

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, June 25, 2018
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 June 25, 2018, with the following members present:

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| (1) Tracey Ritchey, President | (2) Erin Carrington, Vice-President |
| (3) Barbara Wells, Secretary | (4) Michelle Sims |
| (5) Billy Fair | (6) Desmond Hammett |
| (7) Tobey Johnson | (8) Henrietta Watt |

Others present: Daryl Johnson, Jana Wilson, Joan Thorne, Idell Jenkins, Casey DeFord, Scottie Sue Landess, Tiffany Snyder, Robert Harris, Sheila Gale, Senamoshia Thomas, Alisha Williams, Donna McCray, Tony Hollis, Curtis Smith, Sr., and Amanda Atwill.

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | President Ritchey called the regular meeting for the month of June 2018 to order at 6:02 p.m. |
| 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF
A QUORUM | A quorum was established with eight members present. |
| 3. PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| 4. SPECIAL RECOGNITION | Tommy Bennett was recognized for his 17 years of service as a school board member. |
| 5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS | |
| A. President | Barbara Wells nominated Tobey Johnson for President and was seconded by Billy Fair. Erin Carrington nominated Tracey Ritchey for President, Ms. Ritchey respectfully declined nomination. Desmond Hammett nominated Erin Carrington for President. |

Vote was 5:3 in favor of Mrs. Johnson for President at 6:07 p.m.

At this time, the meeting was turned over to President Johnson.

B. Vice President

Billy Fair nominated Barbara Wells for Vice-President and Erin Carrington nominated Desmond Hammett for Vice-President.

Vote was 5:3 in favor of Mrs. Wells for Vice-President at 6:10 p.m.

C. Secretary

Billy Fair nominated Henrietta Watt for Secretary and Erin Carrington nominated Desmond Hammett for Secretary.

Vote was 6:2 in favor of Mrs. Watt for Secretary at 6:11 p.m.

At this time, President Johnson recognized outgoing Superintendent Atwill. Johnson told the Board that she had known Mr. Atwill since he was a pup when he channeled all of his energy into the classroom. He was mentored by one of the best, Jim Roberts. Mr. Atwill was a phenomenon, his kids loved him, and he was incredible.

Johnson was Atwill's peer teacher. He was hard to keep up with. Johnson worked under Atwill as principal. BMS had a bad moral and in one year we did a complete reversal. Atwill then went to Osceola, married, had five kids and we were able to steal him back. I have worked under three superintendents, Atwill visited the schools and all the students and teachers knew who he was. Atwill left a footprint everywhere he has been.

6. PRIMARY BOARD DISBURSING OFFICER

Upon a motion by Tracey Ritchey and a second by Billy Fair the Board approved a resolution to appoint Tobey Johnson to serve as Primary Board Disbursing Officer of the District pursuant to Act 671 of 2003.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:13 p.m.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Todd Welch of Brackett Krennerich gave an update on gymnasium. In mid-May we received all approvals for bidding. There were 30 bid packages. They have to rebid mostly because all metal/steel structure builders are busy and we need huge structural columns. Welch was going to have a conference call with a company that does a lot of building in California and is hopeful to get a bid and to move forward quickly. Hopefully construction will start in 2-3 weeks.
2. Joan Thorne, Regional Sales Director for Chartwell's. Ms. Thorne asked the Board members what their experiences with eating in the cafeteria. Tobey Johnson stated the food was good and the kids were pleased; Tracey Ritchey said the food was good and everyone enjoyed the food.

Ms. Thorne presented a slideshow and talked about Chartwell's and the food services they offer.

3. Superintendent Atwill passed out revised calendars with the new meeting date for July.
4. Copies of the Board and Superintendent budget and Board budget with breakdowns were passed out. Budget is \$7 842 over expenditure. \$19,300 came out of Superintendent's budget for Air Evac for employees the Board approved.
5. Information on C.U.B.E. membership was distributed. Membership is \$8,250 per year with a 20% discount for the first year which would make the membership \$6,600 for the first year. Budget would have to be adjusted to make up the difference. Board would need to go and bring back information to train others. C.U.B.E. has relevance, but would advise that you spend some time reading the information.

Desmond Hammett made a motion to join C.U.B.E but there was no second and tabled until next meeting.

6. District had to absorb twenty three positions this year to meet budget cuts.

B. Instructional Reports

Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

- After tonight's meeting we should only have two positions left to fill which is in pretty good shape for June.
- Casey DeFord has been leading Classroom Management professional development for all teachers and it is going great. It is a great way for teachers to get personalized support in a small group setting right here in district.
- Reading Initiative for Student Excellence (RISE) training is happening for all teachers K-2 and all literacy teachers 3-6 this summer
- All teachers will get the Science of Reading background training that is required through their schools.
- Arkansas Quality Teacher webinar tomorrow that will provide guidance on supporting teachers hired under the Act 1240 waivers
- NE AR Literacy Conference Wednesday and Thursday at ASU
- Arkansas Leadership Academy kick off sessions will be held with each school- Primary year 3, Middle Year 2. BES has completed year 3, but will be doing additional work with their coach here in district.

8. STUDENT TRANSFER REQUESTS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Billy Fair and seconded by Tobey Johnson to accept three student transfer requests.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:46 p.m.

9. ACTION ITEMS

- A. May 21, 2018, Meeting
- B. June 12, 2018, Special Meeting
- C. May Financial Report
- D. Appoint Superintendent Ashley Ex-officio Financial Secretary 2018-2019
- E. Policy Revisions
- F. ALA Professional Assistance Agreement

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was

made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Desmond Hammett to accept items A., B., C., D., E. & F. with changes of date on Item A. (May 21, 2017 to May 21, 2018), Atwill to Ashley on Item D. (Appoint Superintendent as Ex-officio Financial Secretary 2018-2019 and excluding Item E (Policy Revisions).

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:03 p.m.

10. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Appointment of Certified Employee

Chris Gregory	Teacher	BMS
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B. Appointment of Classified Employee

Johnthan Bynum	Computer Technician	Admin
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C. Resignation of Classified Employee

Cryshana Hodges	Paraprofessional	BMS
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D. Resignation of Certified Employee

Blake Pitts	Teacher	BHS
Kate Smith	Teacher	BHS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Desmond Hammett to accept appointments and resignations as listed in A., B. C. & D.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:06 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

 Bobby Ashley
Ex-officio Financial Secretary