

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, March 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 March 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) Carlony Lewis | (8) Tobey Johnson |

Others present for the meeting: Ginny Braswell, Dylan Buckner, Missy Bullard, Doreas Dalton, Keitra Gardner, Michelle Harris, Tatiana Harris, Kate Hale, Trey Hale, Diane Hay, Tony Hollis, Tre'Quwan Hooper, Takida Jackson, Brittany Kirk, Bailee McCustion, Cynthia McCustion, Ron Self, Connie Simpson, Chanda Walker, and Curtis Walker, Sr. (There were others present 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 March 2013 to order. |
| 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM | A quorum was established with all members present. |
| 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| 4. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION | |

Diane Hay, GT Administrator/Advanced Placement and Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator, told the Board that five of the district's teams will compete in the state competition.

Julia Bullard and Lizzie Langston talked to the Board about their team's problem, ARTchitecture: The Musical.

Members of Coach Curtis Walker's team demonstrated their problem, Tumble-wood, and performed a skit that tied into the problem.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Charlotte Razer, CPA with Thomas, Speight and Noble, presented the 2011-2012 audit report to the Board. She outlined the information in the audit and stated that the audit showed that the district was in compliance with state statutes.

2. The district will have an AdvancEd visit on October 20-23, 2013. The superintendent, Sally Cooke, Jean Cole, and Teryn Spears will attend training for the visit on Thursday of this week in Little Rock.

B. Instructional Reports

1. Jean Cole, Director of Support Services

- a. The pre-school program recently received an unannounced audit. The auditors were very impressed with Emily McDonald's classroom and gave a score of 6.4 on a scale of 7.0. Mrs. Cole was asked if others could be sent to observe our program.
- b. The district was chosen with six other Arkansas districts to participate in the National Center and State Collaborative (NCSC), which is a project to build an alternate assessment. Jean Cole, Christie Kennedy and Paul Jenkins will form the district's committee.

2. Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

- a. Students and teachers are preparing for Benchmark Exams and having academic pep assemblies.
- b. Curriculum meetings are being held for next year.
- c. Teachers are excited by New Tech. Additional training is being conducted.

B. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

1. Work has begun to convert the T&I Building at Blytheville High School to accommodate the alternative students. Paul Hamilton and his students are helping on the project.
2. The metal building at Blytheville High School is being remodeled to become the Flash Bax Café for the food production classes.
3. Tiffany Snyder has done an excellent job organizing a Food Show to be held on Thursday, April 18, at the multi-purpose building from 10:00 to 12:00 a.m. Board members are invited to attend.

4. The district is participating in an after-school feeding program through the USDA. At this time, athletes are being served. The program may be added district wide next school year.
5. Superintendent Atwill told the Board that a new base year will have be established for Provision II next year. Parents will be educated on the procedures for filing meal status forms.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the February 25, 2013, Meeting
- B. Minutes of the February 26, 2013, Special Meeting
- C. Minutes of the March 4, 2013, Special Meeting
- D. February Financial Report
- E. 2013-2014 School Calendar
- F. Change name of Blytheville Intermediate School to Blytheville Elementary School Beginning the 2013-2014 School Year
- G. Policies
 - 7.5—Purchase of Commodities
 - 7.13—Management and Disposal of District Property

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- H. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tobey Johnson and seconded by Gene Henton to employ First Security Beardsley Public Finance as Financial Advisor for a period of three (3) years, effective as of the date of this adoption.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session to discuss personnel recommendations.

8. OPEN SESSION

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

A. Retirement of Licensed Employees (end of 2012-2013)

Elaine Dean	Kindergarten	BPS
Kim Files	Counselor	BHS
Nell Lutes	English	BHS

B. Resignation of Licensed Employees (end of 2012-2013)

Rob Dean	History	BMS
Amy Henton	Kindergarten	BPS
Sarah Henricks	Grade 5	BIS
Callie Randle	Grade 6	BIS
Emily Sotelo	Kindergarten	BPS

C. Retirement of Classified Employees (end of 2012-2013)

Ronnie Carter	Custodian	BIS
Karolen Glass	Cafeteria	BIS
Joe Newmy	Maintenance	SVC
Ronald Thacker	Custodian	BCS

D. Resignation of Classified Employee (voluntary resignation due to job abandonment)

Allison Wheeler	Paraprofessional	BHS
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E. Resignation of Classified Employees (end of 2012-2013)

Janet Omalley	Secretary	BPS
Stevie Patton	Paraprofessional	BPS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Barbara Wells that the Board approve items as listed in A. – E. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10. REDUCTION IN
FORCE

Superintendent Atwill told the Board that district's Reduction-in-Force Policy will begin tomorrow with building administrators.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary