

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

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
January 10, 2002**

The Board of Directors of the Little Rock School District held a special meeting on Thursday, January 10, 2002, immediately preceding the regularly scheduled agenda meeting in the Boardroom of the Administration Building, 810 West Markham Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. President Baker Kurrus presided.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Baker Kurrus  
Judy Magness  
Tony Rose  
Mike Daugherty  
Katherine Mitchell

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Larry Berkley  
Sue Strickland

**ALSO PRESENT:**

T. Kenneth James, Superintendent of Schools  
Beverly Griffin, Recorder of the Minutes

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Baker Kurrus called the special meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. Five members of the Board were present at roll call; Mr. Berkley and Ms. Strickland were absent. Ex-officio representatives to the Board were also present: Dorothy Doolittle, teacher at Brady Elementary School, and Kory Lee, student at Parkview Magnet High School.

**II. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING**

The agenda for the special meeting included:

- A. Superintendent's Annual Evaluation – Contract Review / Extension
- B. Employee Hearings

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### **III. ACTION**

The Board immediately went into an executive session for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent's evaluation conference. Ms. Magness made a motion for the executive session, Mr. Rose seconded the motion, and it **carried unanimously**. They returned at 5:26 p.m. and reported that no action had been taken while in executive session.

Mr. Rose made a motion to extend the superintendent's current contract for an additional year, which would change the contracted expiration date to June 30, 2005. Dr. Daugherty seconded the motion, and it **carried unanimously**.

Individual Board members commented on the favorable evaluation and review, indicating that Dr. James is doing a very good job during difficult times. Ms. Magness stated that they are proud of his leadership efforts, and optimistic about the future of the LRSD.

Dr. Mitchell echoed the previous comments and noted that the Board could take credit for selecting the "best person for the job." Dr. Daugherty stated that he was most impressed with Dr. James' ability to establish good rapport with Board members and staff.

Mr. Kurrus thanked Dr. James for his hard work and leadership efforts, and said that he was certain Mr. Berkley and Ms. Strickland would also have favorable comments to make when they return.

### **IV. EMPLOYEE HEARINGS**

The employee hearings scheduled to be held at this meeting were postponed and will be rescheduled after the next regular Board meeting.

### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Rose, seconded by Dr. Mitchell.

APPROVED: 01-24-02

Original documents signed by:  
H. Baker Kurrus, President  
Tony Rose, Secretary