



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

**MINUTES
May 28, 2015**

The meeting agenda for May, 2015, was submitted by Superintendent Baker Kurrus to the Arkansas Commissioner of Education, Johnny Key, serving as the LRSD Board.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Partners in Education

Four new school/business partnerships were presented by ViPS coordinator, Debbie Milam. They were **approved** as submitted.

- **Henderson Middle School** in partnership with the **Zeta Phi Beta – Eta Sigma Seta Sorority**
- **Henderson Middle School** in partnership with the **Divine Krimson Tigerettes**
- **Henderson Middle School** in partnership with **A Moment Like This Events Planners**
- **J. A. Fair High School** in partnership with **Longley Baptist Church**

B. Board Meeting Dates, 2015-2016 School Year

The annual calendar of meeting dates was submitted for approval. By policy, an agenda meeting is regularly scheduled on the 2nd Thursday of each month; the fourth Thursday is designated as the regular business meeting date. Under state supervision, there is no formal agenda meeting; therefore, the dates submitted were for the fourth Thursday with the exception of November and December to accommodate the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. The schedule was **approved** as submitted.

C. Donations of Property

The district receives generous contributions from businesses and individuals on a regular basis. It is the district's policy that these donations be formally accepted and approved. The donations are listed in the following chart and were **approved** as listed.

DONATIONS

| SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT | ITEM | DONOR |
|-----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Baseline Elementary School | Donation of refreshments for "Party with the Principal" and "150 Days without a Fight" valued at \$120.00 | Charlie Conkin |
| Dunbar Magnet Middle School | Donation of \$200.00 cash for Quiz bowl | Anonymous |
| Forest Heights Stem Academy | Donation of office supplies valued at \$300.00 for use by staff | Sara Beth Brennan |
| JA Fair High School | Donation of equipment valued at \$115.00 to the Baseball Team | Brian Bettinardi |
| | Donation of \$500.00 cash to the DECA Club | Arkansas Diagnostic Center |

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|--|--|---|
| Roberts Elementary | Donation of 44 Samsung Chrome books with total value of \$8704.00 | PTA |
| Elementary Literacy and Early Childhood | Donation of recycled paper valued at \$400.00 | Arkansas Teacher Retirement System |
| Fine Arts Department | Donation of Laser service and dermaplane valued at \$1350.00 for Artistry in the Rock silent auction | Little Rock Dermatology Clinic Services |
| | Donation of dinner for 4 valued at \$40.00 for Artistry in the Rock Silent Auction | El Porton |
| | Donation of eyebrow threading service valued at \$100.00 for Artistry in the Rock Silent Auction | Unique Threading Salon |
| | Bling T-shirt valued at \$45.00 for Artistry in the Rock Silent Auction | Real Natural Hair |
| | Donation of 1 hour massage valued at \$80.00 for Artistry in the Rock Silent Auction | Hairlistix Beauty and Barber Salon |
| | Donation of 4 hours DJ service valued at \$400.00 for Artistry in the Rock Silent Auction | Millard "DJ HY-C" Hyman |
| | Donation of one month of workout services twice a week valued at \$80.00 for Artistry in the Rock Silent Auction | Fitness 4 U/Marlon Shelton |
| | Sunday Brunch for 4 valued at \$80.00 for Artistry in the Rock Silent Auction | Chi's Dim Sum & Bistro |
| | Donation of \$100.00 towards the 2015 Dr. Morris Holmes Fine Arts Scholarship fund | Billie and Skip Rutherford |
| | Donation of \$100.00 towards the 2015 Dr. Morris Holmes Fine Arts Scholarship fund | Everett and Rebecca Tucker |
| | Donation of \$100.00 towards the 2015 Dr. Morris Holmes Fine Arts Scholarship fund | Michael and Beth Drake |
| | Donation of \$50.00 towards the 2015 Dr. Morris Holmes Fine Arts Scholarship fund | Roslyn Zeigler |
| | Donation of \$100.00 towards the 2015 Dr. Morris Holmes Fine Arts Scholarship fund | Catering to You, Inc |
| | Donation of \$100.00 towards the 2015 Dr. Morris Holmes Fine Arts Scholarship fund | Chr-Eyton Electric, Inc |
| | Donation of \$100.00 towards the 2015 Dr. Morris Holmes Fine Arts Scholarship fund | American Bus Sales, LLC |
| | Donation of \$50.00 towards the 2015 Dr. Morris Holmes Fine Arts Scholarship fund | Sarot and Sam Bush |
| | Donation of \$100.00 towards the 2015 Dr. Morris Holmes Fine Arts Scholarship fund | Morris Holmes |
| | Donation of \$100.00 towards the 2015 Dr. Morris Holmes Fine Arts Scholarship fund | Ann. S. Marshall |
| Donation of \$100.00 towards the 2015 Dr. Morris Holmes Fine Arts Scholarship fund | Little Rock Education Association | |

