

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, October 22, 2012

The Blytheville Board of Education met at the Blytheville School District Administration Building at Blytheville Charter School/ALC at 415 Tennessee Street at 6:00 p.m. on October 22, 2012, with the following members present:

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| (1) Tommy Bennett, Jr., President | (2) Gene Henton |
| (3) Lori Hixson | (4) Carlony Lewis |
| (5) Tobey Johnson | |

The following members were absent:

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| (1) Tracey Ritchey, Vice President | (2) Barbara Wells, Secretary |
| (3) Billy Fair | |

Others present for the meeting: Bobby Ashley, Donald Davis, Keitra Gardner, Ella Goss, Amy Louise Guillic, Jennifer Hardesty, James Tony Hollis, Vera James, Nigeria Jones, Ann Lewis, Chris Pinkard, Sharon Randolph, Lillie Taylor, Vera Thompson, and Thomas Williams.

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | President Bennett called the regular meeting for the month of October 2012 to order at 6:10 p.m. |
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| 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF
A QUORUM | A quorum was established with five members present. |
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| 3. PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
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4. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION

Ann Lewis, Principal, Blytheville Charter School/ALC

Charter School teacher Kim Byrd introduced Food Production students, Hakeem Stancle, Tyron Clarke, and Tiffany Ashley, who prepared tonight's meal for the Board. Mrs. Byrd stated that all of her students have received Arkansas Food Handlers Certification. It is hoped that a second-level course can be added to next year's curriculum.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

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| 1. | The visit to the Cross County New Tech High School is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24. The group of Board members and school personnel will leave from the administration building at 7:30 a.m. and return at approximately 3:30 p.m. |
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2. The changes to the school calendar approved by the Board at the last meeting are appreciated. The changes allow for a half-day of parent/teacher conferences and a half-day of professional development on Friday, October 26. The Board will be updated on parental participation rates following the conferences.
3. At 5:00 today, Teryn Spears and Sally Cooke conducted the hearing for the conversion charter school. The Board was given a handout regarding the school, and several items were pointed out, such as the educational programs and school enrollment. If approved by the Board, the application will be submitted to the Arkansas Department of Education by October 31. It will go before the State Board in January.
4. There was a bus accident late Friday afternoon. There were ten students on the bus at the time of the accident; however, no one was injured. The bus sustained no damage, but there was damage to the car that was hit.

B. Report to the Public

1. Sandy Hughey, Assistant Superintendent

The district's academic focus is in literacy and math, with reading, writing, and comprehension strategies being emphasized in all content areas using technology and project-based learning to enhance the instruction. Priorities set for this year are improving student academic performance, improving student attendance, improving student behavior, increasing graduation rate, and increasing parental involvement. Information regarding goals, academic progress, ESEA accountability status, district accreditation, graduation rate, federal allocations, special needs funding, the Challenge Program, the competitive beverage contract, body mass index, and wellness, was shared with the Board. Board member training hours for January 1–December 31, 2011, were reported in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. §6-13-629.

2. Jean Cole, Director of Support Services

The goal of the Title I program is the promotion of social, emotional, and academic growth of the children. This year's estimated budget is \$2,356,889. The program supports administrative costs, support staff, professional development, the parent/teacher center, paraprofessionals, nurses, social worker, JBHM Consultants, and the preschool program. The program also supports various activities and professional development, as well as other district programs.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the September 24, 2012, Meeting
- B. Minutes of the October 9, 2012, Special Meeting
- C. September Financial Report
- D. Continuing Disclosure Dissemination Agreement
- E. Submit Conversion Public Charter School Application

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. PERSONNE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board took the following personnel actions:

A. Resignation of Licensed Employees

Kevin Scarberough	Grade 5	BIS
Marcie Woods	Grade 6	BIS

B. Appointment of Classified Employee

Sharyl Stewart	Cafeteria	BHS
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C. Resignation of Classified Employees

Camille Bragg	Paraprofessional	CES
Barbara James	Paraprofessional	BHS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Lori Hixson and seconded by Gene Henton that the Board accept the resignations and appointment as listed in A., B., and C. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary