

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, November 26, 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 November 26, 2012, with the following members present:

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| (1) Tommy Bennett, Jr., President | (2) Tracey Ritchey, Vice President |
| (3) Barbara Wells, Secretary | (4) Gene Henton |
| (5) Lori Hixson | (6) Carlony Lewis |
| (7) Tobey Johnson | |

The following member was absent: Billy Fair

Others present for the meeting: Al Anderson, Megan Alzert, Louise Davis, Keitra Gardner, Diane Hay, Vera James, Emma McCanless, Debra Siegler, Mike Wallace, and Denise Wilson. (There were others present who did not place their names on the sign-in sheet and others whose names were illegible.)

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | President Bennett called the regular meeting for the month of November 2012 to order. |
| 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM | A quorum was established with six members present. Barbara Wells arrived during the School Pride Recognition, making seven members present. |
| 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| 4. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION | |

Mike Wallace, Blytheville Middle School Principal, introduced Sharon Brown, sponsor for the BMS Robotics Club. The students introduced themselves and shared a video from a robotics competition held at Arkansas State University, in which they placed second in the general competition and fourth in the finals. Students demonstrated the robot they had built and also allowed Superintendent Atwill to operate it.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Steve Sferazo, Senior Regional Manager for GCA Services Group, updated the Board on their custodial services for the district and presented a check for \$8,000 to Diane Hay for use in the Odyssey of Mind Program.

2. German Cura, President North America of Tenaris, sponsored a meeting today with Gov. Mike Beebe at the Blytheville location. Tenaris is a strong supporter of the Blytheville School District and the community. Many positive things came from the meeting.
3. District administrators will meet with Dr. Tom Kimbrell, ADE Commissioner, on Tuesday, December 18, regarding the application submitted for the conversion charter school. The application will go before the State Board in January.
4. The 2012 ASBA Annual Conference will be held in Little Rock on December 5–7. Most of the Board members and the superintendent plan to attend.
5. The Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 28, in the school cafeterias.
6. The Mountaineer is experiencing mechanical problems and will no longer be used for out of town trips; therefore, a replacement may have to be made soon.

B. Instructional Reports

1. Sandy Hughey, Assistant Superintendent
 - a. The district's ACSIP Plans were found to be in substantial compliance, so federal and state money can be spent.
 - b. Teachers should receive their Mac computers in January.

2. Jean Cole, Director of Support Services

Things are going well with the Title I and special education programs. Budgets are being closely monitored.

C. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

Boiler inspections were recently held throughout the district.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the October 22, 2012, Meeting
- B. Minutes of the November 6, 2012, Special Meeting
- C. Minutes of the November 8, 2012, Special Meetings

- D. October Financial Report
- E. Change December Board Meeting to December 17
- F. Arkansas Public School Unemployment Compensation Account

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board took the following personnel actions:

A. Retirement of Administrator (December 31, 2012)

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| Sandy Hughey | Assistant Superintendent | ADM |
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B. Retirement of Classified Employees

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| Betty Hart | Cafeteria | BMS |
| Connie Martin | Cafeteria | CES |

C. Retirement of Classified Employee (December 31, 2012)

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| Gail Wilson | Food Service Director | SVC |
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D. Appointment of Classified Employee (January 7, 2013)

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| Tiffany Snyder | Food Service Director | ADM |
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E. Resignation of Classified Employee

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| Deborah Page | Bus Driver | SVC |
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F. Appointment of Classified Employee

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| Flora Webb | Paraprofessional | CES |
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Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Barbara Wells that the Board accept the retirements, resignation, and appointments as listed in A. – F. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary