendations for board consideration. A voice consensus was given as direction to Mr. Bailey to develop an RFP for this consultant.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

APPROVED: 03-28-13

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