

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, May 22, 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 May 22, 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) Desmond Hammett |
| (7) Tobey Johnson | (8) Henrietta Watt |

Others present: Eileen Garris, Allison Turner, Jana Wilson, Idell Jenkins, Sue Lawrence, Suzanne Wallace, Virginia Reid, Amanda Haynes, Patricia Green, Lawanda Davison, Alyssa Davidson, Shenia Culp, Jeanie Wagoner, Sherrie Burton-Clay, Jennifer Spurlock, Carlony Lewis, Courtney Fisher, Phillip Dever, Adron Poole, Michelle Sims, Tiffany Snyder, and Brandon Harper

1. CALL TO ORDER President Ritchey called the regular meeting for the month of May 2017 to order at 6:08 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. SCHOOL PRIDE

A. Jean Cole, Director of Support Services, Special Olympic Students

Mrs. Cole introduced Special Olympic Superstar Alisa Davidson. Alisa had earned gold and silver awards. Students in our area combine to form a team. Lawanda Davison presented a video which spotlighting area special Olympic students. The events included swimming, volleyball, bowling, floor hockey, basketball, power lifting and track and field. Students attended a meet and greet at Arkansas State University for football and basketball. ASU also sponsored a Royal Dance. Polar Plunge was held February 11th and raised \$7,800. Boots and Badges at Walmart collected \$2,800.

Torch Run was today and we leave for State, next year, we will go to Nationals. We are working on Project Unity which pairs a disabled person with a non-disabled person.

B. Volunteers of the Year

Mrs. Allison Turner presented volunteers of the year, Sherrie Burton-Clay, Blytheville Primary School, Laura Lynn, BES, Carlony Lewis, BMS and Courtney Fisher, BHS-New Tech. We received lots of positive information on our volunteers and we appreciate their service to our District.

Courtney Fisher was named Blytheville School District Volunteer of the Year. Courtney has made a significant impact on the students that she has helped. She shows them what a loving caring family looks like. In our area students don't always have that opportunity within their own home, and Courtney is sure to show our students what a loving family is. Her work extends far past the academic help - she takes the boys to get tux measurements, lets them know they need to get a corsage for their dates, and even takes their parents to fill prescriptions or buy groceries when they need a ride. She has helped teach the students to not just expect people to give you things. Every student that she has helped has volunteered in the community in some way. They have helped with community clean up, shoveled snow, raked leaves for the needy, helped churches when they need it, read to the primary students, and that's just a few things. She shows them what a loving family can look like by inviting them into her home to be a part of her family. She is a great example for our students to look up to.

C. District Retirees

District retirees that were recognized and received their retirement bell were Melinda Allison, Sharon Foulks, Virginia Reid, Patricia Green, Sue Lawrence, Suzanne Wallace, Dorothy Clark, Calvin Clark, Mae Brown, Shirley Eskin, Dorothy Jenkins, Jeanie Wagoner, Debbie Hicks and Shirley Jefferson.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Blytheville Primary School went into lockdown today. As of meeting, person is not in custody. Videos have been submitted to Police Department. School went on lockdown for a short period. Parents

were at the school for awards ceremony and were able to see this in action. Everything worked smoothly.

2. June 8th we go to Little Rock for waivers.
3. No more Teach for America.
4. June 14th is election for millage and construction bonds. We are hoping it passes to help us retain teachers. We have handouts and brochures. 1000 fans were distributed at graduation along with flyers. Pastor Poole and Michelle Sims have yard signs available.
5. 8th grade graduation was this morning at 10:00 a.m. Children were well behaved and well received. Right up to the last second, rain was in the air for BHS-New Tech graduation. Tenaris merit awards were last week and Kindergarten graduation is this Wednesday at 8:30 a.m.
6. ASBA has sent us 27 updated policies. Policies have been sent to the policy committee. They all effect students one way or another.

B. Instructional Reports

Jean Cole, Director of Director of Support Services

1. GPS Tracking is the new data program we are using. Data can be gathered on absences and in-school and out-of-school suspensions. Currently, we are seeing a decrease in suspensions.

