STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PHONE CONFERENCE MONDAY, MAY 5, 1997

MINUTES

The State Board of Education was connected via phone, May 5, 1997, in the Director's conference room on the 3rd floor of the Arch Ford Education Building. The meeting of General Education was called to order at 2:07 p.m.

Members on line:

James McLarty, Chairman

Edwin Alderson Carl Baggett JoNell Caldwell Martha Dixon Bill Fisher Luke Gordy Betty Pickett

Elaine Scott

Member present:

Richard Smith

Gene Wilhoit, Ex Officio Secretary

Mr. Fisher made the motion to appeal Judge Susan Webber Wright's April 22, 1997 ruling on the Pulaski County school districts' challenges to certain changes in Arkansas' school funding statutes enacted in the 1995 legislative session. Ms. Scott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. McLarty announced his intention to appoint a nominating committee composed of Ms. Scott as chair and Mr. Smith and Ms. Walker. Then Mr. Gordy made a motion to do so. Mr. Baggett seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Fisher made the motion to adjourn at 2:14 p.m. Ms. Scott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

James McLarty III, Chairman

Gene Wilhoit, Ex Officio Secretary