



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

**MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
November 26, 2012**

The Board of Directors of the Little Rock School District held a special meeting on Monday, November 26, 2012, 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
Jody Carreiro
Leslie Fiskén
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 5:32 p.m. All members of the board were present at roll call; the Zone 6 position was vacant.

II. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called to conduct interviews and select a representative from Zone 6 to serve on the LRSD Board of Directors. There was also a discussion on the selection of a consulting firm for the upcoming superintendent's search.

III. ACTION AGENDA

A. Interviews

To fulfill the requirement of state law to seat a board member to replace Mr. Michael Peterson prior to November 30, applications were accepted and interviews were set to select a resident of zone 6 to serve until the next school election in September 2013.

Five applicants were scheduled for interview; one of the applicants, Mr. Michael Booker, withdrew his name from consideration. Those interviewed included:

- Laveta Wills-Hale
- Andrew Pritt
- Tommy Branch
- Robert Williams

Each 30 minute interview gave the applicant an opportunity to express their reasons for seeking the position and a statement of their personal qualifications. Board members asked questions which were geared to finding a suitable and qualified representative to serve on the board.

After the interviews, the board convened an executive session to discuss and review the applicants. Ms. Fisker made the motion for the executive session; Ms. Johnson seconded the motion, and the session began at 7:40 p.m.

The board returned from executive session at 8:25 p.m. and reported no action was taken.

Mr. Carreiro made brief remarks thanking the applicants for their interest in the zone 6 position. He then made a motion to appoint Tommy Branch to serve the remainder of this term, until September 2013, on the LRSD board. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion and it **carried unanimously**.

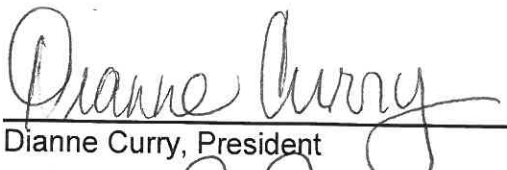
B. Proposal from McPherson & Jacobsen


The board had received a proposal from McPherson & Jacobson, LLC, in response to a request for assistance in searching for the next superintendent of schools. Dr. Nellums moved to contract with the McPherson & Jacobsen firm to coordinate and conduct the search. Ms. Fisker seconded the motion and it **carried unanimously**. The M & J lead consultant will coordinate the search through the board president and will report to the full board in December.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

APPROVED: 12-20-12


Dianne Curry, President


Norma J. Johnson, Secretary