

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

On November 8, 2018, during a regular meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Education, pursuant to the legal authority and jurisdiction vested in the Board by the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act (“AESAA”), Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2901 *et seq.*, and the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act (Effective September 1, 2018), the Board considered whether to classify the Pine Bluff School District as in need of Level 5 – Intensive support.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Arkansas Department of Education notified the Pine Bluff School District that ADE would be recommending to the State Board that it classify the District as being in need of Level 5 – Intensive support, and that the State Board would be considering ADE’s recommendation during its meeting on November 8, 2018. The ADE also notified the District of its right to appeal the ADE’s recommendation to the State Board.

2. In a letter dated October 25, 2018, the Pine Bluff School District notified the ADE that it would not appeal the ADE’s recommendation.

3. This matter was heard by the State Board on November 8, 2018, at which time the State Board considered evidence presented by the ADE and the District.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the State Board concluded that the Pine Bluff School District should be classified as in need of Level 5 – Intensive support in accordance with the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act

("AESAA"), Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2901 *et seq.*, and the Arkansas Department of Education Rules Governing the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act.

ORDER

5. For the above reasons, the State Board Orders that effective November 8, 2018:

- a) The Pine Bluff School District be classified as in need of Level 5 – Intensive support; and
- b) The State Board of Education assumes authority over the District;
- c) The State Board directs the Commissioner of Education assume authority of the District’s board of directors as may be necessary to operate the District.

Signed this 8th day of November, 2018.



Dr. Jay Barth, Chair
Arkansas State Board of Education