

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, October 24, 2016
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 October 24, 2016, 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 | |

The following members were absent:

- (1) Henrietta Watt

Others present: Paul Jenkins, Diane Hay, Drake Jackson, Shannon Page, Conner Frazier, Justin Braylock, Grant Langston, Bailee McCustion, Rushanti Taylor, Carlzon Ford, Jacob Pruett, Tonya Taylor, Allison Wierzbicki, Cynthia McCustion, Mark McCustion, Rick Terry, Eric Euler, Steve Taylor, Shirley Taylor, Geneva Harris, Penny Sims, Bobby Ashley, Bebe Gillespie, Cher Williams, Birdie Redd, Henrietta Cherry, Linda Williams, Melissa Young, J. Benson, Sherry Prunty, Frederick Clay, Pamela Bradley, Alisha Williams, Robin Sneed, Marshall Hughes, Rick Terry, Eric Euler, Todd Wells and Brandon Harper.

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | President Ritchey called the regular meeting for the month of October 2016 to order at 6:00 p.m. |
| 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM | A quorum was established with six members present. Erin Carrington arrived at 6:04 making seven members present. |
| 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| 4. <u>SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION</u> | |

Blytheville Middle School, Mike Wallace, Principal
Report on trip to US Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville

Mr. Wallace introduced Diane Hay, Gifted and Talented/AP Coordinator to the Board. Mrs. Hay's 8th grade GT students gave a presentation on their recent trip. Mr. Drake Jackson presented the slideshow while students told the Board of their experiences at the US Space & Rocket Center in Huntsville, Alabama. The group also solved all of "The Mars Generation" anomalies and also received the Best Mission Award.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Annual Charter Report

Robin Sneed, New Tech Director

Our mission: BHS New Tech values all learners as individuals and strives to promote learning outcomes that matter.

Our vision: All learners will show agency, demonstrate the ability to communicate, collaborate, think critically, and transition into the college or career of their choice.

Core Beliefs: New Tech Strategies benefit our students, relationships are essential and our responsibility, teamwork is key to collaboration, innovation, and creativity, which are our standard operating procedures, and the community is a vital partner in our process.

Goal 1: Increase in scores. Blytheville High School reading comprehension, mathematics and mathematical reasoning will increase to at least meet yearly state AMO goals and individual student growth goals for each year for the first six years. Goal 2: STAR growth. There will be 1.5 years of grade level growth on Renaissance Learning, STAR Enterprise testing for each individual student each year, regardless of proficiency in reading, language usage and mathematics. Goal 3: Mastery, All students will progress towards mastery of 80% by the end of the school year on each Common Core Standard as measured by End of Course exams and Star Enterprise. Goal 4: Attendance will increase by 0.5% over the current attendance rate of 95.33% each year for the next six years. Goal 5: Graduation rate. BHS graduation rate, based on the state Annual Measurable Objectives, will increase by 5.86% for the first year, 4.44% the second year and 2.5% for each of the next four years thereafter. BHS New Tech has 17 AP certified teachers and offers 10 Advanced Placement courses. Celebrating the BHS Class of 2016 with 111 students received Achievement Awards, 42 honor graduates, 48 students who completed 4 years of high

school with no referrals, 115 CTE Completers, 61 received Industry Certifications, 11 CTE Interns, 50 National Honor Society Members, 55 national Beta Club Members, 50 students (30% of the class) were offered scholarships totaling over \$2,150,580.00, including 29 recipients of the Arkansas Challenge Scholarship, totaling \$14,000 each.

B. Instructional Report

Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

1. Mrs. Cooke introduced Ms. Casey DeFord, our new School Improvement Specialist. It is a great privilege to have her with our District.
2. 45-Day Focus School Progress Reports for all four schools in the District were given and discussion was held. Specific attention was given to attendance of students and teachers and pre and post assessments. Mrs. Cooke is available for any further questions regarding the reports and will provide them as they are turned in to ADE during the year. A new Report Card for Primary School Kindergarten classes was handed out. These report cards show standards; this card is discussed at mid-term with parents so they know what their children need to work on. We will be working with parents throughout the year to help parents understand what areas their student is excelling or struggling in.

Jean Cole, Director of Director of Support Services

1. Response to intervention on behavior. Committees are fully in place. We are working on committee at BHS.
2. Our new focus is on "why" are there out-of-school suspensions. Our goal is to reduce OSS. We have a lot of areas that are decreasing; we working on in-school suspensions. We want to figure out what we can do different. We want to support students and observe and help teachers who struggle in behavior management.
3. 1st District level stakeholder response to behavior action plan is in place. We expect to see a decrease in out-of-school suspensions.

C. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

1. Mr. Jumper told the Board that he loves to come to work every day. Our employees do a great job. Ms. Barnes gets 2000 kids to and from school every day, Mr. Jenkins keeps-up four huge campuses, Mrs. Snyder is on the Arkansas Nutrition Board and is now president-elect, Mr. Harper helps principals with all safety issues, inspections, drills and with the recent RAVE review where we were a showcase.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. September 26, 2016 Regular Meeting
- B. October 11, 2016 Special Meeting
- C. September Financial Report
- D. Baldwin and Shell Construction Company for construction management on new gymnasium and football field project
- E. Brackett Krennerich - Architects on new gymnasium and football field project
- F. Brackett Krennerich – Architects to provide renderings and plans for millage \$31,687.50
- G. Notification of audit beginning (Thomas, Speight & Noble)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Desmond Hammett and seconded by Billy Fair to accept items A., B., C., F. & G as listed and to modify Superintendent Atwill's recommendation of D. & E. from "new gymnasium and football field project" to "athletic facility" and to accept to D. & E.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:38 p.m.

7. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Resignations of Classified Employees

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| Ana C. Mabrey | Paraprofessional | BPS |
| Connie Miller | RN | |

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tobey Johnson and seconded by Billy Fair to accept item as listed in A. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:38 p.m.

The Board took a short break and resumed meeting at 7:48 p.m.

At this time Beardsley Finance provided training on public school

finance.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Atwill", is written over a horizontal line.

Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary