



# ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## **AGENDA** **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

March 12, 2015

Arkansas Department of Education

ADE Auditorium-Special Committee on Academic Distress - The committee will meet immediately following the adjournment of the State Board Meeting.

3:00 PM

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### **Reports**

#### **Report-1 Chair's Report**

*Presenter: Vicki Saviers*

### **Consent Agenda**

#### **C-1 Minutes - January 8, 2015**

*Presenter: Deborah Coffman*

### **Action Agenda**

#### **A-1 Consideration of Schools Classified in Academic Distress**

*Presenter: Vicki Saviers*

**Minutes**  
**State Board of Education Special Committee on Academic Distress Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 8, 2015**

The State Board of Education Special Committee on Academic Distress met Thursday, January 8, 2015, in the Auditorium of the Department of Education Building. Chairman Vicki Saviers called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Present: Vicki Saviers, Chair; Sam Ledbetter; Toyce Newton; and Diane Zook

Absent: None

Additional State Board Members present in the audience: Joe Black; Dr. Jay Barth; Alice Mahony, Kim Davis, and Mireya Reith

**Work Session**

**Discuss Report to the State Board**

Chair Vicki Saviers said the purpose of the meeting was to finalize a report that will be presented at the State Board Meeting on Thursday, January 8, 2015.

Representative John Walker said he was unaware that the committee meeting held January 7, 2015, was open for public comment. He read a prepared statement in opposition to state oversight of the Little Rock schools and/or district.

Senator Joyce Elliott said it is a myopic view to think that schools can be turned around without changing the community and culture. She said everyone is responsible for the improvement of the district and the restoration of the neighborhoods in the city. She said the Board should take time to consider what other high performing countries are doing and collaborate with the city and businesses to implement a plan that will turn around the city and the schools.

Chair Saviers said the minutes of the meeting from January 7, 2015 could be used as the report to the State Board. She recommended the State Board of Education hold a special meeting on Wednesday, January 28, to determine whether to, at that time, invoke any of the actions listed in Arkansas Code Annotated 6-15-430. She said the Department and the Little Rock School District should provide any written materials for consideration by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, to Deborah Coffman, State Board Liaison.

Mr. Ledbetter moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to adopt the minutes from the

Wednesday, January 7, 2015, State Board of Education Special Committee on Academic Distress Meeting and to use these minutes as the report to the State Board of Education meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 8, 2015.

Ms. Saviers thanked the Arkansas Department of Education staff, the Little Rock School District administration, the Little Rock School Board, and concerned citizens for their participation.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

*Minutes recorded by Deborah Coffman.*

**Schools Classified as Academic Distressed on February 12, 2015**

<b>District</b>		<b>School</b>		<b>2012 - 2014</b>
<b>Number</b>	<b>District Name</b>	<b>LEA</b>	<b>School Name</b>	<b>Percent Proficient Math + ELA</b>
4702	BLYTHEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	4702706	BLYTHEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL-A NEW TECH SCHOOL	42.664
4702	BLYTHEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT	4702012	BLYTHEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL	49.423
6044	COVENANTKEEPERS CHARTER SCHOOL	6044702	COVENANT KEEPERS CHARTER	46.640
901	DERMOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT	901003	DERMOTT HIGH SCHOOL	48.562
3502	DOLLARWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT	3502010	DOLLARWAY HIGH SCHOOL	32.306
6201	FORREST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	6201011	FORREST CITY HIGH SCHOOL	43.979
6201	FORREST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	6201702	LINCOLN ACADEMY OF EXCELLENCE	46.513
6201	FORREST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT	6201010	FORREST CITY JR. HIGH	48.240
5403	HELENA/ W.HELENA SCHOOL DIST.	5403019	CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	44.666
6001	LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT	6001002	HALL HIGH SCHOOL	39.255
6001	LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT	6001702	CLOVERDALE AEROSPACE TECH CHAR	41.360
6001	LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT	6001064	MCCLELLAN MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL	43.697
6001	LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT	6001063	J.A. FAIR HIGH SCHOOL	44.420
6001	LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT	6001013	HENDERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL	46.041
6001	LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL DISTRICT	6001052	BASELINE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	46.208
3505	PINE BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT	3505042	PINE BLUFF HIGH SCHOOL	38.132
3505	PINE BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT	3505025	BELAIR MIDDLE SCHOOL	47.782
3505	PINE BLUFF SCHOOL DISTRICT	3505034	OAK PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	48.276
6003	PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	6003125	WILBUR D. MILLS HIGH SCHOOL	48.398
6003	PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	6003119	JACKSONVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL	48.885
7009	STRONG-HUTTIG SCHOOL DISTRICT	7009049	STRONG HIGH SCHOOL	43.464
3509	WATSON CHAPEL SCHOOL DISTRICT	3509067	WATSON CHAPEL HIGH SCHOOL	45.221

Academic Distressed Schools have percent proficient and advanced of 49.5 or less using the following calculation:  
 (number of students proficient or advanced for math in the last three years) plus  
 (number of students proficient or advanced for literacy in the last three years) divided by  
 (the number of math tests in the last three years plus the number of literacy tests in the last three years).  
 The State Board of Education classified 22 schools as being in Academic Distress.