



LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL MEETING
July 12, 2007
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- I. **Call to Order / Roll Call**
- II. **Felder Academy**
- III. **Settlement Proposal**



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DATE: July 12, 2007 5:30:00 PM
TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Roy G. Brooks, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools
SUBJECT: 2007-2008 Implementation of Felder Alternative Learning Academy

BACKGROUND:

During the past two school years, Felder Alternative Learning Academy was operated by the three school districts in Pulaski County through a Tri-District Agreement in conjunction with the Pulaski County Juvenile Courts and Pulaski County Government who provided for the lease. Pulaski County Government stated that it would not provide for the lease for the 2007-08 school year. The LRSD Board of Education voted to move the school to the Badgett School Site to decrease the expense for each school district. The North Little Rock School District has agreed to continue with the implementation of the charter school and assist in the on-going cost to operate the school. The PCSSD decided they would not continue to participate in the Tri-District Charter for budgetary purposes. Therefore, the LRSD must decide if they agree to the additional operating cost for the school.

RATIONALE:

In 2005, the Arkansas Department of Education granted a three year charter with LRSD serving as the lead educational agency to oversee the operation of the school. We have been advised to complete the three year initial charter because federal funds were used to open and set up the school.

FUNDING:

There will be an increase in LRSD's allocation for the 2007-08 school year. A budget summary will be presented.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends that the LRSD continue to operate Felder Academy in conjunction with the NLRSD in an effort to complete the three year charter agreement. The administration also recommends the approval of the increased funding needed for the operation of Felder Academy for the 2007-08 school year.

PREPARED BY:

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