

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, May 21, 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 May 21, 2012, with the following members present:

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| (1) Tommy Bennett, Jr., President | (2) Lori Hixson, Vice President |
| (3) Billy Fair, Secretary | (4) Gene Henton |
| (5) Carlony Lewis | (6) Tracey Ritchey |
| (7) Barbara Wells | (8) Tobey Johnson |

Lori Hixson arrived at the meeting during the Executive Session.

Others present for the meeting: Catherine Adell, Omia Clay, Jean Cole, Candie Groves, Tonya Harris, Tony Hollis, Ron Self, and Andy Weld. (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 May 2012 to order. |
| 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM | A quorum was established with seven members present. (Lori Hixson arrived during the executive session.) |
| 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| 4. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION | |

Jean Cole, Director of Special Services, spoke to the Board about the Special Olympics program, which was started by Eunice Kennedy Shriver for the rights and acceptance for people with intellectual disabilities.

Omia Clay, Christie Kennedy, and Catherine Adell introduced this year's student winners. The Special Olympics Athlete's Oath was recited, as follows: "Let me win; but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. The Arkansas ACT Council has identified seven of the district's sophomores as being on target to reach or exceed ACT's College Readiness Benchmarks in all four academic areas measured: English, mathematics, reading, and science.

2. The district's Technology Plan for 2012-2015 has been approved by the Arkansas Department of Education.
3. The Legislative Joint Auditing Committee filed the district's 2010-2011 audit on May 11, 2012, showing substantial compliance with Arkansas fiscal and financial laws.
4. The district has been approved for Severe Need Reimbursement for breakfast again next year.
5. Letroy Gathen was recognized for his service to the Blytheville School District. This will be Mr. Gathen's last Board meeting.
6. Administrators and chairmen are working on ACSIP plans for next year.

B. Instructional Reports

1. Sandy Hughey, Assistant Superintendent
 - a. Tomorrow is the last day for students. Teachers will attend professional development on Wednesday.
 - b. Summer is filled with professional development opportunities.
 - c. Positions are still being filled for next year. There are good applicants for the open positions and positions should be filled soon.

2. Letory Gathen, Executive Director of Support Services

Mr. Gathen thanked the Board for allowing him to work for the district for 17 years. He stated that he was blessed to serve the kids as teacher, coach, principal, and administrator. President Bennett thanked Mr. Gathen for his service to the district.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the April 23, 2012, Meeting
- B. Minutes of the April 24, 2012, Special Meetings
- C. Minutes of the May 9, 2012, Special Meeting
- D. April 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 as listed in A., B., C., and D. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

E. Policy Revisions

- 1.9—Policy Formulation
- 1.16—Duties of Board Disbursing Officer
- 4.35—Student Medications
- 4.35F—Glucagon Administration Consent Form
- 5.4—Staff Development Program
- 5.10—Religion in the Schools
- 5.11—Promotion/Retention/Course Credit for 9-12 Schools
- 5.12—Promotion/Retention/Course Credit for K-8 Schools
- 5.15—Grading
- 7.7—Cash in Classrooms
- 7.18—Disposal of Non-Negotiated Checks for Unclaimed Property
- 7.20—Electronic Fund Transfers

F. 5.29—Wellness Policy and Checklist

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

G. Student Handbooks for 2012-2013

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Barbara Wells and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board approve the item as listed in G. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

8. OPEN SESSION

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

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

Beth Macre	Art	BHS
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B. Resignation of Licensed Employees (end of 2011-2012)

Amy Bailey	Grade 1	BPS
Lacey Ball	Social Studies	BMS
Lana Burnside	Librarian	BHS
Susan Davey	Grade 3	CES
Jennifer Shubert	Spanish	BHS

C. Appointment of Licensed Employees (2012-2013)

Tamatha Brassfield	Business Education	BHS
Courtney Flood	Grade 3	CES
Collen Henegan	Science	BHS
Thomas Halford	Social Studies	BMS
Jessica McCormick	Kindergarten	BKC
Anne Rosencrans	Science	BHS
Cameron Tharp	Science	BHS
Allison Turner	Choir Director	BHS
Randy Smith	Boys Baseball/PE (.50)	BHS
Demetria Williams	Grade 1	BPS

D. Resignation of Classified Employee

Tamatha Brassfield	Bookkeeper	ADM
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Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Barbara Wells that the Board accept the retirement, appointments, and resignations as listed in items A., B., C., and D. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary