



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

**MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
May 3, 2011**

The Board of Directors of the Little Rock School District held a special board meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, in the boardroom of the administration building, 810 West Markham Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. Vice President Jody Carreiro presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jody Carreiro
Michael Nellums
Charles Armstrong
Dianne Curry
Katherine Mitchell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Melanie Fox
Greg Adams

ALSO PRESENT:

Beverly Griffin, Recorder of Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mr. Carreiro called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Five members of the board were present at roll call. Ms. Fox and Mr. Adams were absent.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

As secretary of the board, Mr. Nellums called the special meeting to discuss the superintendent search.

DISCUSSION

Mr. Nellums made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the superintendent search process.

Max Brantley objected from the floor, stating that the purpose of an executive session can only be for the purpose of hiring or firing an individual.

Ms. Curry made a motion to enter an executive session to discuss the hiring process. Mr. Nellums seconded the motion.

Mr. Brantley again objected. Mr. Nellums and Ms. Curry withdrew their motions and seconds.

Mr. Nellums made a motion to enter an executive session to discuss the hiring of a superintendent. Ms. Curry seconded the motion and it **carried unanimously**. The executive session convened at 5:16 p.m.

The board returned from executive session at 5:51 p.m. and reported no action was taken.

Mr. Armstrong moved to amend action taken the previous Thursday night. The previous motion identified three candidates, and because of miscommunication between the board and the search firm, Mr. Armstrong moved to interview four candidates, returning Dr. Hamer to the schedule of interviews as previously decided. It was noted that Mr. Armstrong was on the prevailing side of the issue at the previous meeting.

Ms. Curry seconded the motion and it **carried 3-2**, with Mr. Nellums and Dr. Mitchell voting no.

The board briefly discussed the logistics of the schedule for the week of interviews. They will now be set for Monday through Thursday. The agenda meeting would need to be rescheduled to Monday, May 16.

Mr. Carreiro closed the discussion by stating the importance of selecting the best candidate based on the individual's qualifications. The Board wishes to find the best fit for the district so that students receive the best education possible.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

APPROVED: 05-19-11

Originals Signed by:
Melanie Fox, President
Michael Nellums, Secretary