

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

**MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
June 18, 2009**

The Board of Directors of the Little Rock School District convened a special meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2009. A board worksession was held immediately following the special meeting. The meeting and worksession were held in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, 810 West Markham Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. President Dianne Curry presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Ms. Curry called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. All members of the Board were present at roll call.

II. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The meeting was called for the purpose of considering a request from the administration to create the position of Deputy Superintendent and to consider approval of the 2009-2010 student handbook.

REQUEST TO HIRE A DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Armstrong made a motion to table the administration's request to hire a deputy superintendent. Dr. Daugherty seconded the motion and it **carried 5-2** with Mr. Kurrus and Ms. Fox voting no.

REQUEST TO APPROVE THE 2009-2010 STUDENT HANDBOOK

Mr. Carreiro moved to approve the student handbook. Dr. Daugherty seconded the motion and it **carried 6-1** with Mr. Kurrus voting no.

Mr. Armstrong asked that the handbook be strictly enforced as adopted. He specified the rules regarding dress code and cell phones and he stressed the board's intent to request that the administration fully enforce the rules at every school in the district.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m. on a motion by Ms. Fox seconded by Mr. Armstrong.

A board worksession was conducted immediately following adjournment.

APPROVED: 06-25-09

Originals Signed by:
Dianne Curry, President
Jody Carriero, Secretary

NOTES FROM BOARD WORKSESSION

Heather Gage, with the Arkansas Department of Education, was present to review information regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

She announced that there was a recent announcement of funds granted across the state for food service equipment. Wakefield Elementary was among those receiving grants. An announcement is expected soon for serving homeless students through the McKinney Vento Act.

The ADE expects the local school boards to review their plans for use of stimulus money and approve them prior to submission. Although there is no deadline on submitting the plans, it should be noted that funds will not be released until the plans are submitted.