

**BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Blytheville, Arkansas**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**Monday, July 25, 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 July 25, 2016, with the following members present:

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| (1) Tommy Bennett, President | (2) Tracey Ritchey, Vice-President |
| (3) Erin Carrington          | (4) Billy Fair                     |
| (5) Henrietta Watt           |                                    |

The following members were absent:

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| (1) Gene Henton              | (2) Tobey Johnson |
| (3) Barbara Wells, Secretary |                   |

Others present: Missy Langston, Geneva Harris, Sue Jeffers, Michelle Sims, Martha Washington, J. Benson, Donna Aldridge, Shannon Spears, Vanessa Steward, and Brandon Harper.

1. CALL TO ORDER President Bennett called the regular meeting for the month of July 2016 to order at 6:08 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
    1. Nationally renowned motivational speaker, Principal Kafele spoke at BHS today. This morning he met with teachers, principals, and paraprofessionals. Kafele met with upper management this afternoon. It is all about building relationships and letting children know we love them.
    2. Tomorrow, Blytheville Elementary, Blytheville Primary, and Administration Leadership will travel to attend a three day leadership conference to receive training and information

on aligning the district, team building, and getting out of academic distress.

3. Professional Development will begin the week after next.
4. Principals are polishing up the Professional Development times and dates. This information will be emailed to the Board.
5. Vacations are almost over.

## B. Instructional Report

Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

1. August 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> will be teachers' flex days to work in their rooms. August 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> new teacher orientation will be held. Teachers will be in their respective buildings from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. if Board Members would like to meet with them. New teachers will be paired with their mentors.
2. August 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> will be Professional Development days and August 11<sup>th</sup> will be a work day to get any last minutes things done.
3. August 11<sup>th</sup> Blytheville Middle School will have their BMS Great Day. It will be very similar to First Things First at BHS. Parents, students and community mentors will be in attendance. 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be in the morning and 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. All dates will be emailed to Board Members.
4. Arkansas Leadership Academy and Arkansas Department of Education are working together and would love to give a report to the Board of our progress.
5. The BHS-New Tech team needs to be congratulated. We received a letter from Jim May inviting BHS to participate in a pilot support experience called Phase 2 at NTAC this summer.
6. Fifty teachers traveled on a charter bus to Orlando, Florida to the National New Tech Conference.
7. We were very lucky to have Principal Kafele as a speaker today. Mrs. Jean Cole did a fantastic job planning and setting up today. Our community members got message out and it was very well attended.

## C. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

1. Arkansas State University called to ask us to be a training resource for PBIS.
2. Principal Kafele said we were missing the cultural change and that is what needs to be taught.
3. AETN has been doing televised professional development. They are coming here to film in September.
4. A couple of weeks ago, retired Coach Wright, controversial at the time, was honored with a documentary including fifty six of his players then and where they are now. Great success story of the City of Blytheville and what we can be again.
5. We had a small bus accident with eight students. Basically, a square bus trying to go through a round hole. No one was injured. There was some damage to the bus and it is being tested to make sure that the frame is not cracked or compromised.
6. I want to brag on SG-360 cleaning services. They came into the schools in December and this is their first summer to get things ready for starting schools. Summer programs like summer school and Mid-South have created obstacles with cleaning but right now we are ahead of schedule.

## 5. ACTION ITEMS AND REPORTS

- A. June 27, 2016, Meeting
- B. June Financial Report
- C. Blytheville Middle School Girls' and Boys' Gym Floor
- D. E-rate Wireless Access Points Purchase
- E. Resignation of Board Member

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Henrietta Watt to accept items as listed in A., B., C., D., and E.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:36 p.m.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION The Board went into Executive Session to discuss Personnel Recommendations.

A. Appointment of Certified Employees (2016-2017)

Angela Burnside	Teacher	BES
Devin Chambers	Teacher	BMS
Arvilla Early	Teacher	BMS
Julie Jaques	Teacher	BPS
Crissie Linville	Teacher	BPS
Jennifer Lovell	Teacher	BPS
Christopher McCormick	Teacher	BMS
Jamie Rolland	Teacher	BES
Margaret Thomas	Teacher	BES
Kyle Walker	Teacher	BHS-New Tech

B. Resignation of Certified Employees

Holly Paoli Davis	Teacher	BHS-New Tech
Bryanna Nix	Teacher	BHS-New Tech
Nikki Nyitrai	Teacher	BMS
Gloria Richardson	Teacher	BES
Whitney Rolland	Teacher	BPS

C. Resignation of Classified Employee

Carla Walker	Paraprofessional	BMS-ALE
Sherrel Warren	Paraprofessional	BPS

The Board came back into open session at 6:50 p.m. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Billy Fair to accept appointments and resignations as listed in A., B. & C. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:50 p.m.

With the resignation of Board Member Mr. Gene Henton, President Tommy Bennett recommended that the Board move to ask and appoint Curtis Walker, Sr. to fill Mr. Henton's position. The motion was seconded by Tracey Ritchey. There was no vote. Erin Carrington made the motion to table the recommendation to allow more time to review. President Tommy Bennett seconded the motion. A special meeting will be held August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:00 p.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.



Richard Atwill  
Ex-officio Financial Secretary