

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, April 23, 2012

The Blytheville Board of Education met at the Blytheville School District Administration Building at 405 West Park Street at 6:00 p.m. on April 23, 2012, with the following members present:

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| (1) Tommy Bennett, Jr., President | (2) Billy Fair, Secretary |
| (3) Carlony Lewis | (4) Tracey Ritchey |
| (5) Barbara Wells | (6) Tobey Johnson |

The following members were absent:

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| (1) Lori Hixson, Vice President | (2) Gene Henton |
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Others present for the meeting: Donna Aldridge, Jean Cole, Kenneth Edwards, Suzie Edwards, James Tony Hollis, Vera James, Mary Alice Jones, Chris Pinkard, Charlotte Razer, Carolyn Yarbrough, and Gregg Yarbrough. (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 April 2012 to order. |
| 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF
A QUORUM | A quorum was established with six members present. |
| 3. PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| 4. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION | |
| | A. Gregg Yarbrough, Principal of Blytheville Kindergarten Center, introduced Nancy Henson, Literacy Instructional Facilitator. Mrs. Henson introduced students Rohan Aleti, Aspen Gilliam, Carter Hepler, Ava Miller, and Shantaria Parks, who read to Board members. |
| | B. Kennett Edwards, Blytheville High School student, spoke to the Board regarding honors he has received in the welding program at Arkansas Northeastern College. Kennett will compete in Kansas City, MO, for the national title in structural welding. |
| 5. CITIZEN ADDRESS | Tony Hollis, representative of the NAACP, addressed the Board about the district's Minority Recruitment Plan for Teachers and Administrators. Mr. Hollis told the Board that the district must do a better job of recruiting minority employees, or the NAACP |

will pursue action against the district, such as with the Arkansas Department of Education or the U.S. Justice Department.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Step-Up Days have been scheduled for parents to tour their child's new school, meet teachers, ask questions, and save a seat for the 2012-2013 academic year.
2. The launch of the Freshman Academy will be held on Tuesday, May 1, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Blytheville High School.
3. The Partners in Education and Volunteer Appreciation Reception will be held on Wednesday, May 16, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Building. Retirees will be recognized during the reception.
4. The FFA Banquet will be held on Thursday, May 3, at the Blytheville High School cafeteria.
5. The Blytheville High School Athletic Banquet will be held on Monday, May 14, at the Arkansas Northeastern College Governors Ballroom.
6. Charlotte Razer, CPA with Thomas, Speight and Noble, presented the 2010-2011 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.

B. Instructional Reports

Sandy Hughey, Assistant Superintendent

1. The Blytheville High School Senior Awards Program will be held on Sunday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m.
2. Blytheville High School Graduation Ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m.
3. "All That Jazz" will be held on Thursday, April 26, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

C. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Facilities Director

The district is catching up on yard work, looking at summer schedules and prioritizing work, and comparing earthquake policies and premiums.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the March 26, 2012, Meeting

B. Minutes of the April 9, 2012, Special Meeting

C. March Financial Report

D. Change May Board Meeting from May 28 to May 21 due to Memorial Day Holiday

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

E. Policy Revisions/Additions

3.1—Licensed Personnel Salary Schedule

3.6—Licensed Personnel Employee Training

3.10—Licensed Planning Time

3.13—Licensed Personnel Public Office

3.16—Licensed Personnel Reimbursement for
Purchase of Supplies

3.19—Licensed Personnel Employment

3.20—Licensed Personnel Reimbursement of
Travel Expenses

3.30—Parent-Teacher Communication

3.34—Licensed Personnel Cell Phone Use

3.43—Duty of Licensed Employees to Maintain
License in Good Standing

3.47—Depositing Collected Funds

4.2—Entrance Requirements

4.5—School Choice

4.6—Home Schooling

4.7—Absences

4.8—Make-Up Work

4.10—Closed Campus

4.13—Privacy of Students' Records/Directory
Information

4.17—Student Discipline

- 4.18—Prohibited Conduct
- 4.24—Drugs and Alcohol
- 4.29—Computer Use Policy
- 4.29F—Student Internet Use Agreement
- 4.30—Suspension from School
- 4.33—Students' Vehicles
- 4.34—Communicable Diseases and Parasites
- 4.39—Corporal Punishment
- 4.40—Homeless Students
- 4.42—Student Handbook
- 4.47—Possession and Use of Cell Phones and Other Electronic Devices

F. Proposed Nurses Salary Schedule for 2012-2013

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 E. and F. above.

Motion passed 5-1, with Carlon Lewis casting the nay vote.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session to discuss re-appointment, appointment, resignations, and retirement of personnel.

NOTE: CERTIFICATION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL TEACHER. ANY TEACHER WHOSE CERTIFICATION HAS EXPIRED AND WHO DOES NOT OBTAIN RE-CERTIFICATION FOR THE CONTRACTED JOB ASSIGNMENT WILL NOT BE EMPLOYED FOR THE 2012-2013 SCHOOL YEAR. FUTURE EMPLOYMENT DEPENDS ON THE TEACHER'S CERTIFICATION BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO PAY TEACHERS IF THEY ARE NOT CERTIFIED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

9. OPEN SESSION

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

A. Appointment of Licensed Employees (2012-2013)

Karen Ashley	Grade 3	CES
Alithia Davis	Literacy Interventionist	BHS
Anita Helms	Grade 5	BIS
Tyler Isbell	Math	BHS
Amy Robins	Special Education	BMS
Amber Spillman	Kindergarten	BKC

B. Retirement of Licensed Employee (end of 2011-2012)

Patricia Moriarty	Math Facilitator	BKC
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C. Resignation of Licensed Employees (end of 2011-2012)

Art Bell	History/Coach	BMS
Christa Chastain	Kindergarten	BKC
Sara Jenkins	Social Studies	BHS
Jeremy Lamb	Science	BHS
Jennifer Langston	Science	BMS
Stuart Simpson	Math	BCS
Kristmar Vincent	Kindergarten	BKC
Joseph Woodbury	Social Studies	BHS

D. Resignation of Coaching Position (end of 2011-2012)

David Hixson	Head Basketball	BHS
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E. Reappointment of Licensed Employees (2012-2013)

F. Retirement of Classified Employees (end of 2011-2012)

Sheronette Avery	Cafeteria	CES
Shirley Eskin	Crossing Guard	BPS

G. Resignation of Classified Employee (end of 2011-2012)

Beulah Brown	Paraprofessional	BHS
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H. Resignation of Classified Employees

Melissa Hess	Nurse	BIS/BCS
Kevin Morrison	Bus Driver	SVC

I. Appointment of Classified Employees (2012-2013)

Anissa Brown	Clerk	BIS
Joanne Sullivan	School Nurse (RN)	BIS/BCS

J. Reappointment of Classified Employees (2012-2013)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Barbara Wells and seconded by Tracey Ritchey that the Board accept the reappointments, appointments, retirement, and resignations as listed in A. – J. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

K. Resignation of Licensed Employee

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Billy Fair that

the Board accept the voluntary resignation of Justin Beck based upon job abandonment, effective April 23, 2012.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary