

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, February 22, 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 February 22, 2010, with the following members present:

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| (1) Lori Hixson, Vice President | (2) Billy Fair, Secretary |
| (3) Gene Henton | (4) Marrietta Jerome |
| (5) Steve White | (6) Tracey Ritchey |

The following members were absent:

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| (1) Tommy Bennett, Jr., President | (2) Carlony Lewis |
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Others present for the meeting: John Barton, Jennifer Blankenship, Kim Brown, Donald Davis, Dionne Diamond, Felicia Dotson, Rachel Hardesty, Geneva Harris, Donna Hilton (*Blytheville Courier News*), James Tony Hollis, Barbara Hopkins, Vera James, Gene Kenner, Priscilla Johnson, Loretta King, Henry Lucas, Vera Lucas, Mitzi McClain, Ruby Meador, Christie Patterson, Charlotte Razer, Angela Reuther, Ron Self, Kevin Snow, Marcie Thompson, Paula Tiffany, Kelvin Tisdale, and Elizabeth Trevino. (There were others present who did not place their names on the sign-in sheet, and others whose names were illegible.)

1. CALL TO ORDER Vice President Hixson called the meeting for the month of February 2010 to order.

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 RECOGNITION

 A. Blytheville Intermediate School students performed excerpts from their Black History Program, which will be held on Friday, February 26. Felicia Dotson is the director of the program.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

 A. Superintendent's Report

 1. Charlotte Razer, CPA from Thomas, Speight and Noble, presented the 2008-2009 audit report to the Board. She outlined the information in the audit and stated that the audit showed that the district was in compliance with state statutes.

2. Superintendent Atwill welcomed members of the Greater Blytheville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Blytheville Leadership Institute.
3. A district safety and crisis plan is being developed and will be presented to the Board for approval at the March Board of Education meeting.
4. An ACSIP monitoring visit is scheduled for March 2.
5. A Standards Assurance monitoring visit is scheduled for March 4. It was rescheduled from February 9 due to inclement weather.
6. Superintendent Atwill recently met with German Cura, Managing Director of North America Operations for Tenaris. They are tailoring a proposal of involvement for the community and schools.
7. The third State of the School Address was held on February 18 at the Ritz Civic Center. One of the concerns voiced during the address was the small number of African American teachers employed by the district. The district will work with the local chapter of the NAACP to help recruit quality teachers of all races. Parent/community questionnaires were distributed during the address. The results will be shared with the Board.

B. Operations Report

Charles Van Pelt, Executive Director of Operations

1. The canopies for Blytheville Primary School have been bid. Work will begin during spring break.
2. Fire alarms for Blytheville Intermediate School will be bid tomorrow.
3. Fire alarms will soon be bid for the T&I and band buildings at Blytheville High School.
4. Contractors are working on the roof and removing windows at Blytheville Charter School. The boiler quit working, so modifications had to be made and heating units had to be placed on tables.
5. A soup/chili line has been added in the Blytheville High School Cafeteria to go along with the regular lunch tray. Portion sizes were increased at the secondary schools. Meals are being improved.

6. The canopy and concrete playground at Central Elementary School will be done after school is out.
7. Vice President Hixson commended the staff for doing a great job removing snow from driveways and parking lots.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the January 25, 2010, Meeting
- B. Minutes of the February 16, 2010, Special Meeting
- C. January Financial Report
- D. Revised 2009-2010 School Calendar

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Marrietta Jerome and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board approve items as listed in A., B., C., and D. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

8. OPEN SESSION

The Board came back into open session and took the following personnel actions:

A. Reappointment of District-Level Administrators (2010-2011)

Jean Cole	Director of Special Education
Letroy Gathen	Executive Director of Support Services
Diane Hay	G/T Program Administrator/Teacher
Sandy Hughey	Assistant Superintendent
Suzanne Kenner	Curriculum Coordinator
Doug Quinn	Athletic Director
Charles Van Pelt	Executive Director of Operations
Kris Williams	Director of Technology

B. Retirement of Certified Employees (end of 2009-2010)

Phyllis Bloodworth	Reading Recovery	BPS
Gary Conley	Science	BHS
Sharon Darby	Grade 1	BPS
Sandra King	Grade 1	BPS
Vera Lucas	Grade 2	BPS
Louise Pugh	Grade 1	BPS
Patricia Rochier	Reading Recovery	BPS

C. Appointment of Classified Employee (2010-2011)

Jennifer Hopper	Director of Finance	ADM
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D. Appointment of Classified Employee

Mitchell Fryer	Paraprofessional	BMS
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E. Resignation of Classified Employees

Ella Redditt	Cafeteria	BMS
Lee Ann Woodard	Cafeteria	BPS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Marrietta Jerome and seconded by Tracey Ritchey that the Board accept the reappointments, retirements, appointments, and resignations as listed in A., B., C., D., and E. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary