

Denied 4/19/21
5/24/21

PETITION FOR TRANSFER OF STUDENTS
(please write legibly)

STATE OF ARKANSAS

COUNTY OF UNION

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SMACKOVER/NORPHLET

(Resident School District)

I, TAMARA LANGSTON, petition that my children or wards, as listed below, now residing in the SMACKOVER/NORPHLET School District in UNION County, Arkansas, be transferred to the EL DORADO School District in UNION County, Arkansas, for educational purposes under the provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-316 authorizing such a transfer, effective the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

NAME	AGE	GRADE
TEAGAN LANGSTON	9	3RD
ABEL GONZALEZ	5	K

TAMARA LANGSTON
(Printed Name of Petitioner)

Tamara Langston
(Signature of Petitioner)

870-310-6327
(Petitioner's Phone Number)

6623 MAGNOLIA HWY
(Petitioner's Address)

EL DORADO, AR 71730
(Petitioner's City and Zip Code)

CONSENT OF RESIDENT DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of SMACKOVER/NORPHLET School District of UNION

County, consents to have the student (s) listed above transferred from said school district.

Date Board Authorized Transfer

President of School Board

CONSENT OF RECEIVING DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of EL DORADO School District of UNION

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After the petition has been approved by the Board of Directors of the resident district and the Board of Directors of the receiving district, copies of approved transfers shall be filed by the receiving district with: (1) the office of the county clerk, (2) the administrative offices of the receiving district, (3) the administrative offices of the resident district, and (4) the Arkansas Department of Education State LEA Funding, Four Capitol Mall, Room 202-A, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. If the receiving district covers areas in more than one county, copies should be filed with both county clerks.

**TRANSFER OF STUDENTS
AFFIDAVIT**

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- (1) Either the resident or the receiving district is under a desegregation-related court order; and
- (2) The transfer in question would violate the court order.

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RESIDENT DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS' SIGNATURES	RECEIVING DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS' SIGNATURES

Mr. Black/Copy

Ark. Code. Ann. 6-18-307

2 messages

COPY

Taylor Dugan (ADE) <Taylor.Dugan@ade.arkansas.gov>
To: Jason Black <jason.black@smackover.net>

Mon, May 3, 2021 at 2:13 PM

Superintendent Black,

Good afternoon! Sorry for my late response and thank you for your patience. I reviewed Ark. Code. Ann. 6-18-307 and we interpret the seven miles to be just that, 7 miles, and not 7.6 miles. If the person does not meet this requirement then we'd argue they're not entitle to relief under that statute.

Taylor

Taylor Dugan(he/him/his)

Attorney Specialist

Arkansas Department of Education

Four Capitol Mall, 301-A

Little Rock, AR 72201

(501) 682-1958

Please note my new email address: taylor.dugan@ade.arkansas.gov

Jason Black <jason.black@smackover.net>
To: "Taylor Dugan (ADE)" <Taylor.Dugan@ade.arkansas.gov>

Tue, May 4, 2021 at 8:50 AM

Thank you for the clarification.

[Quoted text hidden]

Jason Black
Smackover-Norphlet School District
Superintendent
jason.black@smackover.net
870-725-3132

Go Bucks!!

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Mr. Black and Board

Joel Gonzalez and I (Tamara Langston) are requesting to speak before the board for the release to transfer to El Dorado from Smackover School District. We live two houses down from the district line and already have a child in 3rd grade that has attended El Dorado School since pre-k. Our son Abel will be coming into Kindergarten. Given the circumstances we feel keeping our children in the district they have known will be more beneficial to their education and emotional state. We are asking for a transfer under Arkansas Code 6-18-307. We have attached a copy of the code along with distance of travel to both schools. Our children's grandparent live and own a business in El Dorado and enjoy spending time with them and have easy access to them if need be. I (Tamara) work in Eldorado at Evers, Cox and Gober CPA right down the road where they will attend. Joel works at Canfor Southern Pine in Urbana which is even further out of the way of travel to Smackover. We are asking you to consider the well being of our children and our family. I feel if we are able to pick where we work and where we attend college we should be able to choose where we want to keep our children. We also touched on the issue of daycare for our third child and was told that there is a daycare in Smackover, but it is not open during school breaks or when the school is closed. Our current daycare is open when schools are closed as long as it's not a Holiday. Please consider all that is involved on behalf of our family and the strain it will present. Attached is also the acceptance letter on behalf of El Dorado.

Thanks

Tamara Langston 870-310-6327

Joel Gonzalez

There is a newer version of this Section

2018 Arkansas Code
Title 6 - Education
Subtitle 2 - Elementary and Secondary
Education Generally
Chapter 18 - Students
Subchapter 3 - Assignment
§ 6-18-307. Transfer from one school
district to adjoining school district

Universal Citation: AR Code § 6-18-307 (2018)

(a) (1) (A) The parent or guardian of any child or ward whose place of residence is at least fifteen (15) miles from the school in the resident district and whose place of residence is within seven (7) miles of a school in an adjoining district may petition the board of directors of the resident district for a transfer to the adjoining district if the adjoining district has agreed in writing to accept transfer of the child.

(B) The minimum distances prescribed by this subsection (a) shall be computed using highways that could reasonably and safely be traversed by school buses

(C) A copy of such written agreement by the receiving district shall be filed with any such petition.

(2) If the parents or guardians of several children in a particular area meet the requirements prescribed in this subsection (a), the parents or

guardians may jointly petition the board of directors of the resident district for transfer of their children or wards to the adjoining district.

(b)

(1) When any individual or joint petition as authorized in subsection (a) of this section is filed with the board of directors of any school district, the board of directors shall within thirty (30) days after the date of the filing of the petition either grant or deny the transfer.

(2) If the board of directors denies the petition, the petitioners may appeal to the State Board of Education.

(3) Within forty-five (45) days after the appeal to the state board, the state board shall either grant or deny the transfer.

(4) The ruling of the state board shall be the final administrative ruling on the petition.

(c) The transfer of any child or children from one (1) district to another as permitted in this section shall constitute a transfer of the legal responsibility for the education of the child or children to the receiving district, and the child or children shall be included in the average daily membership of the receiving district for state aid purposes.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SMACKOVER-NORPHLET SCHOOL DISTRICT #39 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS, HELD IN HOBGOOD AUDITORIUM, MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021, AT 5:30 P.M., WITH JOE BATES, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING.

Present:

Joe Bates, President
Lynn Birchfield, Vice-President
Don Thomas, Secretary
Chris Long, Director
Damon Goodwin, Director
Cliff Preston, Director
Stephen Crecelius, Director
Jason Black, Superintendent
Teri Philyaw, Special Programs Director
Bernadette O'Guinn, SHS Principal
Holly Strickland, SES Principal
Lori Willis, Business Manager
Robert Hodges, SRO
Marla Jameson, Licensed PPC
David Osborn, Athletic Director
Cody Cranford, Employee of the Month
Charles Dawson, GEO Lighting
Valerie Mullins
Tamara Langston
Joel Gonzalez
Stefanie McMurry
Stacy Jerry
Tamra Corley
Jean Rojas
Jana Warren
Matt Hutcheson, El Dorado News-Times

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Joe Bates, President. (Audio recording begins)

For audio purposes, Mr. Bates stated today's date of April 19, 2021.

Mr. Bates led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bates, President, declared a quorum.

David Osborn, Athletic Director, presented Cody Cranford with the Employee of the Month award. He stated that Coach Cranford goes above and beyond in all his duties.

The minutes of the regular meeting on 3/15/21, and special called meetings on 3/18/21 and 4/8/21, were accepted as published.

The financial report was accepted as published.

