

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

MINUTES February 26, 2015

The meeting agenda for February 26, 2015, was submitted by Interim Superintendent Dexter Suggs to the Arkansas Commissioner of Education, Tony Wood, serving as the LRSD Board.

I. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Minutes

Minutes from the January 22, 2014 board meeting were included in the agenda and were **approved** as submitted.

B. Partners in Education

Eight new school/business partnerships were presented by ViPS coordinator, Debbie Milam. All were **approved** as submitted.

- Booker Elementary School in partnership with the Little Rock Area Office of the EEOC
- Chicot Primary School in partnership with La Opinion de Arkansas newspaper
- Chicot Primary School in partnership with U. S. Postal Inspection Service, Little Rock Domicile
- Central High School in partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Beta Pi Omega Chapter
- J. A. Fair High School in partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Beta Pi Omega Chapter
- McClellan High School in partnership with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Beta Pi Omega Chapter
- Hamilton Learning Academy in partnership with the Christian Ministerial Alliance, Young Fathers' Initiative
- Hamilton Learning Academy in partnership with Zenenvirotech, Inc.

C. Internal Auditors Report

A summary report from the internal auditor was included in the agenda. No action was required.

II. BOARD POLICY & REGULATIONS REVIEW

A. District policy revision: IKF – General Education Graduation Requirement

Policy IKF, General Graduation Requirements, was revised to align the district's general graduation requirements to the state's Smart Core curriculum and graduation requirements of 22 units. The LRSD previously required 26 general graduation requirements.

The Scholar's high school curriculum graduation option remains in place with a modification of 26 units for graduation in lieu of 28 units including at least six Pre-Advanced or Advanced Placement courses. Policy IKF revisions were **approved** as recommended by the administration, effective the 2015-2016 school year.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Proposal for Seven Period Day – Secondary Schools

The superintendent prepared a recommendation to use a seven period day schedule at the three high schools classified as in academic distress, Hall, J. A. Fair and McClellan, instead of the A/B block schedule which has been used for several years. In addition, a seven period day schedule was recommended for Cloverdale, Dunbar, Henderson, Mabelvale, Mann and Pulaski Heights Middle schools. An eight period day had been in effect for the past 3 years in the middle schools.

The full recommendation was provided in the agenda; the changes would be in effect for the 2015-2016 school year. The proposal was **approved** as submitted.

IV. SCHOOL SERVICES

A. Hall High Reconfiguration Update

The Hall High School logistics and curriculum committees are working toward the full development of a plan to reconfigure the school for the 2015-2016 school year. A task plan/timeline was included in the agenda. No action was required.

V. HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Personnel Changes

Routine personnel changes were printed in the agenda, and were **approved** as submitted.

VI. FINANCE & SUPPORT SERVICES

A. GAAP Financial Statements and Audit Report for June 30, 2014

The annual audit completed by Hudson, Cisne & Company, LLP, was submitted for approval. The report, along with the annual financial statements had been previously reviewed and approved by the LRSD Audit Committee. The full audit report was printed in the agenda. It was **approved**.

B. Donations of Property

The district receives generous contributions from businesses and individuals on a regular basis. It is the district's policy that these donations be formally accepted and approved. The donations are listed in the following chart and were **approved** as listed.

DONATIONS

SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT	ITEM	DONOR
Brady Elementary School	\$200 cash for school expenses	Trinity Methodist Church
Central High School	\$100 cash for LRCHS Air Force ROTC presentation of colors	Rep. Darrin Williams
Fair Park Early Childhood Center	Donation of 18 iPad covers valued at \$255.84.	Ms. Ganell Tubbs
J. A. Fair High School	\$1,000 cash donation to Model UN	LR Chapter of Links, Inc.
	Donation of Chemistry equipment and items valued at \$1,179.00	Remington College
LRSD Elementary Literacy & Early Childhood Program	Donation of eight (8) boxes of recycled paper valued at \$100.00	Arkansas Teacher Retirement System
Financial Services	Donation of ten (10) used calculators valued at \$200.00	Hudson, Cisne & Co., LLP
Metropolitan Career & Technical Center	\$1,000 cash in support of Second Annual Skills USA Fest	Cameron Valve

C. Minority and Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Monthly Report

The monthly MWBE reports were submitted for inclusion in the monthly agenda. These reports were accepted as submitted with no formal action required.

D. Monthly Financial Statements

The financial reports for the month of January were included in the agenda. No action is required.

APPROVED: <u>04-23-15</u> Originals signed by:

Marvin Burton, Interim Superintendent

Approved by:

Johnny Key, ADE Commissioner