

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

**MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
September 11, 2008**

The Board of Directors of the Little Rock School District convened a special meeting on Thursday, September 11, 2008, immediately following the agenda meeting. The meeting was held in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, 810 West Markham Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. President Katherine Mitchell presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Katherine Mitchell
Dianne Curry
Melanie Fox
Charles Armstrong
Baker Kurrus
Robert M. Daugherty

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Larry Berkley

ALSO PRESENT:

Linda Watson, Superintendent of Schools
Beverly Griffin, Recorder of Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Dr. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. Six members of the Board were present at roll call. Mr. Berkley was absent.

II. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

Dr. Mitchell stated the purpose of the meeting and referred to the items listed on the special meeting agenda:

A. Superintendent's Contract – Correction

III. ACTION AGENDA

A. Superintendent's Contract – Correction

The board was asked to approve a corrected contract for the superintendent of schools. These corrections were made to the contract after the vote that was taken on May 22, 2008 and included provision of an annual \$25,000 payment into an annuity program of the superintendent's choice.

Dr. Daugherty moved to approve the contract as corrected; Ms. Curry seconded the motion. Ms. Fox spoke in opposition to the motion, expressing concern over the additional \$50,000 expenditure. Mr. Kurrus also opposed the changes to the contract and suggested \$25,000 as an ample amount for the annuity. Mr. Kurrus further suggested that the board should table a vote on the annuity issue until the annual budget is approved, teacher salaries were negotiated, and district enrollment projections were final.

Ms. Curry and Dr. Mitchell spoke in support of the contract and payment of the annuity, with Dr. Mitchell stating that the board's responsibility was to approve a contract and not to debate the superintendent's retirement benefits.

The motion was **approved** by a vote **of 4-2** with Ms. Fox and Mr. Kurrus voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. on a motion by Dr. Daugherty and seconded by Mr. Kurrus.

APPROVED: 09-23-08

Originals Signed by:
Katherine P. Mitchell, President
Melanie Fox, Secretary