Motion by Chris Long, seconded by Damon Goodwin, to accept the legal transfer of three (3) siblings from El Dorado, as they were released from El Dorado on 4/12/21, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Bates, Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Goodwin, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Mr. Bates asked Ms. Mullins if she wanted her legal transfer hearing to be open or closed. She said closed.

Motion by Damon Goodwin, seconded by Stephen Crecelius, to deny the legal transfer of a 10th grade student from Smackover-Norphlet to El Dorado, but will allow for him to finish the 2020-21 school year in El Dorado and enroll in Smackover-Norphlet for the 2021-22 school year, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Bates, Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Goodwin, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Mr. Bates asked Mrs. Langston and Mr. Gonzalez if they wanted their legal transfer hearing to be open or closed. They said closed.

Motion by Chris Long, seconded by Stephen Crecelius, to deny the legal transfer of a 3rd grade student and her sibling (Kindergarten 2021-22), from Smackover-Norphlet to El Dorado, but will allow for the 3rd grade student to finish the 2020-21 school year in El Dorado and enroll in Smackover-Norphlet for the 2021-22 school year, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Bates, Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Goodwin, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Chris Long, seconded by Damon Goodwin, to table the stadium turf/lighting project talks, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Bates, Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Goodwin, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Chris Long, seconded by Stephen Crecelius, to postpone the stadium turf/lighting project until quotes on electricity can be received.

Yeas: Bates, Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Goodwin, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Marla Jameson, PPC President, gave an overview of policies 3.47 - Licensed Personnel Social Networking and Ethics and 8.37 - Classified Personnel Social Networking and Ethics.

Motion by Chris Long, seconded by Damon Goodwin, to table the approval of policies 3.47 - Licensed Personnel Social Networking and Ethics and 8.37 - Classified Personnel Social Networking and Ethics, and request that the expressly forbidden in the policy be changed to highly discouraged, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Bates, Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Goodwin, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Chris Long, seconded by Cliff Preston, to approve the policy for ABC PD Funds for ABC Employee Scholarships (Licensed Arkansas Better Chance Tuition Policy and Classified Arkansas Better Chance Tuition Policy), as presented by Teri Philyaw, and as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Bates, Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Goodwin, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Monthly Department Reports were noted.

Mr. Black talked about Teacher Equalization Funding.

Mr. Bates called the meeting into executive session at 7:15 p.m. (Audio stops)

Mr. Bates called the meeting back into regular session at 7:57 p.m. (Audio resumes)

Damon Goodwin, Director, excused himself from the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

Mr. Black, Superintendent, informed the board that he had accepted resignations from Tyler Kell, Brooke Mendenhall, Jennifer Lee, and Jana Reynolds.

Motion by Don Thomas, seconded by Damon Goodwin, to remove the Educational Examiner from the LEA stipend schedule and reduce the LEA stipend by \$5000, making the LEA stipend \$5000, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Bates, Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Goodwin, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Don Thomas, seconded by Cliff Preston, to approve Hallie Woods as our new LEA Supervisor for the 2021-22 school year, provided all certifications are met, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Bates, Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Goodwin, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Cliff Preston, seconded by Lynn Birchfield, to replace the Curriculum Instructional Stipend Title to Executive Director of Academic Leadership and School Improvement and increase the stipend to \$10,000, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Bates, Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Goodwin, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Don Thomas, seconded by Lynn Birchfield, to approve Holly Strickland as the new Executive Director of Academic Leadership and School Improvement, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Bates, Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Goodwin, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Cliff Preston, seconded by Stephen Crecelius, to hire an Instructional Facilitator to be paid out of ESSER Funds and we will advertize as a Jr. High/Sr. High position to help with Instructional Improvement, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Bates, Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Goodwin, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Don Thomas, seconded by Lynn Birchfield, to add a DTC (District Testing Coordinator) stipend at the rate of \$2100/year, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Bates, Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Goodwin, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Cliff Preston, seconded by Stephen Crecelius, to make June 1st through June 9th, half days, with early dismissal at 1:00 p.m., as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Bates, Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Goodwin, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

The board thanked Mrs. O'Guinn, SHS Principal, for providing them with detailed instructions for Graduation on May 17th..

