

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. On July 10, 2014, during a regular meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Education (State Board), the State Board considered a petition made by the Mulberry/Pleasant View Bi-County School District (Petitioner) to reduce the number of its school board members from seven (7) to five (5).
2. The petitioner was represented at the hearing by Ms. Dana Higdon, Superintendent and Mr. Jeff Marvin, Board President. No individuals opposed to the petition appeared at the hearing.
3. The State Board conducted the hearing pursuant to the legal authority and jurisdiction vested in the State Board by Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-634.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. On June 12, 2014, the Mulberry/Pleasant View Bi-County Board of Directors approved a resolution to petition the State Board to reduce the number of its school district board members from seven (7) to five (5).
5. On June 13, 2014, and on behalf of the Mulberry/Pleasant View Bi-County School District Board of Directors, Superintendent Dana Higdon submitted the petition to the State Board.
6. On June 18, 2014 the Mulberry/Pleasant View Bi-County School District published notice of the petition in the Van Buren Press Argus-Courier.
7. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-634, the decrease in the number of school board members in the Mulberry/Pleasant View Bi-County School District is for the benefit of the Mulberry/Pleasant View Bi-County School District.

ORDER

8. The petition of the Mulberry/Pleasant View Bi-County School District is granted.

Signed this 24th day of July, 2014



Sam Ledbetter, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education