

# **NORTH LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Office of the Superintendent**

### **SPECIAL MEETING, BOARD OF EDUCATION**

#### **MINUTES**

**November 14, 2013**

The North Little Rock School District Board met in special session on Thursday, November 14, 2013, in the Board Room of the Administration Building of the North Little Rock School District, 2700 Poplar Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas. President J.T. Zakrzewski called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

#### **ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

##### **Present**

J.T. Zakrzewski, President

Scott A. Miller, Vice President

Ron Treat, Secretary

Dorothy Williams, Parliamentarian

Darrell Montgomery, Disbursing Officer

Luke King, Member

Scott Teague, Member

##### **Absent**

None

##### **Others Present**

Mr. Kelly Rodgers, Superintendent; Denise Drennan, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Beth Stewart, Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services; Gregg Thompson, Executive Director of Human Resources; Gerald Cound, Director of Facilities Management; and Darlene Holmes, Superintendent's Secretary were also present. Brian Drause (audio) recorded the meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Discussion concerning the status of settlement negotiations of the State's obligations under the 1989 Settlement Agreement related to desegregation**

Steve Jones, our district's desegregation attorney, presented the board a copy of a settlement agreement that had been reached by the North Little Rock School District, Little Rock School District, Pulaski County School District and the State of Arkansas. This agreement outlines the phase out of funding from the State. Mr. Jones explained all parties had to agree for this to work. He felt that all parties made significant concessions for this agreement. He also stated he recommends the Board to accept as he does not feel there is or will be a better settlement.

### MOTION

Darrel Montgomery moved to accept the settlement agreement of November 14, 2013 between the North Little Rock School District, Little Rock School District, Pulaski County School District and the State of Arkansas as printed and presented. Ron Treat seconded them motion.

YEAS: King, Miller, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None

### MOTION

Luke King moved to: In the alternative, if for some reason the settlement agreement between all parties of the 1989 settlement agreement and the desegregation litigation is not approved by any party, I move to authorize Steve Jones to move forward with a motion to modify the 1989 settlement agreement before the federal district court to include the terms negotiated by the districts and the State on November 14, 2013. Darrell Montgomery seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Miller, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None

### Mediated Settlement for Douglas Holdings, Inc.

Mr. Rodgers explained he attended a mediation settlement hearing concerning the property and reached agreement of \$100,000 and all items on Exhibit A.

### MOTION

I move to accept the mediated property agreement with Douglas Holdings, Inc. for \$100,000.00 to include all items in Exhibit A of the settlement agreed upon November 12, 2013.

YEAS: King, Miller, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None

### Eminent Domain or Settlement of Atkins property

Mr. Rodgers and Scott Teague explained the process and there is an agreement with the owners concerning the purchase of the property at 129 East 23<sup>rd</sup>, North Little Rock, AR 72114 consisting of a metal building with the parcel #33N2190003000 owned by Paul Powers Atkinson, III, Carol Ann Rohde, and James Arthur Rohde.

### Motion

I move to accept Administration's recommendation to purchase property owned by Paul Powers Atkinson, III, Carol Ann Rohde, and James Arthur Rohde located at 129 East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114 - ±15,246 Square Feet, or ± 0.35 Acres for \$185,000.00.

YEAS: King, Miller, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None

Mr. Rodgers explained there has been some difficulties in getting this property agreement and would like to also have a plan should the closing of the property not occur.

### MOTION

Scott Teague moved to authorize the Superintendent to pursue eminent domain for the appraised value of \$79,000 of the property owned by Paul Powers Atkinson, III, Carol Ann Rohde, and James Arthur Rohde located at 129 East 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72114 - ±15,246 Square feet, or ± 0.35 Acres in the event closing is not successful for \$185,000. Taking of this property is necessary for the North Little Rock School District's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP).

YEAS: King, Miller, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None

### ADJOURNMENT

#### MOTION

Dorothy Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. Darrell Montgomery seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Miller, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None

President Zakrzewski declared the meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

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J.T. Zakrzewski, President

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Darlene Holmes, Recording Secretary