There being no further business, Joe Bates, President, declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



President



Secretary

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SMACKOVER-NORPHLET SCHOOL DISTRICT #39 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS, HELD IN HOBGOOD AUDITORIUM, MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021, AT 5:30 P.M., WITH LYNN BIRCHFIELD, VICE-PRESIDENT, PRESIDING.

Present:

Lynn Birchfield, Vice-President
Don Thomas, Secretary
Chris Long, Director
Cliff Preston, Director
Stephen Crecelius, Director
Jason Black, Superintendent
Teri Philyaw, Special Programs Director
Bernadette O'Guinn, SHS Principal
Larry Beasley, NMS Principal
Holly Strickland, SES Principal
Tammy Wills, Preschool
Lori Willis, Business Manager
Anthony Davis, SRO
Marla Jameson, Licensed PPC
David Osborn, Athletic Director
Rhonda Dorflinger, Employee of the Month
Diann Bailey
Janet Parker
Rita Davis
Cody Stringer, A. L. Franks Engineering
Gary & Alicia Steelman
Steven & Chauna Edney
Angela Hobbie
Christie Blaggrave
Aaryn Avant
Stacy Jerry
Hallie Woods
Henry Epps
Mark & Tonya Corley
Gregg & Carolyn Rowan
Don & Sylvia Traylor
Brian Corley
Bryce, Haley, Alex, & Eli Rowan
David & Cassie Hegwood
Shannon, Ella, Brylee, & Carson Black
Tamara Langston
Joel Gonzalez

Brittany Johnston
Jana Warren
Amy Wilson

Absent: Joe Bates, President
Damon Goodwin, Director

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Lynn Birchfield, Vice-President. (Audio recording begins)

For audio purposes, Mrs. Birchfield stated today's date of May 24, 2021.

Mrs. Birchfield led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Birchfield, Vice-President, declared a quorum.

The district retirees were recognized as Carolyn Rowan (35 years); Tonya Corley (23.5 years); Carolyn Perkins (36 years/not present); and Donna Moseley (28 years/not present). Those present were presented with a plaque and mug and thanked for their many years of service and dedication to our school district.

Mrs. Tammy Wills, Preschool Director, presented Rhonda Dorflinger as the Employee of the Month. Ms. Dorflinger has worked at the preschool for five (5) years and is an asset to the preschool.

Mrs. Diann Bailey, Food Service Director, presented Employee of the Month certificates to Janet Parker, Norphlet Cafeteria Manager, and Rita Davis, Smackover Cafeteria Manager. Due to circumstances out of their control they were not able to be present in March or April to receive this honor. Mrs. Bailey bragged on each of her cafeteria managers.

Mrs. Birchfield called the meeting into executive session at 5:43 p.m. (Audio stops)

Mrs. Birchfield called the meeting back into regular session at 6:09 p.m. (Audio resumes)

Mr. Black, Superintendent, informed the board that he had accepted resignations from Tonya Corley, Samantha Ford, Terri Lucy, Marilyn Winright, Carolyn Perkins, and Amber Miller.

Mr. Cliff Preston recused himself from the next item.

Motion by Don Thomas, seconded by Stephen Crecelius, to hire David Preston, Jr., as a coach/teacher, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Birchfield, Thomas, Crecelius

Nays: Long

Mr. Cliff Preston rejoined the meeting.

