

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, February 25, 2013

The Blytheville Board of Education met at the Blytheville School District Administration Building at 405 West Park Street at 6:00 p.m. on February 25, 2013, 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) Tobey Johnson | |

The following member was absent: Carlony Lewis

Others present for the meeting: Terri Bowling, Al Goings, Pearlilne Goings, Koreasha Hudson, Joe Lewis, Jr., Carolyn McElyea, Marilyn McNear, Kennett Nash, Sharon Nash, Beth McGrain, Ian Mitchell, Kristen Mitchell, David Neal, Billie Toles, Chanda Walker, and Karen Widdicombe. (There were others present for the meeting who did not place their names on the sign-in sheet.)

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | President Bennett called the meeting for the month of February 2013 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. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION | |

Chanda Walker, Principal of Central Elementary School

- a. Regina Merriweather showcased two of her students, Demetrius Goings and Isaiah Jackson, who had done excellent projects for the Black History Month Program.
- b. Marilyn McNear directed the select choir in two songs which were also performed at the Black History Month Program.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

- 1. Principal Bobby Ashley told Board members that two copies of Ripley's Believe it or Not! Download the Weird were placed in the Blytheville High School Library in appreciation of the 2012-2013 Board members. Board members were also given mouse pads.

2. The Board will have a retreat on Saturday, March 9, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Marshall Hughes, Vice President of First Security Beardsley Public Finance, will conduct a financial workshop during the retreat.
3. LEA number documents have been filed with the Arkansas Department of Education for the schools that are being closed and for those who will have grade-level reassignments. A new LEA number will be assigned for Blytheville High School due to the conversion charter school. The details are still being worked out with ADE Child Nutrition due to Provision II status.
4. The superintendent, Sally Cooke, Jean Cole, and Teryn Spears will attend Teacher Excellence and Support System (TESS) training at Crowley's Ridge Coop tomorrow.
5. The Blytheville High Science Fair was a big success. The Teach for American teachers organized the event.

B. Instructional Reports

- 1 Jean Cole, Director of Support Services

All is well with Title I, Title VI-B, and special education.

2. Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

- a. The Teacher Excellence and Support System (TESS) is an accountability tool for teachers. Principals and teachers already know about the new system.
- b. ACSIP planning for next year is already in full swing.
- c. The regional Odyssey of the Mind competition will be held this Saturday at Pocahontas.
- d. Teryn Spears has been meeting with the teachers regarding New Tech. All seem to be supportive and enthusiastic about the change for next year.

C. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

1. There is only a small window of time to have all the changes completed for next year; however, but everything is expected to be done expediently and efficiently.
2. Blytheville High School is currently being treated for termites. It was discovered that only a portion of the building had been under contract for spraying.

3. Mr. Jumper recently spoke at an ERZ meeting at Arkansas State University regarding PBIS. The district is going to be the PBIS model for the state.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the January 28, 2013, Meeting
- B. Minutes of the January 28, 2013, Special Meeting
- C. Minutes of the February 11, 2013, Special Meeting
- D. January Financial Report
- E. Policies
 - 3.24—Licensed Personnel Debts
 - 3.34—Licensed Personnel Cell Phone Use
 - 3.4—Licensed Personnel Reduction in Force
 - 3.42—Obtaining and Releasing Student's Free and Reduced Price Meal Eligibility Information
 - 3.48—Licensed Personnel Weapons on Campus
 - 4.17—Student Discipline
 - 4.34—Communicable Diseases and Parasites
 - 4.35F3—Glucagon Administration Consent Form
 - 4.37—Emergency Drills
 - 4.42—Student Handbook
 - 4.47—Possession and Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices
 - 5.22—Concurrent Credit
 - 8.30—Noncertified Personnel Reduction in Force

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session to discuss the resignation, appointment, and retirement of personnel.

8. OPEN SESSION

The Board came back into open session and took the following action:

A. Resignation of Licensed Employee

Amanda Sinapiades	Social Studies	BHS
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B. Resignation of Licensed Employees (end of 2012-2013)

Maria Neal	Grade 4	CES
Allison Turner	Choir	BHS
Michelle Walling	Inst. Facilitator	BCS

C. Retirement of Licensed Employee (end of 2012-2013)

Joann Carroll	Media Specialist	CES
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D. Appointment of Classified Employees

Janice Duncan	Bus Driver	SVC
Sonya Lucas	Bus Driver	SVC

E. Resignation of Classified Employee

Ronald Stovall	Paraprofessional	BCS
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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 resignations, appointments, and retirement as listed in A., B., C., D., and E. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary