

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, June 27, 2016
6:00 p.m.

The Blytheville Board of Education met in a special meeting at the Blytheville School District Administration Building at 405 West Park Street at 6:00 p.m. on June 27, 2016, with the following members present:

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| (1) Tommy Bennett, President | (2) Barbara Wells, Secretary |
| (3) Erin Carrington | (4) Billy Fair |
| (5) Tobey Johnson | |

The following members were absent:

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| (1) Tracey Ritchey, Vice President | (2) Gene Henton |
| (3) Henrietta Watt | |

Others present: Geneva Harris, Adron Poole, Tony Hollis, Sandy Bebe Gillespie, Jacquin Benson, Linda Williams, Michelle Sims, Sherry Prunty, Penny Sims, Vera Lucas, Donna Aldridge, Nina Watson, Phil Gebhardt, Marty Orr, Simon Brown, Brandon Harper, Vanessa Stewart, and Chelsea Grimes.

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | President Bennett called the regular meeting for the month of June 2016 to order at 6:05 p.m. |
| 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM | A quorum was established with five members present. |
| 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| 4. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS | |

A. Superintendent's Report

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| 1. | Superintendent Atwill reported that Mr. Henton is doing better and will begin rehab soon. |
| 2. | A team from each school went to school improvement last week. |

3. We are rolling into a legislative session in January. There will not be any new schools named in academic distress. A lot of restrictions have been lifted and there will be a lot of latitude.
4. We hope to have good news for July meeting on test scores. Literacy and math curriculum will not come out until 2017-2018 school year.
5. Elementary ALE was approved. Revisions had to be made on BMS and BHS. Working on mechanism to use once we get students out of ALE for support.
6. There were 120 students enrolled in summer school. 110 students stayed and 60 have finished requirements.
7. Tenaris after school program has kicked off. The entire program will be held at BPS this school year.
8. New Tech Conference will be held July 10th – 16th. Teachers, leaders and a couple from BMS will attend.
9. We purchased around 350 new teacher computers and more student computers.
10. Thanks to Vanessa Stewart for taking the number of missing computers from thirty to nine.
11. State Department has four different rating systems and they are narrowing down to one.
12. Instead of the Back to School Bash, supplies will be given out during open houses.
13. Second meeting with concerned citizens was held. First group were retired teachers, second group were gentlemen who talked about discipline and mentoring. The third group that will meet are pastors. I want to talk about anything that is a stumbling block for our students.
14. We feed all of our students for free. Schools used to reimburse the state. There will information sent home from Child Nutrition.

15. Our new website is blythevilleschools.com

B. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

1. Lighting at multi-purpose building was discussed.
2. We are in the middle of getting buses ready for state inspection. Our guys do a great job.
3. Food service pressure valves and vents are being cleaned.
4. Lots of work orders this summer.
5. Bathrooms have been painted. Mrs. Davis and Shark Tank Kids are redesigning all bathrooms. 3rd-8th grade will all have different themes.
6. Hinson Signs did a wrap for the CSSO car. It is really nice and well done. Wraps protect paint.

5. ACTION ITEMS AND REPORTS

- A. May 23, 2016, Meeting
- B. May 24, 2016, Special Meeting
- C. May 24, 2016, Special Meeting
- D. May 31, 2016, Special Meeting
- E. May 31, 2016, Special Meeting
- F. June 14, 2015, Special Meeting
- G. Appoint Superintendent Atwill Ex-officio Financial Secretary 2016-2017
- H. A.C.A. § 6-13-622
- I. May Financial Report
- J. Blytheville School District Annual Financial Review

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Billy Fair and seconded by Tobey Johnson to accept items as listed in A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., I., and J. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:41 p.m.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION The Board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel recommendations.

A. Appointment of Certified Employees (2016-2017)

Gail Baker	Teacher	BMS
Christina Hudson	Teacher	BMS
Shelly Long	Teacher	BMS
Amy Sharar	Teacher	BPS
Crystal Vincent	Teacher	BES

B. Reappointment of Certified Employee (2016-2017)

Chanel Moton	Teacher	BMS
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C. Resignation of Certified Employee

Ashton Newell	Teacher	BMS
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7. OPEN SESSION The Board Came back into open session at 6:53 p.m.
Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Billy Fair and seconded by Tobey Johnson to accept items as listed in A., B., and C. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:53 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary