

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 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 June 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 | |

The following member was absent: Tobey Johnson

Others present for the meeting: Chris Pinkard and Ron Self.

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | President Bennett called the meeting for the month of June 2013 to order. |
| 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM | A quorum was established with six members present. Barbara Wells arrived at 6:10 p.m., making seven members present. |
| 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |

4. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. The hearing for the School Choice Lawsuit went well. The district's attorneys did a good job. There has been no ruling at this time.
2. Ron Self explained to the Board the need to change the color of shirts worn by the ALE students at Blytheville High School to gray. The Board discussed the matter.

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Lori Hixson and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board approve the wearing of only gray shirts by ALE students in grades 9-12.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

3. A recent letter from the Arkansas Legislative Joint Auditing Committee stated the district was in substantial compliance with Arkansas fiscal and financial laws for the June 30, 2012, audit.

B. Instructional Reports

1. Jean Cole, Director of Support Services

A recent letter from Arkansas State Department of Education Special Education Unit stated the review of the district's 2011-2012 Annual Performance Report resulted in a determination of 100 percent compliance. This is the result of hard work by district's special education teachers and staff.

2. Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

- a. The College Prep Academy summer school will be held in July.
- b. Teryn Spears is in Michigan with the ninth grade and tenth grade New Tech teachers. The group was praised because the teachers were well prepared.
- c. Face-to-face TESS training has been completed for current teachers and those already hired for next year. Late hires will be trained on July 9. Teachers continue working on the nine hours of on-line training.
- d. A meeting will be held with administrators and principals on Monday, July 1, regarding test scores. Scores will be shared with the Board when available.

5. 2014-2015 BUDGET

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Gene Henton to adopt the Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2014, to and including June 30, 2015, as printed.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the May 20, 2013, Meeting

B. Minutes of June 6, 2013, Special Meeting

C. May Financial Report

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

D. Appoint Superintendent Atwill Ex-officio Financial Secretary for 2013-2014

E. Board Meeting Dates for 2013-2014

F. 2013-2014 Student Handbooks

G. 2013-2014 Gifted and Talented Handbook

H. Policy Revisions/Additions

4.1—Residence Requirements

4.2—Entrance Requirements

4.5—School Choice

4.7—Absences

4.22—Weapons and Dangerous Instruments

4.23—Tobacco and Tobacco Products

4.35—Student Medications

4.35F—Medication Administration Consent Form

4.35F2—Medication Self-Administration Consent Form

4.35F3—Glucagon Administration Consent Form

4.35F4—Epinephrine Emergency Administration Consent Form

4.37—Emergency Drills

4.43—Bullying

4.45—Smart Core Curriculum and Graduation Requirements

4.47—Possession and Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

5.19—Extra Curricular Activities—Secondary Schools

5.19.2—Extra Curricular Activity Eligibility for Home Schooled Students

5.19.2F—Home Schooled Students' Letter of Intent to Participate in an Extracurricular Activity

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

Motion passed 6-1, with Carlony Lewis casting the nay vote.

7. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board took the following personnel actions:

A. Appointment of Licensed Employees (2013-2014)

Jeremy Adams
Katherine Cole

Literacy
Math

BMS
BMS

B. Resignation of Licensed Employee (2013-2014)

Dan Miner

Vocal Music

BMS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Lori Hixson and seconded by Barbara Wells that the Board accept the appointments and resignation as listed in A. and B. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary