

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, April 26, 2010

The Blytheville Board of Education met at the Blytheville School District Administration Building at 405 West Park Street at 6:00 p.m. on April 26, 2010, with the following members present:

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| (1) Tommy Bennett, Jr., President | (2) Lori Hixson, Vice President |
| (3) Billy Fair, Secretary | (4) Gene Henton |
| (5) Marrietta Jerome | (6) Steve White |
| (7) Carlony Lewis | (8) Tracey Ritchey |

Others present for the meeting: Jean Cole, Juanita Ellis, Starr Ellis, Tina Ellis, Diane Hay, Charlie Groves, Greg Groves, Madison Groves, Donna Hilton (*Blytheville Courier News*), Kevin Hilton, Tony Hollis, Vera James, Priscilla Johnson, Mary A. Jones, Sam Macre, Maurice Moody, Zachary Mosley, Tina Robinson, John Shaw, Kelvin Tisdell, Curtis Walker, and Inez Whitaker. (There were others present who did not place their names on the sign-in sheet.)

1. CALL TO ORDER President Bennett called the meeting for the month of April 2010 to order.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF
A QUORUM A quorum was established with all members present.

3. PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION

 A. Diane Hay introduced members of the two Odyssey of the Mind Teams who will represent the Blytheville School District in World Finals in Lansing, Michigan, on May 25-30. The teams are involved in various fundraising projects for the trip. Ms. Hay thanked Coaches Curtis Walker, Jeanne Harlan, and Angie Bunch. The students spoke to the Board about the competition and had the Board participate in a sample spontaneous problem. Coach Curtis Walker explained the structure portion of the competition. Tina Ellis spoke to the Board from a parent's prospective.

5. BOND ISSUE

 A. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Marrietta Jerome and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board submit an "Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds," with related documents, for a \$5,460,000 Refunding Bond Issue (11-1-03 "B") to the State Department of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley Public Finance as Fiscal Agent.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- B. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Lori Hixson and seconded by Tracey Ritchey that the Board submit an "Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds," with related documents, for a \$7,120,000 Refunding Bond Issue (1-1-04 "C") to the State Department of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley Public Finance as Fiscal Agent.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Superintendent Atwill introduced Maurice Moody, new Blytheville High School head football coach and teacher. Coach Moody thanked the Board for believing in him and stated that his goal is to win the state title. President Bennett welcomed Coach Moody and stated that we look forward to many state titles.
2. Superintendent Atwill's daughter was planning to graduate early from high school, but has decided to wait until next year. Therefore, he will be able to attend this year's graduation ceremonies.
3. Marietta Jerome, Carlony Lewis, and Billy Fair recently attended the National School Boards Association Conference in Chicago. Each reported on the sessions they had attended.
- 4 Superintendent Atwill recently spoke to the Helping Hands organization. He asked Board members to let him know if there other organizations who are willing to help our students.

B. Instructional Reports

1. Sandy Hughey, Assistant Superintendent
 - a. The long-awaited ACSIP review was held on April 19. The eight-member team reviewed nearly 300 folders which were prepared prior to the visit. They visited four schools, including Blytheville Charter School. The team was very complimentary of the district. There were only three minor findings, which have already been corrected. The team copied documents in our folders to be used as examples of proper documentation. Superintendent Atwill thanked Mrs. Hughey for the successful visit.

- b. Benchmark testing has finished, and the test documents have been sent for scoring.
- c. End-of-course exams in Algebra I and Geometry were given last week. End-of-course exams in Biology will be given this week.
- d. "All that Jazz" will be held on Thursday, April 29, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. at Arkansas Northeastern College. Everyone is excited about the program.

C. Operations Report

Richard Atwill, Superintendent

- 1. The canopies are finished at Blytheville Primary School.
- 2. The vent-a-hood has to be replaced in the kitchen at Central Elementary School. Half of the ceiling will have to be replaced to install it.
- 3. The HVAC project is nearly complete at Blytheville Charter School/ALC.
- 4. Work is continuing on the HVAC project at Blytheville Intermediate School.
- 5. The canopies are finished at Central Elementary School, and work has begun on the playground.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the March 29, 2010, Meeting
- B. Minutes of April 14, 2010, Special Meeting
- C. Minutes of the April 20, 2010, Special Meeting
- D. March Financial Report
- E. Revised 2010-2011 School Calendar

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Marrietta Jerome and seconded by Lori Hixson that the Board approve items as listed in A. – E. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session to discuss re-appointment, appointment, resignations, and retirement of personnel.

NOTE: CERTIFICATION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL TEACHER. ANY TEACHER WHOSE CERTIFICATION HAS EXPIRED AND WHO DOES NOT OBTAIN RE-CERTIFICATION FOR THE CONTRACTED JOB ASSIGNMENT WILL NOT BE EMPLOYED FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR. FUTURE EMPLOYMENT DEPENDS ON THE TEACHER'S CERTIFICATION BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO PAY TEACHERS IF THEY ARE NOT CERTIFIED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

9. OPEN SESSION

After discussion, the board came back into open session and took the following personnel actions:

A. Appointment of Certified Employee (remainder of 2009-2010)

Maurice Moody	PE/Head Football Coach	BHS
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B. Retirement of Certified Employees (end of 2009-2010)

John Church	Drivers Ed/Coach	BHS
Thomas Tucker	Health/Weights/Coach	BHS

C. Resignation of Coaching Position

Blake Burnside	Head Baseball Coach	BHS
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D. Resignation of Certified Employees (end of 2009-2010)

Belinda Jordan	Special Education	BHS
April Miller	Grade 6	BIS
Alicia Tuggle	Mathematics	BMS
Jennifer Williams	Grade 4	CES

E. Reappointment of Certified Employees (2010-2011)

F. Appointment of Certified Employee (2010-2011)

Wanda Morrow	Literacy	BMS
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G. Retirement of Classified Employees (end of 2009-2010)

Peggy Perry	Cafeteria	CES
Billy West	Bus Mechanic	SVS

H. Resignation of Classified Employees (end of 2009-2010)

Elsie Taylor	Bus Driver	SVS
Charles Williams	Paraprofessional	BIS

I. Reappointment of Classified Employees (2010-2011)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Lori Hixson and seconded by Tracey Ritchey that the Board accept the reappointments, appointments, retirement, and resignations as listed in A. – I. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Lori Hixson left the meeting at this time.

J. Reappointment of Certified Employee (2010-2011)

David Hixson	Physical Education/BHS Coach/Assistant Athletic Director
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Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Marrietta Jerome and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board accept the reappointment as listed in J. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Lori Hixson returned to the meeting at this time.

Marrietta Jerome left the meeting at this time.

K. Reappointment of Classified Employee (2010-2011)

Newell Jerome	Paraprofessional	BCS
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Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board accept the reappointment as listed in K. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Marrietta Jerome returned to the meeting at this time.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary