

# **NORTH LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **Office of the Superintendent**

### **REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF EDUCATION**

#### **MINUTES**

**January 16, 2014**

The North Little Rock School District Board met in regular session on Thursday, January 16, 2014, in the Board Room of the Administration Building of the North Little Rock School District, 2700 Poplar Street, North Little Rock, Arkansas. Board President J.T. Zakrzewski called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Linwood Ford, Lynch Drive fifth grader, gave the invocation and led the flag salute.

Board Parliamentarian Dorothy Williams read the Mission and Vision Statement of the North Little Rock School District.

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

##### **Present**

J.T. Zakrzewski, President

Ron Treat, Secretary

Darrell Montgomery, Disbursing Officer

Dorothy Williams, Parliamentarian

Luke King, Member

Scott Teague, Member

##### **Absent**

Scott A. Miller, Vice President

##### **Others Present**

Mr. Kelly Rodgers, Superintendent; Dr. Beth Stewart, Assistant Superintendent; Denise Drennan, Chief Financial Officer; Gregg Thompson, Executive Director of Human Resources; Micheal Stone, Executive Director of Student & Equity Services; Rosie Coleman, Executive Director of Elementary Education; Susan Shurley, Executive Director for Special Services; Greg Daniels, Administrative Director of Information Services and additional staff members and Darlene Holmes, Superintendent's secretary, were also present. NLR CAT-TV (video) and Brian Drause (audio) recorded the meeting.

Superintendent Rodgers explained that many would soon be celebrating the birthday and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. Rodgers made an introduction of Mr. Cecil Gibson from the NLR Academy. Mr. Gibson inspired the audience in his powerful and motivational rendition of the late Dr. King's "I Have a Dream" speech. Many were encouraged to remember Dr. King by actions of service to others.

#### **RECOGNITION OF PEOPLE/EVENTS/PROGRAMS**

Shara Brazear, Communication Specialist, presented students from across the district to recognize each of our Board members in honor of National School Board month. Students presented artwork, gifts and a rap written especially for a Board member. This recognition was for all our Board members and their support for our students and faculty. Mrs. Brazear also recognized Tracy

Childers, Porscha Martin, Kim Reeves, Lance Walters and Krystal Watkins as newly National Board Certified teachers. All were presented with plaques by Board member Luke King.

#### DISPOSITION OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

##### MOTION

Scott Teague moved to accept the December 19, 2013 (Regular), and January 9, 2014 (Special) minutes as printed. Scott Miller seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski

NAYS: None (Miller – absent)

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Amend the Agenda

##### MOTION

Scott Teague moved to amend the agenda to two change orders for construction. Scott Miller seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski

NAYS: None (Miller – absent)

#### Licensed Personnel Policy Committee

Anita Bell, LPPC member, stated their committee presented their minutes to request the last sentence of the minutes be stricken. She also presented 3.48 Licensed Personnel Weapons on Campus. After discussion and needing of clarification, the Board requested further revisions.

##### MOTION

Scott Teague moved to send proposed Board Policy 3.48 Licensed Personnel Weapons on Campus back to the Licensed Personnel Policy for further revisions. Dorothy Williams seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski

NAYS: None (Miller – absent)

#### Classified Personnel Policy Committee

There was no report from the Classified Personnel Policy Committee.

#### RSP & Associates Demographic Study Contract

Brian Brown, Director of Purchasing, presented the contract and stated the contract had been reviewed by legal counsel also. The only item not complete was the certificate of insurance which was being sent the next day.

##### MOTION

Dorothy Williams moved to accept the Professional Services of RSP and Associates contingent on verified insurance certification. Scott Teague seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski

NAYS: None (Miller – absent)

### Consider Facility Master Plan

Mr. Rodgers discussed the importance of guidelines set before the State of Arkansas Division of Public School Academic Facilities and Transportation and the submittal deadlines along with the partnership project application deadline.

At this time the meeting was stopped for open session for public comments concerning the Facility Master Plan.

One person spoke during the open hearing:

Lee Tackett, Lakewood Middle School and NLRHS Freshman Campus Principal, addressed the Board and stated the new proposed cafeteria and kitchen cannot be built quick enough. The current cafeteria is serving 1,748 students daily. It is needed now. Five lunch shifts run from 11:16 a.m. through 1:20 p.m. now in fast mode. There is only one restroom in the current cafeteria which is a major inconvenience. She wanted the Board to know how important this project is to her campus. Ms. Tackett also stated the need for the gymnasium during the transition for practices of teams and spirit groups along with physical education classes.

The meeting was reconvened to continue on the agenda.

### MOTION

Scott Teague moved to adopt the District's Facilities Master Plan, in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. §6-21-806. The North Little Rock School District hereby adopts the Facilities Master Plan dated February 3, 2014 as statement of operation and maintenance of district facilities. Ron Treat seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski

NAYS: None (Miller – absent)

### MOTION

Scott Teague moved to adopt the resolution to provide matching funds for 2015 – 2-17 Funding Biennium Projects if approved for the construction of Middle School Campus Cafeteria, project number # 1617-6002-001 with the estimated cost of \$10,891,207. Dorothy Williams seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski

NAYS: None (Miller – absent)

### MOTION

Scott Teague moved to accept the resolution to provide matching funds for 2015 – 2017 Funding Biennium Projects if approved for the Ridgeroad Elementary School Roof Replacement, project # 1617-6002-003 with the estimated cost of \$600,000. Ron Treat seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski

NAYS: None (Miller – absent)

### Change Orders for North Little Rock High School Construction

Chuck Hesselbein and Roy Horsey with Baldwin & Shell Construction Company presented two change orders. The first change order #007 is for \$250,545.00 to redo some of the sewer line work.

### MOTION

Darrell Montgomery moved to accept the change order #007 for \$250,545.00 as presented. Ron Treat seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None (Miller – absent)

The second change order #004 was to change the Geofabric at Foundations A & B per the recommendation from Grubbs, Hoskyn, Barton, & Wyatt, Inc Consulting Engineers in the amount of \$36,796.00.

### MOTION

Darrell Montgomery moved to accept the change order #004 for \$36,796.00 as presented. Scott Teague seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None (Miller – absent)

### Board Policy 7.12 Expense Reimbursement

Brian Brown, Director of Purchasing, explained when this policy was revised in July 2013, a portion of it was changed that did not match three other policies. The three other policies used the mileage as set forth by the State-Arkansas Department of Finance. Board Policy 7.12 needs to be revised to remove IRS and add State in place of the IRS.

### MOTION

Scott Teague moved to accept the revision of Board Policy 7.12 Expense Reimbursement as presented. Ron Treat seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None (Miller – absent)

### Consent Agenda

Mr. Rodgers recommended the Board accept the financial, personnel, bid items, and regular bills on pages O-1 through T-13.

### MOTION

Ron Treat moved to accept the consent agenda as presented. Darrell Montgomery seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Montgomery, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski  
NAYS: None (Miller – absent)

### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Gerald Cound updated the Board on the Capital Improvement Plan with the change orders, minority participation report, soft costs and projected cost as printed in the agenda.

Dr. Beth Stewart explained this year's Summer Quest program would be at Lakewood Middle School.

Susan Shurley, Executive Director of Special Services, stated the Arkansas Department of Education, was working on and in the planning stages on the new requirements concerning children with dyslexia.

Darrell Montgomery exited the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

The Board went into executive session with the Superintendent at 7:05 p.m.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION

Scott Teague moved to add an additional year on his contract extending to the 2016 – 2017 school year. Dorothy Williams seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski

NAYS: None (Miller and Montgomery – absent)

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

Dorothy Williams moved to adjourn the meeting. Scott Teague seconded the motion.

YEAS: King, Teague, Treat, Williams and Zakrzewski

NAYS: None (Miller and Montgomery – absent)

President Zakrzewski declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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J.T. Zakrzewski, President

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Darlene Holmes, Recording Secretary