

NEWS RELEASE

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McGill Selected PCSSD Acting Superintendent

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas (March 16, 2009) – Robert Ed McGill has been selected by the Board of Education (the Board) of the Pulaski County Special School District (PCSSD) as acting superintendent. Mr. McGill assumed his duties upon the resignation Wednesday, March 11, 2009, of James Sharpe, superintendent of PCSSD for the past four years. The Board will determine, at a subsequent meeting, a process by which the search for a permanent superintendent will be conducted, according to Board president, Tim Clark.

Rob McGill has been employed since 1993 by PCSSD as an elementary school teacher, assistant principal and principal. During 2003-2005, Mr. McGill was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, serving in Ft. Hood, Texas, Kuwait and Iraq. He is retired from the Arkansas Army National Guard, where he was an active member from December 1986 until July 2007, earning the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. During his service in the Guard, Lt. Col. McGill received the command of the 39th Brigade Support Battalion, where he was commander of ten armories and 800 soldiers throughout Arkansas (2005-2007).

Qualifications to serve as interim superintendent of the PCSSD include Mr. McGill being certified as Superintendent and Elementary School Administration Principal. His Arkansas Teacher Certification is also for Kindergarten-6th Grade and Middle School Social Studies. Mr. McGill is a 1986 graduate of Gurdon High School, and received in 1991 a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from the University of Central Arkansas, and in 1993 a Masters of Science in Elementary School Administration from Henderson State University.

“If I were to have a philosophy regarding excellence in education administration, it would be in order to improve outcomes, we must set goals and initiate and follow standards, because a lack of standards leads to poor performance,” said McGill. “Further, we all must strive to make a difference everyday in the lives of our children and the families and communities we serve. To do that, those of us given the honor to be leaders must be disciplined, responsible and accountable.”

Born in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, December 28, 1967, Mr. McGill is married to the former Pam Keener of Waldron, Arkansas. The McGills have two sons, Caleb, 6, and Christian, 2.

Robert Ed McGill
FACT SHEET

EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

2005-March 2009: Principal, Pine Forest Elementary School

2003-2005: Military deployment; see MILITARY EXPERIENCE

1999-2003: Principal, Sherwood Elementary School

1997-1999: Assistant Principal, Landmark Elementary School

1994-1997: Elementary school teacher, 5th and 6th Grades, Pine Forest Elementary School

1993-1994: Elementary school teacher, 4th Grade, Jacksonville Elementary School

All schools located in the Pulaski County Special School District.

EDUCATION

1993, Masters of Science in Elementary School Administration, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas

1991, Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas

1986 Graduate, Gurdon High School, Gurdon, Arkansas

MILITARY EXPERIENCE

2007: Lieutenant Colonel, Retired, Arkansas Army National Guard

1986-2007: Active member, Arkansas Army National Guard

2005-2007: Commander, 39th Brigade Support Battalion, Arkansas Army National Guard

2002-2005: Executive Officer, 39th Brigade Support Battalion, Arkansas Army National Guard

MILITARY EXPERIENCE, continued

1996-2002: Staff positions, battalion and brigade level, Arkansas Army National Guard

1990-1996: Platoon Leader, 1122nd Transportation Company; Commander, 1123rd Transportation Company, Arkansas Army National Guard (Saudi Arabia and Iraq)

HONORS

Veteran of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom

Legion of Merit

Bronze Star

“Best Principal” and “Best School” newspaper Readers’ Choice Awards

Recruiting Award, Arkansas Association of Elementary School Principals

Three Meritorious Service Medals

Six Army Commendation Medals

Two Army Achievement Medals