

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

**MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
July 27, 2006**

The Board of Directors of the Little Rock School District held their regular board meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 27, 2006, in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, 810 West Markham Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. President Robert M. Daugherty presided.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Robert M. Daugherty  
Baker Kurrus  
Bryan Day  
Larry Berkley  
Tom Brock  
Katherine Mitchell  
Tony Rose

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Roy G. Brooks, Superintendent of Schools  
Beverly Griffin, Recorder of Minutes

**I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

Dr. Daugherty called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. All members of the Board were present at roll call.

Ex officio representatives for the month of July were also present: **Charles Quarles**, student from McClellan High School and **Almeda Giles**, teacher from Franklin Elementary School.

Dr. Daugherty welcomed members of the audience and recognized Superintendent Brooks.

Dr. Brooks made a statement regarding the recent contract negotiations. He introduced David Hartz, Director of Human Resources and chief negotiator for the district who provided a brief overview of the new contract provisions.

## **II. REPORTS/RECOGNITIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**

### **A. Superintendent's Citations & Commendations**

Dr. Brooks presented a citation to Laidlaw bus driver Jerome Price. Each year, Laidlaw Education Services sponsors school bus rodeos to emphasize exceptional safety practices in school bus operations. Little Rock has had at least one winner at the district and area levels every year for the past ten years and this year Mr. Price came in first in local, district, and area competitions.

The ex-officio representatives for the month of July were presented with citations of appreciation for their service: Almeda Giles, teacher from Franklin Elementary School and Charles Quarles, student from McClellan High School.

### **B. Partners in Education**

Debbie Milam introduced one new school / business partnership between the Junior League of Greater Little Rock and the Little Rock School District. Junior League members Peyton Woodyard, Beth McAlpine, Becca Webb, Kristen Laughlin, Tammie Davis, Carrie Daniels and Denise Luft were present. Mr. Rose moved to accept the new partnership; Mr. Berkley seconded the motion and it **carried unanimously**.

### **C. Resolution Honoring and in Memory of Win Paul Rockefeller**

A resolution honoring the memory of Lieutenant Governor Winthrop Paul Rockefeller was presented for the board's review and approval. Board member Tony Rose read the resolution and moved approval of the adoption. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion and it **carried unanimously**. A copy of the signed resolution will be attached to these minutes.

### **D. Remarks from Citizens**

There were no citizen speakers present.

### **E. Little Rock Classroom Teachers Association**

Grainger Ledbetter addressed the board on behalf of the CTA. He thanked district administrators for their cooperative efforts in reaching an agreement with the teachers union and stated that the agreement would provide the stability required for continuity.

Katherine Wright Knight arrived later in the meeting and thanked the board for giving her a moment to speak. She stated that the negotiating team was exhausted but excited that they were able to reach a multi-year (three-year) agreement with the district. She announced that the membership would meet at 4:00 p.m. at the AEA building to discuss and ratify the contract.

### **III. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **A. Remarks from Board Members**

Dr. Mitchell reported that she had attended a ceremony where retired teacher Lou Ethel Nauden was awarded a grant from State Farm Insurance to assist teachers with National Board Certification. She thanked Ms. Nauden for her continuing efforts to prepare teachers to meet the needs of our students.

Mr. Brock announced that his church, Geyer Springs First Baptist, would be hosting a "Give a Kid a Chance Day" at his church this weekend. School supplies for over 800 students will be donated by church members.

Mr. Rose congratulated bus driver Jerome Price for his safety record and for achieving recognition in the bus driver rodeo.

Dr. Daugherty announced that he had spoken with the superintendent about a back to school question and answer session. He suggested August 17<sup>th</sup> and set it tentatively for the Central High School gym.

#### **B. Budget Update**

No report.

#### **C. Student Assignment Report**

Dr. Linda Watson provided a brief reminder regarding check-in dates for the 2006-2007 school year, August 2 – 3, 2006.

#### **D. Update: Accelerated Learning Center**

Dr. Brooks introduced Carol Green, Director of Career and Technical Education for the LRSD. She provided a brief overview of the Accelerated Learning Center Program and shared some of the data regarding enrollment and graduation rates. The program has been in existence for eight years, serving students who are at risk for failure or dropping out of school.

Approximately 250 students graduated from the ACC in the 2004-05 school year; over 300 graduated in 2005-06. Students are not assigned to the ALC for disciplinary reasons, but are assigned according to their needs for a more flexible school schedule. Students must attend a minimum of four hours per day, but may stay longer if they wish. Single parents or students who must work are allowed to select the schedule that works best for their family. A Head Start child care center is located on the Metropolitan campus.

#### **E. July 2006 Construction Report – Bond Projects**

Mr. Goodman's report was printed in the agenda. No additional information was requested.

#### **F. Internal Auditors Report**

Mr. Becker's report was printed in the agenda.

**IV. APPROVAL OF ROUTINE MATTERS**

**A. Minutes**

Minutes from the regular meeting of the Board of Directors held on June 22, 2006 and from special meetings held on June 26 and July 13, 2006, were presented for review and approval. Mr. Rose moved to approve the minutes as written; Mr. Berkley seconded the motion and it **carried unanimously**.

**V. BOARD POLICY AND REGULATIONS REVIEW**

**A. First Reading: Policy Revision – FCB – Closing of Schools**

The administration presented a proposed revision to policy *FCB, Closing of Schools*, which would ensure compliance with the Arkansas Academic Facilities Program regarding operating schools in a fiscally responsible manner. Mr. Berkley moved to approve the policy on first reading; Mr. Brock seconded the motion and it **carried unanimously**.

**VI. HUMAN RESOURCES**

**A. Appointment of Assistant Coordinator of Southwest Learning Academy**

The superintendent introduced Earl Smith and recommended board approval of his appointment to the position of assistant coordinator of the Southwest Learning Academy. Mr. Kurrus moved to approve the appointment; Mr. Brock seconded the motion and it **carried unanimously**.

**B. Personnel Changes**

Routine personnel issues were printed in the board's agenda. In addition, Laureen Isom, formerly counselor at McClellan High School, was recommended for the position of coordinator of Counseling and College Workplace Readiness.

Dr. Brooks introduced John Daniels, currently a teacher and coach at Hall High School, who will be recommended for appointment to the position of assistant principal at Henderson Middle School. His appointment was not on the current personnel listing, but Dr. Brooks noted that he would be on the agenda in August.

Mr. Berkley made a motion to suspend the rules in order to consider Mr. Daniels' appointment. Mr. Day seconded the motion and it **carried unanimously**.

Mr. Kurrus moved to approve all personnel items presented. Mr. Berkley seconded the motion and it **carried unanimously**.

## **VII. FINANCE & SUPPORT SERVICES**

### **A. Donations of Property**

Donations to the district schools and departments were listed in the board's agenda. Student ex officio Charles Quarles read the listed donations. Mr. Berkley moved to accept the donations; Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion and it **carried unanimously**.

### **B. Financial Reports – Mark Milhollen**

There were no financial reports included in the July agenda. The end-of-fiscal year reports will be provided at the August board meeting.

## **VIII. CLOSING REMARKS**

### **A. Executive Session**

The board convened an executive session at 6:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Mr. Day made the motion, Mr. Kurrus seconded; it **carried unanimously**.

The board returned from executive session at 7:19 p.m. and reported no action was taken.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Day moved to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Mr. Brock seconded the motion, and it **carried unanimously**.

APPROVED: 08-24-06

Originals Signed by:  
Robert M. Daugherty, President  
Bryan Day, Secretary