D. Minutes

Minutes from meetings dated April 23 and May 15, 2015, were submitted and **approved** as written.

II. BOARD POLICY & REGULATIONS REVIEW

A. Board Policy: JEA Student Transfers

The administration submitted a policy to address student transfers into and out of the LRSD. This includes transfer requests from students who do not reside within the boundaries of the LRSD, homeschooled students, and students enrolling from the Division of Youth Services.

The policy was **not approved** as submitted. Commissioner Key requested additional clarification and language specific to transfers out of the district. The policy will be revised in consultation with legal counsel so as to maintain compliance with desegregation settlement terms related to inter-district transfers. It will be returned to the agenda for consideration in June.

III. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

A. AP World History / AP US History / AP European History Textbook Adoptions

B. Middle School Social Studies and Arkansas History Textbook Adoption

C. Middle School Science Textbook Adoption

All recommendations for adoption of textbooks were approved as submitted.

VI. SCHOOL SERVICES

A. Summer School 2015

A report of summer school programs for elementary, middle and high school students was included in the agenda. No action was required as the report was provided for information only.

V. HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Personnel Changes

Routine personnel changes were included in the agenda, and were **approved** as submitted.

VI. FINANCE & SUPPORT SERVICES

A. Meal Price Increases for 2015-2016

A recommendation to increase school meal prices for the 2015-16 school year was submitted for approval. The rationale included compliance with USDA requirements and state regulations which guide school district operations for operating meal programs within the “break-even” revenue formula.

Breakfast prices for elementary and secondary students would increase by .10 and adult meals would increase by .20. Lunch prices for elementary students and adults would increase by .10; secondary lunch prices would remain the same as the previous year. The recommendation was **approved** as submitted.

B. Resolution: Hazard Mitigation Plan

The LRSD is part of the Pulaski County Hazard Mitigation Plan as a component of the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program. Local jurisdictions must have in place a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation action plan as a condition of receipt of federal mitigation funding. A resolution was submitted by the federal deadline of May 24, 2015 and was included in the agenda for formal adoption and approval. It was **approved**.

C. Central Arkansas Right of Way Easements

Central Arkansas Water requested a 20 foot wide easement for placement of a permanent waterline and a 25 foot wide easement for placement of a temporary waterline on the property of Mann Middle School. CAW would pay the LRSD \$6,350 for these two easements. The administration’s recommendation for approval of the ROW easement was **approved** as submitted.

D. Minority & Women Business Enterprise – Monthly Reports, February 2015

The Minority & Women Business Enterprise monthly reports for April were submitted as informational items. No action was required; the reports were **accepted** as submitted.

E. Monthly Financial Statements

The financial reports for the month of March were included in the agenda. No action was required; the reports were **accepted** as submitted.

VII. HEARINGS

Two students were recommended for expulsion from the LRSD based on violations of district policy and state laws regarding possession of firearms on school campuses.

Student JW, eighth grader from Mann Magnet Middle School, was found in possession of an unloaded handgun on April 10, 2015. Student SH, ninth grader from McClellan High School, was found in possession of a loaded handgun on April 2, 2015.

The administration recommended expulsion for one full calendar year for both students.
The recommendations were upheld by Commissioner Key.

APPROVED: 06-35-15

Originals signed by:
H. Baker Kurrus, Superintendent