

RECORDS AND PROCEEDINGS

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Pulaski County Special School District was held at 925 East Dixon Road on the 29th day of July, 2009. The following business was transacted:

Opening 7/29/09

President Tim Clark called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Present: Mrs. Shana Chaplin, Mr. Danny Gililland, Mrs. Mildred Tatum, Mr. Tim Clark, Mr. Bill Vasquez, Ms. Gwen Williams, Mr. Charlie Wood, and Acting Superintendent Rob McGill

Absent: None

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Key Concepts

Consultants Bill and Barbara Dean with Key Concepts, L.L.C. presented copies of the study to the Board and Mr. McGill regarding the comprehensive assessment of the Central Office administrative staff.

Jacksonville Boundaries

A detailed report regarding separation of the proposed Jacksonville School District was presented by the Superintendent and Cabinet. Attorney John Walker, representing the Joshua Intervenors, stated that he initially considered supporting a new Jacksonville district, but he would not support it at this time. Mr. Walker answered questions from the Board. Attorney Sam Jones presented a detailed outline regarding the creation of a new school district by agreement. He stated that by law the process requires a district that is in a desegregation case to seek federal court and the state Board of Education approval for a new district; and a vote of the residents in the proposed district. He recommended the Board/District to notify the federal court by letter stating plans for a new district. Attorney Patrick Wilson, representing the Jacksonville Education Foundation, requested the Board to approve boundaries for the new district.

New Business 7/29/09

Resolution - Boundaries of Proposed Jacksonville School District

Mrs. Chaplin moved, seconded by Mr. Gililland, approval of the resolution regarding boundaries for the proposed Jacksonville School District. (See attached resolution #1). Mr. Clark moved to amend the resolution (see attached resolution #2), seconded by Mr. Vasquez, to replace the resolution presented as new business, item #1. Mr. Clark stated that he did not want to do anything that would violate any item set forth by the desegregation judge or any ruling that has occurred in the past. A roll call vote was requested to approve the amendment.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Chaplin, Gililland, Tatum, Vasquez, Clark
No: Williams, Wood

The motion carried.

Mr. Gililland moved, seconded by Mr. Vasquez, approval to

accept the amended resolution. The motion carried. Ms. Williams voted no.

Resolution –
Suspend
Negotiations of
Proposed
Jacksonville
School District

Mr. Wood moved, seconded by Ms. Williams, approval of the resolution regarding suspending negotiations toward the detachment of territory to create a new Jacksonville district until the Pulaski County Special School District is declared unitary. (See attached resolution #3) Mr. Wood stated that he would propose a friendly amendment that negotiations would cease until the federal court judge gives direction that we can proceed. Ms. Williams seconded.

A roll call vote was requested to approve the amendment.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Williams, Wood, Clark
No: Chaplin, Gililand, Vasquez
Abstain: Tatum

The motion failed.

A roll call vote was requested to approve the resolution.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Tatum, Williams, Wood, Clark
No: Chaplin, Gililand, Vasquez

The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

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Personnel

Mrs. Tatum moved, seconded by Mr. Wood, approval of the personnel recommendations submitted in order to staff the District approved allocated positions. The motion carried.

Mr. McGill introduced new administrators which included: Jeff Senn, principal at North Pulaski High School; Jackie Calhoun, assistant principal at Mills University Studies High School; Gary McCasland, assistant principal at Sylvan Hill High School; Sharon Hawk, assistant principal at Sylvan Hills Middle School; and Yvone West, assistant principal at Jacksonville Middle School.

Adjournment

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Mr. Vasquez moved, seconded by Ms. Williams, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 pm.

Board President

Board Secretary

#1
RESOLUTION OF THE
PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

Comes now the Board of Directors of the Pulaski County Special School District of Pulaski County, Arkansas, and the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Pulaski County Special School District Board states the boundaries for the proposed new Jacksonville School District will include the Jacksonville city limits and the Bayou Meto Elementary attendance zone.

