

**BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Blytheville, Arkansas**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**Monday, November 16, 2009**

The Blytheville Board of Education met at Blytheville Charter School/ALC at 415 Tennessee Street at 6:00 p.m. on November 16, 2009, 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: Donna Aldridge, Rita Alexander, Chinella Ashley, Lloyd Baker, Asya Benson, Sabrina Benson, Kimberly Brown, Ivy Bruner, Brieshuna Buckley, Jolene Butler, Jayln Cole, LaTonya Cullins, Tyriqua Dodd, Diane Ellis, Ja'siel Faulkenberry, Pam Faulkenberry, Philine Gatlin, Tia Hamon, Sebrena Harris, Katrina Hatch, Yolanda Henderson, Kelli Hicks, Blanton Jones, Blanton Jones Jr., Veretta Jones, Alexis King, Sharon Nash, Chaudhu Panda, Audrey Parker, Taylor Phillips, Dawn Prude, Charlotte Razer, Gaylon Rogers, Tyone Sanders, Richard Schlosser, Camm Sims, James Sims, Miesha Sims, Deanna Smith, Dennis Turney, Nicole Turney, Scott Wagner, Daisia Warren, Jamal Washington, and Linda Williams. (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                      President Bennett called the regular meeting for the month of November 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. Marilyn McNear, music teacher, directed the Central Elementary School Select Choir in the following songs, "Read with Me" and "Million Dollar Book." The choir will perform during the Arkansas Reading Association Conference in Little Rock on Thursday, November 19.
  
  - B. Scott Wagner, Blytheville Middle School teacher, introduced members of the Chess Club, as follows: Jerry Henderson, Seth Thompson, and Jamal Washington. The club meets before school on Tuesday mornings. Approximately 10-20 students attend the meetings.
  
  - C. Tonight's meeting was held at Blytheville Charter School/ALC so that students in the food production class could prepare and serve the meal in their restaurant. Teacher Kim Byrd introduced the following students: Kurt Palmore, Destinee Sorrells-Osborne, and Breonna Thurman.

## 5. BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

A. During the Arkansas School Boards Association Conference in Little Rock in December, the following awards will be presented:

1. Steve White—Pinnacle Award for 200 or more hours of training
2. Lori Hixson—Master Board Member Award for 50 or more hours of training.

## 6. PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing was held to obtain comments regarding the district's Ten-Year Facilities Master Plan.

Charles Van Pelt, Executive Director of Operations, outlined on-going projects and those which are planned. He then asked for public comments.

The only comments made were regarding the need for a new cafeteria at Central Elementary School. These comments will be included in the Ten-Year Facilities Master Plan, which must be submitted to the Arkansas Department of Education by February 1, 2010.

## 7. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Information regarding flu shots being given at the various schools may be obtained from Mr. Gathen.
2. The Arkansas Department of Education is currently conducting a Scholastic Audit at Blytheville Middle School. Members of the team met with district administrators today. A preliminary report will be given to the Blytheville Middle School faculty at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday. The final report is expected to be received within four to six weeks.
3. The holiday season provides many opportunities to support our students and teachers. Board members may consult the calendar or call the schools to check on programs being held during this time of the year.
4. Entergy will be working with the district to provide rebates for installing high-efficiency heating and air conditioning units at the schools. This program has become available at a good time, since the district currently has projects at Blytheville Intermediate School and Blytheville Charter School.

B. Instructional Reports

Sandy Hughey, Assistant Superintendent

1. A meeting was recently held in Little Rock regarding teacher evaluations. Evaluations for non-teaching, certified staff are being developed. When completed, they will be brought to the Board for approval.
2. JBHM Education Group is working with the district's special education department in developing strategies to help subpopulations meet AYP.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the October 26, 2009, Meeting
- B. Minutes of the October 27, 2009, Special Meeting
- C. Minutes of the November 10, 2009, Special Meeting
- D. October Financial Report
- E. Accept Certified Personnel Policies as Approved by the Personnel Policy Committee
- F. Enact Certified Personnel Policies

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Retirement of Certified Employee (December 31, 2009)

Jimmie Davis	Grade 2	BPS
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B. Resignation of Certified Employee

Pamela Lambert	Grade 6	BIS
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C. Resignation of Classified Employees

Louise Heard	Paraprofessional	BCS
Brian Johnson	Bus Driver	SVC
Ben Walker	Paraprofessional	BHS

D. Appointment of Classified Employee

Teresa Powers	Paraprofessional	BCS
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Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Billy Fair and seconded by Tracey Ritchey that the Board accept the retirement, resignations, and appointment as listed in A., B., C., and D. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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Richard Atwill  
Ex-officio Financial Secretary