The Board of Directors of the Little Rock School District held a special meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2010 in conjunction with the regularly scheduled agenda meeting. The meeting was held in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, 810 West Markham Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. President Charles Armstrong presided.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

- Charles Armstrong
- Melanie Fox
- Jody Carreiro
- Dianne Curry
- Mike Daugherty
- Baker Kurrus
- Katherine Mitchell

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**ALSO PRESENT:**

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

**I. Call to Order / Roll Call**

Mr. Armstrong called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. All members of the board were present at roll call. Neither the teacher nor the student representatives were present.

**II. APPROVAL FOR SUPERINTENDENT TO SIGN ADE ASSURANCES**

Mr. Adams responded to questions regarding the requirement for the board to authorize the superintendent to sign the assurances section of the annual Title I submission. Mr. Adams provided an overview of ACSIP plan at the November board meeting; however, the assurances page which was signed by the superintendent was submitted without the board’s formal approval. Board members requested a copy of the ACSIP plan which was submitted in November 2009, and that plan will be provided electronically in the Friday update on February 12, 2010.

Mr. Kurrus made a motion to provide the requested authorization. Dr. Mitchell seconded the motion and it **carried unanimously.**

**III. Student Attendance / Calendar Revision**

At the time of this meeting, the district had closed five school days due to inclement weather. In order to comply with state laws regarding student attendance, students must make up these five days.
Monday, February 15, 2010 had been scheduled as a professional development day for teachers, with students out of school. The superintendent recommended that this day instead be used as a student contact day. Additional recommendations on making up the remaining four days will be made at a later date. Professional development days for teachers will be made up at the end of the school year.

Ms. Curry moved to approve the superintendent’s recommendation. Dr. Daugherty seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

SUSPENSION OF THE RULES

Mr. Carreiro made a motion to suspend the rules to discuss an item not previously included on the agenda. Dr. Daugherty seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Carreiro asked Dr. Watson for information regarding the PR firm’s proposal for rolling out the strategic plan. Dr. Watson reported that a contract had been negotiated for planning, packaging and designing a campaign for publicizing the strategic plan. The consultants will contact co-chairmen Argue and Bolden to review their proposal, and will meet with the superintendent and communications director for planning purposes.

Since the initial proposal was under $25,000, no board authorization was required. The print and media budget will be presented to the board for approval as a separate contract as it is expected to exceed the $25,000 limit.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

APPROVED: 02-25-10

Originals Signed by:
Charles Armstrong, President
Jody Carriero, Secretary