



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

MINUTES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
March 5, 2013

The Board of Directors of the Little Rock School District held a special board meeting on Tuesday, March 05, 2013, in the boardroom of the administration building, 810 West Markham Street, Little Rock, Arkansas. President Dianne Curry presided.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dianne Curry
Greg Adams
Norma Johnson
Tommy Branch
Jody Carreiro
Leslie Fisker
Michael Nellums

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

ALSO PRESENT:

Beverly Griffin, Recorder of Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Ms. Curry called the meeting to order at 5:40 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 conducting an executive session to review the applications and interview results of the superintendent candidates.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Fisker made a motion to go into executive session at 5:43 p.m. Mr. Branch seconded the motion. It **carried unanimously**.

The board returned from executive session at 7:30 p.m. and reported no action was taken.

Mr. Carreiro made a motion to hire Dr. Dexter Suggs to be the next superintendent of schools. Mr. Branch seconded the motion and it **carried 6-1**, with Dr. Nellums voting no.

Mr. Carreiro thanked Ms. Curry for the work she has done coordinating the search efforts. He also thanked the district facilitators and the community advisory committee members who provided comments regarding each of the candidates. He thanked administrators, teachers and parents who took the time to provide personal comments and input during the search, stating he was “very excited to be able to select a candidate who received a positive reaction from parents and the community.”

Dr. Nellums also thanked Ms. Curry for her work, and thanked the community members for their input and support. Mr. Adams echoed previous comments, saying he was “so excited... so ready for a new day, working together, looking forward.”

Ms. Johnson thanked Ms. Curry and those in the community who called and corresponded with board members during this time. She asked them to remain involved, active and engaged.

Ms. Fisker expressed excitement regarding the appointment of Dr. Suggs and stated confidence he would push the LRSD forward with his leadership abilities.

Mr. Branch also thanked the public for their calls and emails, stating “the board is here to serve.” He also encouraged the community to remain committed to the LRSD. Parental involvement is key if we want our kids to grow up to make an impact on the community.

Ms. Curry commended the board members for being supportive during the process, expressing excitement to be moving forward. She closed by thanking Dr. Holmes for his leadership over the past two years.

Ms. Curry made welcoming comments to Dr. Suggs and invited him to come back to Little Rock to participate in conversations on March 14 regarding facilities and districtwide needs.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

APPROVED: 03-28-13

Originals Signed by:
Dianne Curry, President
Norma J. Johnson, Secretary