

Minutes  
State Board of Education  
Special Called Meeting – Monday, March 1, 2004

The State Board of Education met for a special called meeting on Monday, March 01, 2004, in the Great Hall of the Arkansas Governor's Mansion, 1600 Center Street, Little Rock, AR. JoNell Caldwell, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

The following Board members were present: JoNell Caldwell, Chairman; Shelby Hillman, Vice-Chairman; Sherry Burrow; Luke Gordy; Dr. Calvin King; Randy Lawson; MaryJane Rebick; Diane Tatum; and Dr. Jeanna Westmoreland.

No Board members were absent.

Ms. Caldwell recognized Luke Gordy, chairman of the Board Search Committee, to make a committee report.

Mr. Gordy stated that over the past several months the Search Committee has sought a highly qualified individual, one who understands the demands on public education at this time, and one who knows Arkansas education. He stated the committee has found that person. Mr. Gordy moved that Dr. Ken James be hired as Director of the Arkansas Department of Education. Ms. Hillman seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously.

Ms. Tatum moved adjournment. Dr. King seconded the motion. The motion was adopted unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Dr. and Mrs. Ken James were escorted into the Great Hall by Governor Huckabee. Governor Huckabee introduced Dr. James as the new Director of the Arkansas Department of Education.

The Minutes were recorded and reported by Dr. Charles D. Watson.

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Tom Courtway, Interim Director

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JoNell Caldwell, Chair