

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, November 13, 2017
6:00 p.m.

The Blytheville Board of Education met in a special meeting at the Blytheville School District Administration Building at 405 West Park Street at 6:00 p.m. on November 13, 2017, with the following members present:

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| (1) Tracey Ritchey, President | (2) Erin Carrington, Vice-President |
| (3) Barbara Wells, Secretary | (4) Tommy Bennett |
| (5) Desmond Hammett | (6) Tobey Johnson |
| (7) Henrietta Watt | |

The following member was absent:

- (1) Billy Fair

Others present: Casey DeFord, Idell Jenkins, Alisha Williams, Toyia Taylor

1. CALL TO ORDER President Ritchey called the regular meeting for the month of November 2017 to order at 6 p.m.
2. ESTABLISHMENT OF
A QUORUM A quorum was established with six members present. Erin Carrington arrived at 6:05 p.m. making seven members present.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS
 - A. Superintendent's Report
 1. Working with State Department and Arkansas Leadership Academy on District's assessment, overall rating, and baseline for RTI. schedule.
 2. Superintendents and Athletic Directors met at Valley View today. Our District will be reclassified as 4A in athletics next year except football which is 5A. The new conference will be 4A-3. Athletic Director will meet with coaches and information will be forwarded when it is received.
 3. Superintendent Atwill asked the Board to look at the 2017-2018 Plan of Action. Changes are being made on things we feel should be happening.

B. Instructional Reports
Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

Professional Learning/Collaboration:

- 45 Day Reports are due to ADE next week. Only BHS and BMS are required to do them, but BES and BPS are completing them as a form of data for us to monitor the progress as well. We will provide a copy of the reports to the board when they are completed. These include the assessments given and how students are progressing, attendance data on teachers and students, and progress toward the goals in each building.
- Casey and I are giving surveys to students and teachers at all four schools for PBIS to check on the implementation. We ask teachers to tell us what the PBIS objectives are, if they are teaching the lessons, and if they are giving rewards when students meet the objectives. We ask the students to tell us what the PBIS objectives are and if they are receiving recognition/rewards when they meet the objectives. The survey data will be shared with the PBIS team in each school to help them see areas that need to be reinforced.
- Each school has completed a Diagnostic Analysis Update in order to apply for a 1003 grant to improve reading and math. A district team reviewed the applications and submitted the overall district plan to ADE this week. Each goal and strategy included the effect size that is expected as a result of implementation based on research.
- Novice Teachers have met after school again this month at the district to review Domain 2 of TESS The Classroom Environment. For new teachers classroom management and building a classroom with respect and rapport through establishing solid relationships with students is a big focus. Teachers have a chance to work in small groups to reflect on the Domain 2 rubrics and share areas in which they would like more support. The instructional facilitators along with Casey and Sally are providing support for all novice teachers. They are getting familiar with using the discussion board for reflection on their practice.
- Principals and assistants are still doing observations and providing feedback to all teachers to help them grow professionally. We are seeing very positive responses to this practice. There are some new teachers who are really struggling with classroom management and establishing procedures so we have partnered them with other teachers, the IF's are modeling in the classroom, and the principals and SIS are meeting with them to set goals and identify next steps.
- Mr. Ashley, Mr. Wallace, and Ms. Sneed attended a New Tech Conference in Cleveland last week. One of the focuses was on quality feedback to teachers and students and how that can promote learning, so there was a good tie in to what we are working on currently.
- Wednesday, November 1st was National Family Literacy Day. Thirty eight volunteers including administrators, parents, and community members read to classrooms at the Primary School that day.
- BHS inducted 24 new members into the National Honor Society on Monday night with a nice group of parents and friends attending. Jeff Flanagan gave the remarks to the students encouraging them to identify the village that supported them and to have pride in themselves for being from Blytheville.
- Opportunities to serve students outside of the classroom: All of the schools are collecting names for the Angel Tree project in order to provide Christmas gifts to students in need. We have had great interest from staff at all buildings, but there are still students who need someone to sponsor them if anyone wants to participate. Our staff is also assisting Terri Brassfield with the Thanksgiving bags for students to have snacks for the week we are out of

school. The food has been ordered. We had a great response from the schools and a large group of students will receive bags.

C. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

1. We have a maintenance employee who is very ill. Please keep that individual in your thoughts and prayers.
2. Baldwin and Shell are becoming more final with their timeline. We are waiting on soil samples to decide what weight we can put on floor.

5. ACTION ITEMS AND REPORTS

- A. October 23, 2017, Meeting
- B. October 30, 2017, Special Meeting
- C. October Financial Report
- D. D. District's portion of E-rate funding for network upgrades at BMS and BHS – Presidio Network Solutions \$18,471.50.

Upon the recommendation of President Ritchey, a motion was made by Desmond Hammett and seconded by Henrietta Watt to accept items as listed in A. - D.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:57 p.m.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Retirement of Classified Employee

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B. Resignation of Classified Employee

Schwanyse Hodges	Paraprofessional	BMS
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Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tobey Johnson and Desmond Hammett seconded by Desmond Hammett to accept Retirement and resignation as listed in A. & B.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:09 p.m.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION At this time the Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel.
7. OPEN SESSION After discussion, the Board Came back into open session. No actions were taken.
8. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.



Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary