

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. On April 10, 2014, during a regular meeting of the Arkansas State Board of Education (State Board), the State Board considered a petition made by the Ouachita School District (Petitioner) to reduce the number of its school board members from seven (7) to five (5).
2. The petitioner was represented at the hearing by Mr. Ronnie Kissire, Superintendent. No individuals opposed to the petition appeared at the hearing.
3. The State Board conducted the hearing pursuant to the legal authority and jurisdiction vested in the State Board by Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-634.

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

4. On March 20, 2014, the Ouachita School District Board of Directors approved a resolution to petition the State Board to reduce the number of its school district board members from seven (7) to five (5).
5. On March 21, 2014, and on behalf of the Ouachita School District Board of Directors, Superintendent Ronnie Kissire submitted the petition to the State Board.
6. On March 27, 2014 the Ouachita School District published notice of the petition in the Malvern Daily Record.
7. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 6-13-634, the decrease in the number of school board members in the Ouachita School District is for the benefit of the Ouachita School District.
8. Accordingly, the petition of the Ouachita School District is **GRANTED**.

Signed this 11th day of April, 2014



Ms. Brenda Gullett, Chair
State Board of Education