WHEREAS, the Pulaski County Special School District Board of Directors hereby resolves to suspend negotiations toward the detachment of territory to create a new Jacksonville district until the Pulaski County Special School District is declared unitary.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors of the Pulaski County Special School District hereby resolves that the boundaries for the proposed new Jacksonville School District will include the Jacksonville city limits and the Bayou Meto Elementary attendance zone; and hereby resolves to suspend negotiations toward the detachment of territory to create a new Jacksonville district until the Pulaski County Special School District is declared unitary.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Board President

Board Secretary

RESOLUTION # 2

BE IT RESOLVED:

That with the passage of the attached resolution (Exhibit A) at the Board Meeting of September 9, 2008, the Pulaski County Special School District is now in favor of creating the boundaries set forth below for the new Jacksonville/North Pulaski School District, which consists of the following schools:

- 1) Arnold Drive Elementary
- 2) Bayou Meto Elementary
- 3) Homer Adkins Pre-K
- 4) Jacksonville Elementary
- 5) Murrell Taylor Elementary
- 6) Pinewood Elementary
- 7) Tolleson Elementary
- 8) Warren Dupree Elementary
- 9) Jacksonville Boys Middle School
- 10) Jacksonville Girls Middle School
- 11) North Pulaski High School
- 12) Jacksonville High School

The new district being proposed shall not include any lands within the current city limits of Sherwood or the Cato Elementary attendance zone.

The PCSSD acknowledges that there will not be a Jacksonville/North Pulaski school district unless and until such proposed district complies with ARK. Code Ann. § 6-13-1501 - 6-13-1505, including if necessary approval of the presiding federal district judge in the desegregation case.

The PCSSD reserves the right to revisit the boundary issues and legal descriptions should circumstances warrant.

BE IT RESOLVED:

The Pulaski County Special School District is in favor of the creation by detachment of a new school district in the Jacksonville/North Pulaski County area which consists of the following schools:

- 1) Arnold Drive Elementary
- 2) Bayou Meto Elementary
- 3) Homer Adkins Pre-K
- 4) Jacksonville Elementary
- 5) Murrell Taylor Elementary
- 6) Pinewood Elementary
- 7) Tolleson Elementary
- 8) Warren Dupree Elementary
- 9) Jacksonville Boys Middle School
- 10) Jacksonville Girls Middle School
- 11) North Pulaski High School
- 12) Jacksonville High School

The legal description and map of the new district is attached as Exhibit A.

The Pulaski County Special School District empowers its administrators, staff and lawyers to pursue creation of this new district with the goal being that the new district be in existence and in control of the geographical area attached in Exhibit A as soon as practicable. PCSSD administrators, staff and lawyers are empowered to negotiate with representatives of the City of Jacksonville, unless otherwise directed by law or the State Board of Education. Pulaski County Special School District acknowledges that the new district could be created within the statutory scheme laid out by Act 395 of 2007 or by legislative acts now existence or to be passed.

Nothing in this resolution shall be interpreted as an agreement by PCSSD to violate any currently existing court orders or consent decrees. PCSSD understands that the creation of the new district may require Federal Court approval, and will not oppose such approval if it is necessary. Nothing in this resolution shall be interpreted as an agreement on the specific division of assets and debts between PCSSD and the new district except for those school buildings laid out above. PCSSD understands that this will require additional negotiation and agreement.

AMENDMENT TO JACKSONVILLE RESOLUTION:

(Addition to be inserted at end of page 1 of original resolution)

Provided, however, the PCSSD simultaneously expresses its strong commitment to retain intact the boundaries that would remain after creation of a Jacksonville School District as specified herein and nothing about this resolution regarding Jacksonville should be interpreted in any quarter as manifesting an intent or desire by the PCSSD to detach any other territory or to negotiate toward that end.

In furtherance of this objective, counsel for PCSSD is instructed to negotiate for the strongest possible language in any agreement among the parties and the State of Arkansas as respects maintaining the residual boundaries of the PCSSD even after a Jacksonville detachment as is described herein."

