



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

**MINUTES**  
**April 23, 2015**

The meeting agenda for April 23, 2015, was submitted by Interim Superintendent Marvin Burton to the Arkansas Commissioner of Education, Johnny Key, serving as the LRSD Board.

**I. CONSENT ITEMS**

**A. Partners in Education**

One new school/business partnership was presented by ViPS coordinator, Debbie Milam. It was **approved** as submitted.

- **Henderson Middle School** in partnership with the **Zeta Phi Beta – Eta Sigma Seta Sorority**

**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**

<b>SCHOOL/DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>DONOR</b>
Baseline Elementary School	Refreshments valued at \$150.00 for "Party with the Principal"	First Assembly of God, LR Campus
Pulaski Heights Middle School	Items for the Superintendent's Bus Tour, valued at \$200.00	Hillcrest Merchants Association
Roberts Elementary School	Cash donation, \$215.00	Parents of students at Roberts

**C. Minutes**

Minutes from meetings dated February 26 and March 19, 2015, were submitted for approval. They were **approved** as written.

**II. ADMINISTRATION**

**A. Proposed Daily Class Schedules for Middle Schools and High Schools**

A recommendation to convert to 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 was presented in the February

2015 agenda and approved by the Commissioner. In addition, it was also approved to move to a seven period day schedule at 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.

In April, the administration requested rescinding that approval and maintaining the eight-period day schedule for the middle schools. Teachers will be required to instruct students for six periods rather than the current five.

At the high school level, the LRSD requested approval to change to a seven-period day schedule at J. A. Fair, Hall, and McClellan. Central High and Parkview would remain on the current A/B block schedule. Teachers will teach for five periods and have collaboration/teaming period and a personal prep period. The seven period day schedule will allow students at the schools designated as academically distressed to meet each day in every class. Teachers in these schools will have common planning time as a key component of their improvement initiative.

The recommendation for the class schedule changes for middle and high schools was **approved** as submitted.

## **VI. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

### **A. Recommendation for Elementary Science Textbooks/Instructional Materials**

The administration recommended approval of the textbook series selected by the elementary science textbook review committee, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt *Science Fusion*. The committee considered the Next Generation Science Standards as endorsed by the State of Arkansas; the books and related resources are aligned with those state standards.

In approving the request, Commissioner Key considered budgetary information not previously included in the agenda. **Approval was granted** for the purchase of elementary science textbooks.

## **VII. HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **A. Personnel Changes**

Routine personnel changes were printed in the agenda. In addition to the listing dated April 23, 2015, an attachment dated April 2, 2015 was included. These were items held over from an April 7, special meeting where no action had been taken. The personnel changes were **approved** as submitted.

## **VIII. FINANCE & SUPPORT SERVICES**

### **A. Minority & Women Business Enterprise – Monthly Reports, February 2015**

### **B. Minority & Women Business Enterprise – Monthly Reports, March 2015**

The Minority & Women Business Enterprise monthly reports for February and March were submitted as informational items. No action was required; the reports were **accepted** as submitted.

### **C. Monthly Financial Statements**

The financial reports for the month of March were included in the agenda. No action was required; the reports were **accepted** as submitted.

APPROVED: 05-28-15

Originals signed by:  
H. Baker Kurrus, Superintendent

Approved by:  
Johnny Key, ADE Commissioner