Motion by Don Thomas, seconded by Cliff Preston, to hire Aaryn Avant as a 3 & 4 year old preschool worker, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Cliff Preston, seconded by Don Thomas, to hire Marilyn Winright as a part time elementary interventionist, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Cliff Preston, seconded by Stephen Crecelius, to hire Jan Peeples as a part time elementary interventionist, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Stephen Crecelius, seconded by Cliff Preston, to hire Christie Blagrove as a 5th grade teacher, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Don Thomas, seconded by Cliff Preston, to hire Stefanie McMurry as a 5th grade teacher (on an ALP), as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Cliff Preston, seconded by Don Thomas, to hire Charles (Tripper) Rowton as a Coach/Teacher, as recommended by the superintendent

Yeas: Birchfield, Thomas, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: Long

Motion by Cliff Preston, seconded by Stephen Crecelius, to reassign Stacy Jerry as the high school counselor, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Don Thomas, seconded by Cliff Preston, to reassign Jennifer Muckelrath as the middle school counselor, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Stephen Crecelius, seconded by Cliff Preston, to hire Melissa Gross as a special education teacher, as recommended by the superintendent.

Motion by Cliff Preston, seconded by Stephen Crecelius, to hire Chauna Edney as a secondary English teacher, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Each new hire is provided all certifications are met and background checks are satisfactory.

Motion by Cliff Preston, seconded by Don Thomas, to add one year of experience to Jerry Stegall's contract, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

At this time, each Principal introduced the new hires that were present, for their campus.

Motion by Don Thomas, seconded by Cliff Preston, to accept the Indistar reports as given by Mrs. O'Guinn, SHS Principal; Mr. Beasley, NMS Principal; Holly Strickland, SES Principal.

Yeas: Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

The minutes of the regular meeting on 4/19/21, and special called meetings on 5/4/21 and 5/11/21, were accepted as published.

The financial report was accepted as published.

Motion by Cliff Preston, seconded by Steven Crecelius, to approve the Special Education Title VI-B application as presented by Hallie Woods, LEA Supervisor, and as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Don Thomas, seconded by Cliff Preston, to approve the Resolution for sidewalk improvements, as presented by Cody Stringer, A. L. Franks Engineering, and as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Mrs. Lynn Birchfield, Vice-President, recused herself from the next item on the agenda.

Motion by Cliff Preston, seconded by Stephen Crecelius, to approve the Resolution to purchase from Smackover Motors, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Thomas, Long, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Cliff Preston, seconded by Chris Long, to purchase a truck from Smackover Motors for \$27,380.00, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Thomas, Long, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Motion by Cliff Preston, seconded by Stephen Crecelius, to purchase a van from Smackover Motors for \$36,050.00, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Thomas, Long, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Mrs. Birchfield rejoined the meeting.

Motion by Chris Long, seconded by Don Thomas, to approve policies *3.47 - Licensed Personnel Social Networking and Ethics; 8.37 - Classified Personnel Social Networking and Ethics, 8.38 - Classified Personnel Benefits; 8.7 - Classified Personnel Personal and Professional Leave; 3.11 - Licensed Personnel Personal and Professional Leave; and 3.35 - Licensed Personnel Benefits; and delete policy 8.1.1 - Classified Personnel Benefits*, as presented by Marla Jameson and Teri Philyaw, and recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Mrs. Birchfield asked the first legal transfer request if she wanted her hearing to be open or closed. She said open.

Motion by Cliff Preston, seconded by Chris Long, to deny the legal transfer of three (3) children to the El Dorado School District, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

The second legal transfer was requested to be closed by the parents.

Motion by Chris Long, seconded by Stephen Crecelius, to deny the legal transfer of a 3rd grade student and her sibling (Kindergarten 2021-22), from Smackover-Norphlet to El Dorado, as recommended by the superintendent.

Yeas: Birchfield, Thomas, Long, Preston, Crecelius

Nays: None

Monthly Department Reports were noted.

Mrs. Tammy Wills, Preschool Director, informed the board that our Smackover Preschool has been awarded an additional 20 ABC student slots.

There being no further business, Lynn Birchfield, Vice-President, declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



President



Secretary