This resolution may be revoked should the ongoing negotiations mandated by Act 395 prove unsuccessful.

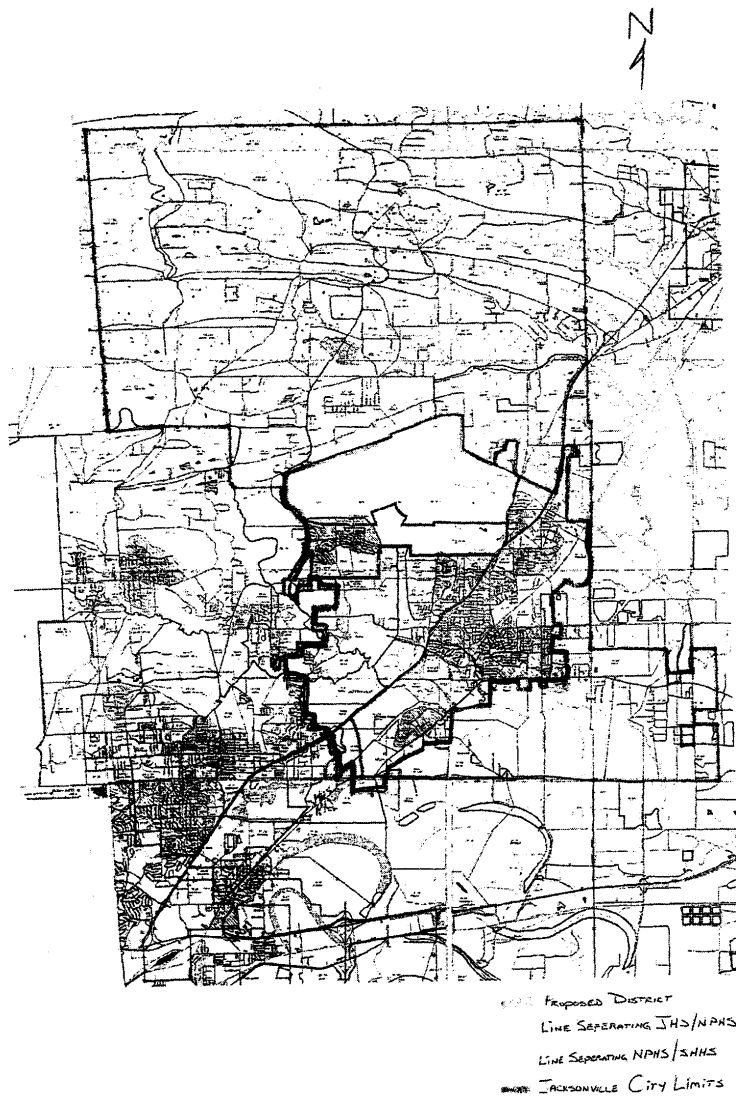
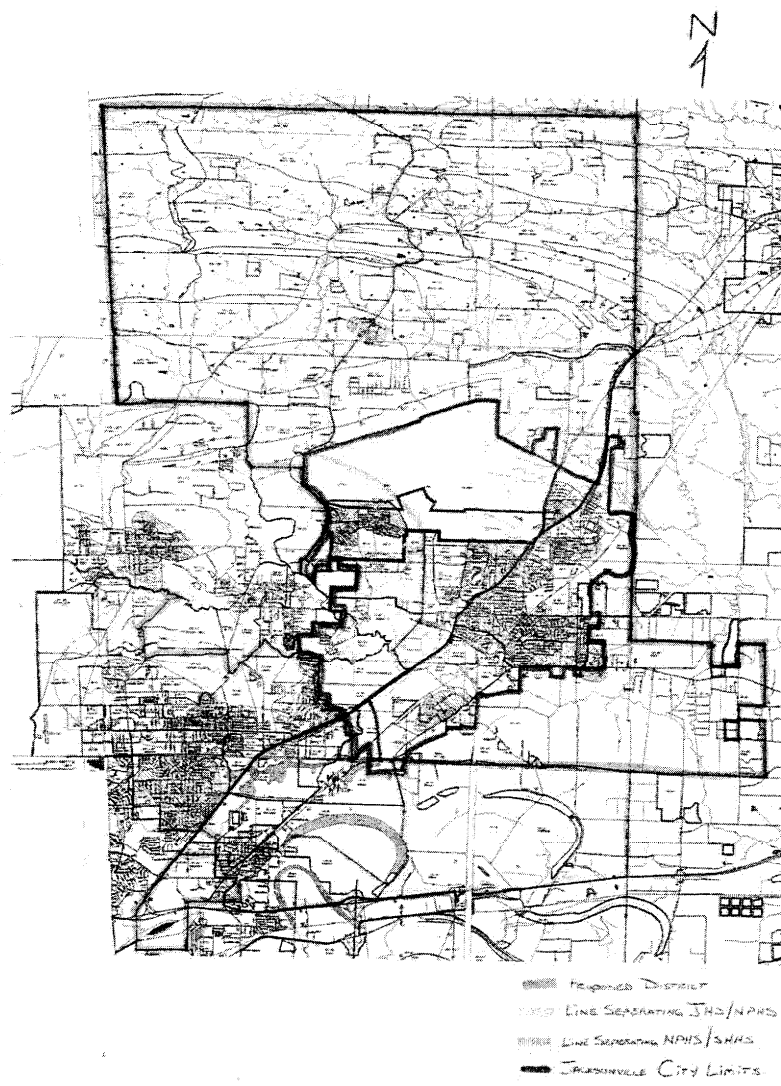


Exhibit "B" (page 1 of 2)

Physical Description of proposed new Jacksonville/North Pulaski area School District

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Beginning at the northeast corner of Pulaski County (NE Corner of Section 4, Township 4N, Range 10 west) and proceeding due west along the Pulaski County line, which borders Lonoke and Faulkner Counties, to the NW corner of Section 6, Township 4N, Range 11 west; then, proceeding due south along the Faulkner and Pulaski County lines to the southwest corner of Section 31, Township 4N, Range 11 west; then proceeding due east along the section line to the Northeast corner of Section 5, Township 3 north, Range 11 west to intersection with Jim Hall Road; then proceeding due south on Jim Hall Road along the east line of Section 5, Township 3 north, Range 11 west to Old Tom Box Road; then west to Bayou Meto Creek; then south along Bayou Meto Creek to the South line of the North $\frac{1}{2}$ of the North $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 11 West; then east along the South line of the North $\frac{1}{2}$ of the North $\frac{1}{2}$ said section 9 to the east line of said Section 9 and the city limits of the City of Jacksonville; then southerly along the west city limits of the City of Jacksonville to the SW corner of Sec 2, T-2-N, R 11 W; then due east along section line to Arkansas Highway 161; then south along boundary of Jacksonville City limits to point where city limits adjoin north border of Section 12, Township 2 north, Range 11 west; then proceed east to the Lonoke County line; then extending into Lonoke County and include the portion of Lonoke County, Township 2 north, Range 10 west, and Township 3 north, Range 10 West, which is presently a part of Pulaski County Special School District; then north following Lonoke-Pulaski County line to point of beginning.



#3
RESOLUTION OF THE
PULASKI COUNTY SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

Comes now the Board of Directors of the Pulaski County Special School District of Pulaski County, Arkansas, and adopts the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Pulaski County Special School District Board of Directors hereby resolves to suspend negotiations toward the detachment of territory to create a new Jacksonville district until the Pulaski County Special School District is declared unitary.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: That the Board of Directors of the Pulaski County Special School District hereby resolves to suspend negotiations toward the detachment of territory to create a new Jacksonville district until the Pulaski County Special School District is declared unitary.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 2009.

Board President

Board Secretary