

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, May 21, 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 May 21, 2018, with the following members present:

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

Others present: Leslie Hyde, Gary Hyde, Enedina Baker, Allison Turner, Eileen Garris, Melissa Moriarty, Idell Jenkins, Michelle Sims, Jeanette Nolden, Paul Hamilton, Jaqueline Benson, Pauline Whaley, Laddie Whaley, John Rose, Jennifer Spurlock, Riley Hais, Shelia Gale, Consuela Hill, Alisha Williams, Senomashia Thomas, Sandy Gillespie, Tony Hollis and Vera James.

1. CALL TO ORDER President Ritchey called the regular meeting for the month of May 2018 to order at 6:01 p.m.
2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A quorum was established with eight members present.
A QUORUM
3. PLEDGE OF The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
ALLEGIANCE
4. SPECIAL RECOGNITION

A. Volunteers of the Year

BPS Winner - Melissa Moriarty, nominated by Diane Jenkins. Melissa Moriarty has accomplished many things to get our community involved in BPS. She has co-chaired our reading initiative, getting adults to come read to students several times this year. She always greets the community members and hosts them well as they are on our campus. She has volunteered on Main Street quite often this

year, and even built a planter along with her husband for our BPS flower bed on Main Street. Mrs. Moriarty was an integral part of our food drive, which helps maintain the food pantry on campus, ensuring all of our students are fed over weekends and breaks. Melissa prepares birthday bags and notes for parents each month for our students and helps make students know that their birthdays are important and they are loved. There are countless ways that Mrs. Moriarty has been involved so far above and beyond her work duties or even the typical volunteering of a parent. She can relate to parents and teachers, and she is a person who everyone goes to for help because they know she will follow through and give it her all! We're not sure what we would have done without her this year!

BES Winners - Dieters Stewart and Nicole Gillespie, nominated by Shayla Adelowo. Every Monday morning at BES, you can find Dieters and Nicole meeting with a group of students. They have met since December every week and these girls' lives have truly been affected for the better because of it. Dieters and Nicole are available for these girls and attend events and functions that they're involved in as support and encouragement to them. They have served as incredible mentors for our students. Since this began, none of the girls have had office referrals, and that is truly a testament to the positive influence of these two women. We are so grateful for adults who are willing to invest in our students and show them that they are loved and cared for. Our school is truly a better place because of these two!

BMS Winner and District Wide Winner - Melisa Logan (Her mother, Pauline Whaley, received for her. I just received her name a few minutes ago.) Nominated by Jennifer Spurlock, PI facilitator and BMS teacher. Melisa Logan works tirelessly for our students. She is present for many activities and strives to promote positive activities for student participation. She is involved in PTO and encourages our students AND our teachers with kind words every time they meet. She serves as BMS PTO president and leads by example in volunteerism and support. She is a role model and mentor for our students and encourages teachers with notes of appreciation and acts of kindness. She is a voice for our teachers in PTO and encourages the organization to utilize their funding on behalf of teacher appreciation often. On a weekly basis, you can find Mrs. Logan in the school office checking in to see how she can help. We have quite a dedicated friend and supporter in Mrs. Logan, and we appreciate her!

BHS Winner - Lisa Chew, nominated by McKenzie Pierce and Billy Phelan. Lisa Chew has been more than willing to volunteer for anything school related - for athletics or in the classroom. Not only does she volunteer, but she goes above and beyond to make her impact felt. She goes out of her way to help BHS, bringing after school meals from her church to the athletes, arranging senior night and putting up posters around the gym with pictures of seniors on display, and being an active voice of support in the community. She is an advocate for Blytheville Schools who can always be found with a smile on her face cheering on our students and staff. Ms. Chew is a 1983 graduate of BHS and her Chickasaw pride flourishes in the community. She never seeks thank yous, but her service to BHS is simply because she cares and wants our students to have the very best.

On behalf of the District, President Ritchey thanked the volunteers of the year for all they do for teachers and students, as well as everything they do for the District.

B. District Retirees

Sally Cooke and Allison Turner presented retirement bells to district retirees Enedina Baker, 23 years of service, Paul Hamilton, 11 years of service, Leslie Hyde, 25 years of service and Jeanette Nolden, 13 years of service.

President Ritchey thanked the retirees for all of their years of serving our staff and children.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. The District has lost 1,200 students in the last nine years due to declining enrollment. We are making sure our finances can sustain our District. Jennifer Hopper, Director of Finance, will be doing a projection at the end of the year on finances.
2. We still have 6-7 positions that we will have to fill to meet accreditation standards.

B. Instructional Reports

Jean Cole, Director of Director of Support Services

1. 504 and Special Education budget is intact.
2. Pre-K has been taken care of. There is a waiting list.
Superintendent Atwill told the Board that preschool will be brought up again in the 2019 Legislative Session.

Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

Strategic Action Plans were sent to you in the board packet so you could see the work that the schools have done this year with ALA. These include the goals and actions taken along with dates completed and whether they are ongoing. Strategic Action Plans for 2018-2019 are being updated by the teams as they attend ALA and work with their coach. I can share those with you in the fall.

Copies of sections of the Curriculum Guides were passed out to each member. The documents themselves are way too extensive to give each of you a printed copy. The sample on my table in the 6 inch binder is an example of one subject and one-grade-level that was printed, so as you can see there is too much to give you a copy.

I invited Mrs. Carrington to attend a meeting last week with our ADE specialist since she has shown such an interest in this process, but she was unable to attend at that time. She along with all of you are welcome to come meet me at the office during work hours if you want me to show you more online since I can't share their working documents. I also ask that you do not share what I given you with others since this is the work of our teachers for the district.

Curriculum mapping provides a process-oriented model that involves every teacher and encourages collaboration and reflection. It is flexible to allow for the changing needs in a school or district. Most importantly, curriculum mapping relies on the expertise of all teachers.

The curriculum map is valuable, but the process of curriculum mapping is equally valuable and will lead to more effective

schools. The tenets of effective schools: collaboration, reflective inquiry, shared purpose, teacher and student learning, and program coherence are all part of the curriculum mapping process. Our teachers are heavily involved in this process and it is always going to be an ongoing effort as standards change, resources are added, and new training or learning occurs.

All the teams are working on the documents online and are being supported by the ADE specialist through the SPDG grant. Great progress has been made in updating the documents, working to align the standards, and compiling information that will be extremely helpful to new teachers who enter the school.

In the samples that I have provided you can see sections that are underlined and those are all links that take you to additional support documents, lesson plans, resources, and electronic connections that will help teachers have all that they need at their fingertips.

The Components, Time, Elements and Expectations, along with Resources are included for each block of instruction. We have also included information regarding assessment in the documents. Many definitions are included and we have worked to align the format and the information from building to building so there is a natural progression from grade to grade.

C. Operation Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

1. Mr. Jumper bragged on Don Jenkins and his guys for all the work they did for graduation and awards program. Jenkins takes great pride doing these jobs. Even with the rain, graduation went well.
2. Eric Euler, Baldwin and Shell was married on Saturday and not present at meeting and Mr. Jumper updated the Board in his absence. Plans are back and have been approved by fire marshal. Bids are in progress. We need to have a dry summer to keep work on track.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. April 23, 2018, Meeting
- B. April Financial Report
- C. Community Eligibility Provision
- D. 2018-2019 Board Meeting Dates
- E. ADE Special Education Statement of Intent 2018-2019

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tobey Johnson and seconded by Henrietta Watt to accept items A., B., C., D., and E.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:06 p.m.

7. STUDENT TRANSFER REQUEST

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Erin Carrington and seconded by Desmond Hammett. to accept student transfer request.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:08 p.m.

8. DISTRICT JOB DESCRIPTIONS

The Board discussed job descriptions of district employees.

Desmond Hammett left the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Desmond Hammett returned to meeting at 7:48 p.m.

After much discussion, the Board took no action on District Job Descriptions.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time the Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel and job performance.

10. OPEN SESSION

After discussion, the Board came back into open session.

A. Appointment of Certified Employees (2018-2019)

Jacquin Benson	Teacher	BHS-New Tech
Jeremiah Watson	Teacher	BHS-New Tech

B. Resignations of Certified Employees (End of 2017-2018)

Lindsey Jensen	Teacher	BHS-New Tech
Angela Burnside King	Teacher	BHS-New Tech
Vince McCrosky	Teacher	BHS-New Tech
Cameron Sadler	Teacher	BHS-New Tech
Robert Saldivar	Teacher	BMS
Brea Treat	Teacher	BPS

C. Appointment of Classified Employee (2018-2019)

Ramona Blair	Secretary	BPS
Angie Hill	Secretary	BPS

D. Resignation of Classified Employees (End of 2017-2018)

Cindy Hampton	Secretary	BPS
Monica Valentine	Paraprofessional	BES

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

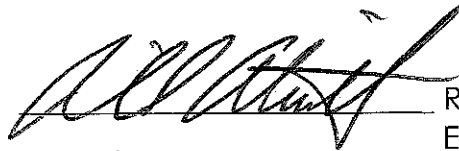
Motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:50 p.m.

10. REVISION OF 2018-2019 BOARD MEETING DATES

A motion was made by Tobey Johnson and seconded by Donna Aldridge to change the July 23, 2018 meeting date to July 30, 2018.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 9:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.



Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary