

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, May 20, 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 May 20, 2013, with the following members present:

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

The following members were absent:

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| (1) Barbara Wells, Secretary | (2) Billy Fair |
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Others present for the meeting: Omia Clay, Alyssa Davison, Lawanda Davison, and Ayanna Jackson. (There were others present for the meeting who did not place their names on the sign-in sheet.)

1. CALL TO ORDER	President Bennett called the meeting for the month of May 2013 to order.
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2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM	A quorum was established with six members present.
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3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
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4. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION

Jean Cole, Director of Support Services, introduced teacher Christie Kennedy, who spoke to the Board about Special Olympics. Some of the athletes were present to show their metals. A slide show of photos taken during the competition was shown.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Central Elementary School was on lockdown today because the police were searching for someone in the neighborhood. The suspect was apprehended. The staff and students handled the situation very well.

2. A letter was received today from the Arkansas Department of Education regarding a review from the child nutrition office in March. The review went very well. The district is meeting all the requirements for breakfast and lunch. Tiffany Snyder and the food service staff do a great job providing meals for the students.
3. Testing is finally over. There was a violation at one of the schools, but it was addressed.
4. There was a good crowd for the Partners in Education and Volunteer Appreciation Reception that was held on Wednesday, May 15, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Retirees had given a total of 409 years to education.
5. Graduation went very well. The stands at Haley Field were filled. There was a lot of pride with this graduating class. Don Jenkins and the maintenance staff did a great job, as always.
6. The U.S. Military, in cooperation with Great River Charitable Clinic, will provide medical services to residents in the surrounding states on August 5 -13 at the BPS Multipurpose building.
7. The district will be closed next Monday for Memorial Day. The last day of school is Thursday, May 30.
8. Tessa Fulling and Hannah Beth Hearyman will represent Blytheville High School at Girls State.

B. Instructional Reports

1. Jean Cole, Director of Support Services

At a recent Federal Coordinators' meeting, districts were told that funds would be cut by five percent this year. The district will be fine due to steps that have already been taken to reduce expenses for next year.

2. Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

- a. Interviewing is going well for vacant positions. There are good applicants.
- b. There was a testing violation. The teacher was reprimanded for leaving her room. Someone immediately stepped in to cover for her. Testing materials were not compromised.

- c. There was a 5.72 percent gain in testing scores at Blytheville High School. The interventionists have been a huge return on our investment. There will be an interventionist at every grade at BPS and BES next year.
- d. A meeting will be held with instructional facilitators and interventionists tomorrow and with ASCIP chairmen next week to work on budgets, programs, processes for next year.
- e. The OM team will leave tomorrow for World Finals.
- f. The summer program for the Academic Excellence Afterschool Program will begin on June 17.

C. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

- 1. Maintenance is winding up, rather than down due to the moves. Temporary employees will begin on Monday, June 3.
- 2. Paul Hamilton and the building trades students have done an excellent job preparing the IT program for the next year's ALE Program.
- 3. When Flash Bax Café is completely, the Board will be invited for a tour. It will be a tremendous transformation.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the April 22, 2013, Meeting
- B. Minutes of the April 29, 2013, Special Meeting
- C. Minutes of the May 7, 2013, Special Meetings
- D. Minutes of the May 14, 2013, Special Meeting
- E. April Financial Report

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., B., C., D., and E. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

F. Policy Revision

4.22—Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Tobey Johnson that the Board approve the item as listed in F. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

8. OPEN SESSION

After discussion, the Board came back into open session and took the following personnel actions:

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

Robin Thomas	Grade 3	CES
Vickie Treadway	Music	BIS

B. Appointment of Licensed Employees (2013-2014)

Courtney Miller	English	BHS
Raime Reed	Grade 4	BES
Gloria Richardson	Grade 3	BES

C. Reappointment of Classified Employee (2013-2014)

Ericka Riggs	Cafeteria	BPS
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Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Tobey Johnson that the Board accept the resignation, appointment, and reappointment as listed in A. – C. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary