

**State Board Meeting  
November 28, 2022  
Minutes**

Present: Ouida Newton, Chair, Dr. Sarah Moore, Vice-Chair, Jeff Wood, Dr. Fitz Hill, Jessica Saum, 2022 Arkansas Teacher of the Year, Johnny Key, ADE Secretary

Attended via ZOOM: Kathy McFetridge, Randy Henderson, Lisa Hunter, Adrienne Woods

Absent: Steve Sutton

The Arkansas State Board of Education (State Board) met Monday, November 28, 2022, in the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) – Division of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE) Auditorium. Chair Ouida Newton called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM, followed by a moment of silence.

**Recognition**

None

**Changes to the Agenda**

**Add**

Appeal of Classification of Marvell-Elaine School District in Need of Level 5 - Intensive Support.

A motion was made to add the Appeal of Classification of Marvell-Elaine School District in Need of Level 5 - Intensive Support to the agenda was made by Ms. Kathy McFetridge, seconded by Dr. Sarah Moore. The motion unanimously passed.

**Consent Agenda**

None

**Action Agenda**

**VI.1. Consideration of classifying the Marvell School District as in need of Level 5 -- Intensive Support, under the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act**

Item VI.1. was presented by Ms. Stacy Smith, DESE Deputy Commissioner. Present was Dr. Katina Ray, Superintendent and Mr. Brad Beavers, Attorney. Additionally, also present in support of the Marvell-Elaine School District were school board members, Mr. Clyde Williams, President, Mr. Mark English, Vice-President, and Ms. Arlicia Montague, as well as district employees and other district supporters.

Under the Arkansas Educational Support and Accountability Act, Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2901 *et seq.*, the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education is recommending that the State Board classify the Marvell-Elaine School District as in need of Level 5 – Intensive support Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2915. Upon classification, the State Board may take one or more of the actions set forth in Ark. Code Ann. § 6-15-2916.

Next, Dr. Katina Ray presented the appeal of the Marvell-Elaine School District classification of Level 5 - Intensive Support. Moreover, Dr. Ray stated that the district welcomes the DESE support; however, she requested that the Marvell-Elaine School District remain at Level 4 for one year.

A motion was made to deny the appeal of the Marvell-Elaine School District classification of Level 5 - Intensive Support. The motion was made by Mr. Jeff Wood, seconded by Ms. Kathy McFetridge. After roll call, the motion unanimously passed.

**Roll Call – Appeal by Marvell-Elaine School District**

Ms. Lisa Hunter	Yes
Mr. Jeff Wood	Yes
Ms. Kathy McFetridge	Yes
Ms. Adrienne Woods	Yes
Dr. Fitz Hill	Yes
Mr. Randy Henderson	Yes
Dr. Sarah Moore	Yes

A motion to classify the Marvell-Elaine School District as in need of Level 5 – Intensive Support and the Commissioner of DESE conduct an analysis of all school district systems and recommendations for actions by the State Board was made by Mr. Jeff Wood, seconded by Mr. Randy Henderson. After roll call, the motion unanimously passed.

**Roll Call – Classification of Marvell-Elaine School District in Need of Level 5 – Intensive Support**

Ms. Lisa Hunter	Yes
Mr. Jeff Wood	Yes
Ms. Kathy McFetridge	Yes
Ms. Adrienne Woods	Yes
Dr. Fitz Hill	Yes
Mr. Randy Henderson	Yes
Dr. Sarah Moore	Yes

Ms. Stacy Smith advised the State Board that Level 5 - Intensive Support of the Marvell-Elaine School District would start immediately, and Ms. Smith will present a report to the State Board at the State Board meeting on December 8, as well as continue to present information as discovered.

**New Business**

None


**Public Comment**

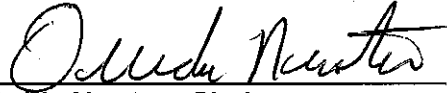
None

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the State Board meeting was made by Dr. Sarah Moore, seconded by Mr. Jeff Wood. The motion unanimously passed. Chair Ouida Newton adjourned the State Board meeting at 12:27 PM.

*Minutes recorded by Angela Scaife.*

  
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Johnny Key, Secretary  
Arkansas Department of Education

  
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Ouida Newton, Chair  
State Board of Education

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