

# Arkansas Charter Board of Directors

## BOARD MINUTES

Northwest Arkansas Classical Academy  
Premier High School Little Rock  
Quest Middle School of Pine Bluff  
Quest Middle School of West Little Rock

**Date:** December 6, 2016

**Time:** 5:30 pm

**Location:** 400 Hardin Road, Suite 150 Little Rock, AR 72211

**Meeting Time:** Regular

**Board Members Present:** Richard Cromwell, President; Jennifer Stephens, Vice President; Dr. Samuel Meredith, Board Member; Dr. Charity Smith, Board meeting.

**Board Member absent** Earlean Collins.

**Staff in Attendance:** Steven Gast, Superintendent; Curtis Shack, Regional Director; Kristi Campbell, Director of Academics, Rhonda Bradford, Federal Programs, David Bobbitt; Campus Director, Arnold Robertson; Campus Director, Dennis Felton; Campus Director.

**Guests in Attendance:** Freddie Scott; Arkansas Department of Education Charter School Division.

### Call to Order:

Board President Richard Cromwell called the meeting to order at 5:33 and announced that a quorum was present and that the meeting had been publically posted in accordance with Arkansas statues.

### Public Comment

No individuals addressed the board.

### Consent Agenda

Board President Richard Cromwell asked if there was a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion made by Jennifer Stephens to approve the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Dr. Charity Smith. After the motion and second Mr. Cromwell asked for if there was any discussion or comments on the items up for approval. Jennifer Stephens asked for some clarification on one of the items. Dr. Smith commented on the importance of the documents and that the state would hold us accountable for what we said we were going to do. With no further discussion the motion to approve was put to a vote.

Motion: Jennifer Stephens

Second: Dr. Charity Smith

Vote: 4 – 0 Motion Passed

### Reports

Mr. Cromwell then turned the meeting over to Superintendent Gast for his report.

### Superintendents Report

Mr. Gast indicated how excited he was to be appointed the new Superintendent for Arkansas and shared his vision and priorities for the future.

#### District Priorities

1. Establish positive relationship with all campus directors and share expectations.
2. Explore potential outside funding sources to support schools.
3. Increase District Enrollment by a minimum of 10% for the 2017-2018 school year.
4. Show student progress and growth in both MAP testing data and State Assessments.

Enrollment and attendance data was shared with the board for all Arkansas schools. Mr. Gast then went to agenda item 4(B) Campus Director Reports/Presentations

**Presentations**

- Mr. Dennis Felton, Premier High School, Little Rock
- Mr. Dave Bobbitt, Quest Academy West Little Rock
- Mr. Arnold Robertson, Quest Academy Pine Bluff

After each presentation board members had the opportunity to ask the campus director questions about their presentation and campus. Board members express their appreciation to the campus directors for their presentations.

**Staff Introduction**

Superintendent Gast then introduced Mrs. Kristi Campbell as ResponsiveEd Arkansas Director of Academics. Mrs. Campbell addressed the board and provided introductory remarks. Mrs. Campbell indicated how excited she was to be a part of the ResponsiveEd Arkansas team and was looking forward to supporting the campuses academically.

Superintendent Gast then turned the meeting back over to Board President Cromwell.

**Date for Next Meeting**

Board President Mr. Cromwell provided potential dates for upcoming board meetings.

- Tuesday, March 7, 2017
- Tuesday, June 6, 2017
- Tuesday, September 5, 2017
- Tuesday, December 5, 2017

It was decided to set the next meeting for Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 5:30pm. The board will consider setting the remainder of the 2017 meeting dates at the March meeting.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business Board President Cromwell adjourned the meeting at 6:52pm.

  
Richard Cromwell, President

3-7-17  
Date

  
Earlean Collins, Secretary

3-7-17  
Date