

**BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Blytheville, Arkansas**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**Monday, December 17, 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 December 17, 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) Billy Fair                     |
| (7) Carlony Lewis                 | (8) Tobey Johnson                  |

Others present for the meeting: Kirsten Benson, Bruce A. Berry, Carolyn Beecy, Bobbie Davis, Aronda Greene, Sandra Leaks, Ann Lewis, Destiny Marshall, Veronica Orozco, Ryan Perkins, Melisa Rutherford, Mike Thomas, David White, Carolyn Williams, and Sheronda Williams. (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 meeting for the month of December 2012 to order.   |
| 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF<br>A QUORUM   | A quorum was established with seven members present. Billy Fair arrived during the School Pride Recognition, making all members present.  |
| 3. PLEDGE OF<br>ALLEGIANCE        | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.   |
| 4. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION       | David White, Principal of Blytheville Intermediate School, played the piano while a group of students sang a selection of Christmas songs. During the program, two students read "T'was the Night Before Christmas." Mr. White explained that the school integrates the arts into other subjects. |
| 5. RECOGNITION OF<br>SANDY HUGHEY | The Board recognized Sandy Hughey's 43 years in education by presenting her with a gift of appreciation.  |
| 6. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS  |   |
|                                   | A. Superintendent's Report  |
|                                   | 1. Due to influenza concerns, Blytheville Primary School recently received a thorough cleaning. Buses were also cleaned.  |

2. On Tuesday, December 18, Superintendent Atwill, Sally Cooke, Teryn Spears, and Bobby Ashley have an interview with Dr. Tom Kimbrell, ADE Commissioner, regarding the conversion charter school application. The interview is to determine if the application will be taken before the State Board of Education in January.
3. Teachers and other adults saved many lives in the recent school shootings in Connecticut. Superintendent Atwill stated that he listened closely to what was done to save lives and considered what could have been done to prevent this tragedy. (Earlier in the meeting, President Bennett asked for a moment of silence for the victims.)
4. A car fire at 2:45 p.m. today on Byrum Road disrupted the bus route.

B. Instructional Reports

1. Sandy Hughey, Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. Hughey thanked the Board for their support. She stated that the years she had worked at the Blytheville School District were the best of her 43-year career.

2. Jean Cole, Director of Support Services

- a. Sandy Hughey will be greatly missed.

- b. Everything is going well in Title I and Special Education programs.

3. Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

- a. Sandy has been a great mentor.

- b. Teachers at Blytheville High School received Macs last Friday.

- c. Staff development will be held on January 7. Students will return on January 8.

- d. Board members were given an information sheet about Common Core.

## 7. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the November 26, 2012, Meeting

- B. November Financial Report

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board approve items listed in A. and B. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

## 8. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

### A. Retirement of Licensed Employee

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| Sue Neal | Grade 6 | BIS |
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### B. Appointment of Licensed Employee

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| Phillip King | Grade 6 | BIS |
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### C. Resignation of Classified Employees

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| Monte Hodges | Paraprofessional | BCS |
| Phillip King | Paraprofessional | BHS |
| Richard Nash | Paraprofessional | BCS |

### D. Appointment of Classified Employees

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| Tanya Ellis  | Paraprofessional | BCS |
| Dorothy Hill | Cafeteria        | CES |

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Lori Hixson and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board accept the retirement, resignations, and appointments as listed in A., B., C., and D. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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| _____ | Richard Atwill<br>Ex-officio Financial Secretary |
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