May 2016 vs. May 2017

BHS	27	23
BMS	56	32
BES	46	22

2. The process we have in place is working. Teachers are receiving more support and students are receiving more support and coping skills.
3. District-wide meeting is the third Wednesday of each month starting in September.

Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

1. Recruitment is going well. June 8th we will find out if we get waivers. A few locals are working on becoming non-traditional teachers. Teachers would need a Bachelor's Degree and pass background check. Typically, there are not enough teachers across Arkansas to

fill positions. Most likely, there will be a shortage this year. Emily Crosskno, College and Career Coach is working with students who are interested in teaching. We want to stay in contact with any student who passes through our high school and bring them back home.

2. Casey DeFord and I have been working with Jamie Holiman, our SIS from ADE, to complete the end of year reports for BMS and BHS. Each school will be turning in their final report on Friday, June 2nd, so I can provide a copy for you to read at the June School Board meeting.
3. Blytheville Primary School received a great email today from Vicki Reed, Education Administrative Assistant, Discovery Park of America:

Good morning,

We just wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed your students and staff on their trip to Discovery Park. Numerous DPA staff members commented to us about how well-behaved the students were and how well your staff supervised them. We are confident it was a great experience for them as well. We will be looking forward to working with your school in the future.

C. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

1. I am genuinely excited about this vote. We have a lot of support from our community. The Villagers are putting signs together and arranging a meeting to support the millage. I see a swing and we are moving in a positive direction. These relationships will sustain our community. The Chamber Board voted unanimously to support us. Allison Turner has met with Chamber Board. We have Phil Dever here tonight from the Chamber. People are saying this is what is good for our city.
2. Carolyn Barnes got 2000 kids back and forth to school and trips without any major issues this year.
3. I cannot say enough about how well graduation went. We had 130 graduates and over 3000 people in the stands. Mrs. Cooke added, "Is there anything more beautiful than a student walking on stage and picking up their diploma?"

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. April 24, 2017, Meeting
- B. May 3, 2017, Special Meeting
- C. May 11, 2017, Special Meeting
- D. April Financial Report
- E. Community Eligibility Provision
- F. ADE Special Education Statement of Intent 2017-2018
- G. 2017-2018 Board Meeting Dates
- H. ALA Professional Assistance Agreement

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tobey Johnson and seconded by Desmond Hammett to accept items A., B., C., D., E., F., G. & H.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:28 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. Appointment of Certified Employees (2017-2018)

Angela Hester Deter	Teacher	BMS
Robert Herten	Teacher	BMS
Donald Hunt	Teacher	BMS
Vincent McCrosky	Teacher	BHS-New Tech
Audrey Parker	Teacher	BMS
Ebony Wells	Teacher	BES
Paula Williams	Teacher	BHS-New Tech

B. Resignations of Certified Employees (End of 2016-2017)

Lucretia Cooper Cox	Teacher	BMS
Mary Ann Davis	Teacher	BES
Sarah Harden	Teacher	BMS
Kirk Glintborg	Teacher	BHS-New Tech
Gregory Leone	Teacher	BMS
Jennifer Lovell	Teacher	BPS
Aimee Lynn	Teacher	BPS
Breanna McCain	Teacher	BHS
Kimberly Moody	Teacher	BES
Donna Sunshine	Teacher	BHS-New Tech

C. Non-renewal of Certified Contract

Terrie Hughes	Teacher	BMS
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D. Retirement of Certified Employee (End of 2016-2017)

Debbie Hicks	Teacher	BES
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E. Appointment of Classified Employees

Yvette Chambers	Paraprofessional	BPS
Katryse McDonald	Nurse	District
Erma McMiller	Custodian	Admin

F. Resignation of Classified Employees

Cathy Brown-Martin	Paraprofessional	BES
Chandlor Sullivan	Nurse	District

G. Voluntary Resignation Due to Job Abandonment

Patricia Keeling	Food Service	BMS
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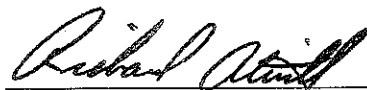
H. Retirement of Classified Employees (End of 2016-2017)

Shirley Jefferson	Food Service	BES
Dorothy Jenkins	Custodian	BHS-New Tech
Jeanie Wagoner	Paraprofessional	BMS

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:15 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary