

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

On May 14, 2020, during a regular meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Education, the State Board considered the Petition of the Ozark Mountain School District and Lead Hill School District (“Districts”) to change their boundaries pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-1414.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On April 13, 2020, the Districts jointly petitioned the State Board of Education to for a boundary change, filing an Amended Petition on April 15, 2020. Specifically, the Districts sought to change their boundaries so that two pieces of land to the north of Bull Shoals Lake that currently are part of the Ozark Mountain School District would become part of the Lead Hill School District. *See* Exhibit “A” (map of area).

2. The Districts appeared before the State Board on May 14, 2020, to present their joint Petition.

3. The Districts submitted proof to the State Board of public notice issued in a local newspaper of general circulation in each affected district no less than one time a week for two consecutive weeks; specifically on April 23 and April 30, 2020.

4. In this public notice, as well as at the State Board meeting, the Districts stated the boundary change was requested because the pieces of land at issue do not border the Ozark Mountain School District, but do border, in part, the Lead Hill School District.

5. There was no objection voiced to this boundary change by any person or surrounding school district.

6. The Districts submitted that the boundary change would not hamper, delay, or in any manner negatively affect the desegregation efforts of the public school districts in the State of Arkansas, and there was no evidence presented to the contrary.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

7. For the reasons set forth above and in accordance with its best judgment, the State Board hereby grants the joint Petition of the Districts pursuant to its authority under Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-1414.

8. The boundary of the Districts shall be changed such that the two pieces of land to the north of Bull Shoals Lake, which currently are part of the Ozark Mountain School District, are now part of the Lead Hill School District.

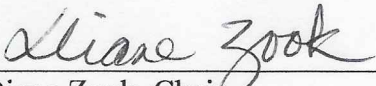
9. In accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-1414, the State Board will file a copy of this Order with:

- a. The County Clerk in each county in which the affected districts lie; specifically, Marion, Newton, Searcy, and Boone counties;
- b. The Secretary of State; and
- c. The Arkansas Geographic Information Systems Office.

10. This boundary change is effective May 14, 2020.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

On this 17 day of May, 2020



Diane Zook, Chair

EXHIBIT A: Boundary Change Petition of the Ozark Mountain and Lead Hill School Districts

