

**BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Blytheville, Arkansas**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 19, 2012**

The Blytheville Board of Education met at the Blytheville School District Administration Building at 405 West Park Street at 6:00 p.m. on July 19, 2012, 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) Carlony Lewis                 | (6) Tracey Ritchey              |
| (7) Barbara Wells                 |                                 |

The following member was absent: Tobey Johnson

Others present for the meeting: Marcus Jones, Charles Moody, and Chris Pinkard.

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER             | President Bennett called the regular meeting for the month of July 2012 to order. |
| 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM | A quorum was established with seven members present.                              |
| 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE      | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.   |

4. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent Sandy Hughey reported in the absence of Superintendent Atwill, who attended meetings at the Arkansas Department of Education today.

1. The superintendent and several other employees attended a school safety conference in Little Rock on Monday through Wednesday of this week.
2. Results from assessments are expected this Thursday. It is hoped that there will huge gains.
3. Several administrators and teachers attended New Tech training in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
4. The Pre-School Professional Development Agenda was placed in board folders. Several sessions are scheduled prior to the general session on Monday, August 13, at 10:15 a.m. Lunch will be provided that day at 11:30 a.m. in the BHS cafeteria. On Thursday, August 16, elementary teachers will meet at the Manila Public Schools and

secondary teachers will meet at Arkansas Northeastern College. The regular sessions will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (1.25 days), so that teachers may work in their rooms on Friday, August 17.

5. Forty-seven new teachers have been hired. Forty-one will have mentors. Mentors are well trained.

B. Instructional Reports

Jean Cole, Director of Support Services

Works continues on next year's budgets. Meetings have been held with ACSIP chairmen.

5. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the June 25, 2012 Meeting
- B. Minutes of the June 18, 2012 Special Meeting
- C. Minutes of the June 28, 2012 Special Meeting
- D. June Financial Report
- E. 2012 School Election Resolution

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Lori Hixson and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board approve the item as listed in A. - E. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board took the following personnel actions:

A. Resignation of Licensed Employee

Larry Sorrells	Science	BHS
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B. Appointment of Licensed Employees

Jared Brown	Science	BHS
Ken Dumond	Band Director	BHS

C. Resignation of Classified Employees

Bennie Ousley	Bus Driver	SVC
Debbie Richardson	Paraprofessional	BPS

D. Appointment of Classified Employee

Stevie Patton	Paraprofessional	BPS
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Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Barbara Wells and seconded by Tracey Ritchey that the Board accept the appointments and resignations as listed in A. – D. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. SCHOOL UNIFORMS Superintendent Atwill arrived at the meeting as Board members were discussing the district's Uniform Dress Code. No action was taken on the matter.

8. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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Richard Atwill  
Ex-officio Financial Secretary