

**BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Blytheville, Arkansas**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 30, 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 March 30, 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) Billy Fair                | (6) Tobey Johnson                   |

The following members were absent:

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| (1) Billy Fair | (2) Henrietta Watt |
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Others present: Idell Jenkins, Kim Byrd, Keonna Adams, Whitney Mangum, Alex Garcia and Brandon Harper.

1. CALL TO ORDER      President Ritchey called the regular meeting for the month of March 2017 to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM      A quorum was established with six members present.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE      The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. SCHOOL PRIDE

A. Kim Byrd, BHS New Tech

Mrs. Byrd introduced food production students, Keonna Adams and Whitney Mangum who planned and prepared the meal for Board Members. The meal consisted of spinach and arugula salad with almond coated goat cheese and vinaigrette, herbed apple glazed chicken, mashed potatoes and butternut squash with brown sugar and the desserts were apple dumplings, fresh strawberry and

death by chocolate cake. These items served were chosen because of FCCLA competition next week. This will be our first competition in the culinary event against food programs across Arkansas.

## 5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

### A. Superintendent's Report

1. Mrs. Cooke is preparing a report that is due tomorrow and Mr. Jumper is not here. We are in that stretch, especially March and April. April 2 – May 11, 2017 is testing window.
2. This past Monday night, the Villagers held a meeting at the Multipurpose Building to discuss millage. Twenty-five to thirty people attended and there were a lot of good questions.
3. Baldwin is getting flyers together that we will pass out.
4. Superintendent Atwill and Sally Cooke met with principals Wednesday. We have asked for some waivers for schools. We will request similar waivers for all schools like high school. One of our improvement goal is keeping and retaining highly qualified teachers. We have a lot of hometown people who have received degrees but did not plan on being teachers. Waivers are due April 13<sup>th</sup>.
5. You will see the notice in the paper that BMS will remain in academic distress. The notice will also appear on Ritter.

## 6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. February 27 2017, Meeting
- B. March 7, 2017, Special Meeting
- C. February Financial Report
- D. Purchase 2016 Ram 2400 Crew Cab for \$26,356.00

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:34 p.m.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION At this time the Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

## 8. OPEN SESSION

After discussion, the Board came back into open session.

### A. Reappointment of District-Level Administrators/Directors (2017-2018)

Bobby Ashley	Principal
Chanda Walker	Principal
Mike Wallace	Principal
Jana Wilson	Principal
Jennifer Blankenship	Assistant Principal
Donald Davis	Assistant Principal
Louise Davis	Assistant Principal
Jon Fulkerson	Assistant Principal
Eileen Garris	Assistant Principal
Michelle Walling	ALE Director

### B. Appointment of Certified Employee (2017-2018)

Marc Barrett	Teacher	BMS
Zandra Johnson	Teacher	BMS

### C. Appointment of Certified Employee (Current Year)

Jordan McBride	Teacher	BMS
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### D. Resignation of Certified Employee

John Edmonston	Teacher	BHS-New Tech (March 28)
Alisa Melton	Teacher	BHS-New Tech (March 9)

### E. Resignation of Certified Employee (End of 2016-2017)

Virginia Andrews	Teacher	BHS-New Tech
Andrew Camp	Teacher	BHS-New Tech
Belinda Cantrell	Teacher	BPS
William Emmerling	Teacher	BHS-New Tech
Melanie Polsgrove	Teacher	BMS
Deerick Smith	Teacher	BHS-New Tech

### F. Retirement of Certified Employees (End of 2016-2017)

Sharon Foulkes	Teacher	BPS
Virginia Reid	Teacher	BHS-New Tech

G. Retirement of Classified Employee (End of 2016-2017)

Mae Brown	Food Service	BMS
Calvin Clark	Custodian	Admin
Dorothy Clark	Food Service	BMS
Patricia Green	Nurse	BES
Sue Lawrence	Clerk	BHS-New Tech
Suzanne Wallace	Secretary	BHS-New Tech

H. Resignation of Classified Employee (End of 2016-2017)

Chelsea Grimes	CSSO	District
Jodi Michelle Johnson	Paraprofessional	BPS
Katryse McDonald	RN	BPS
LaShonda Sutton	Paraprofessional	BMS

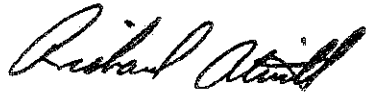
Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tommy Bennett and seconded by Erin Carrington to accept reappointments, resignations, recommendations and retirements as listed above in A., B., C., D., E., F., G. & H.

Motion passed by 4:2 vote at 7:12 p.m., with Desmond Hammett and Barbara Wells casting nay votes.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION At this time the Board went into Executive Session.

10. OPEN SESSION After discussion, the Board came back into open session.

11. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



Richard Atwill  
Ex-officio Financial Secretary