

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

1. On April 9, 2012, during a regular meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Education (State Board), the State Board considered a joint petition made by the Cross County School District and the Harrisburg School District (Petitioners) to change the boundary line between the two school districts.
2. The State Board conducted the hearing pursuant to the legal authority and jurisdiction vested in the State Board by Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-1414.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

3. The petitioners submitted their joint petition for change in boundary lines on March 9, 2012.
4. The petitioners submitted proof to the State Board of notice issued in a local paper of general circulation in each affected school district one (1) time a week for two (2) consecutive weeks (on 23 February 2012 and 1 March 2012).
5. The petitioners requested that the boundary line between the Cross County and Harrisburg school district be changed by moving the western one-half of Sections 27 and 34 of Township 10 N Range 3E from the Cross County School District into the Harrisburg School District.
6. The petitioners request this boundary change to correct an error in the last official maps of the Cross County and Harrisburg school districts (dated 2000) and to reflect the historical common understanding and agreement of the boundary as proposed by the school districts and the Poinsett County Clerk.
7. The adjustment of the boundary line will not hamper, delay or in any manner negatively affect the desegregation efforts of the public school districts in the State of Arkansas.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER**

8. For the reasons set forth above and in accordance with its best judgment pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-1414, the State Board hereby orders the following change in the school district boundary line between the Cross County and Harrisburg school districts: The western one-half of Sections 27 and 34 of Township 10 N Range 3E is moved from the Cross County School District into the Harrisburg School District.
9. Accordingly, the joint petition is hereby GRANTED.
10. The Arkansas Department of Education staff is hereby directed to file this order with the:
  - a. County clerk in each county in which the Cross County and Harrisburg school districts lie;
  - b. Secretary of State; and

c. Arkansas Geographic Information Office.

11. The county clerk(s) shall make a permanent record of the order.

Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012

  
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Dr. Ben Mays, Chairman