

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, November 28, 2011

The Blytheville Board of Education met at the Blytheville School District Administration Building at 405 West Park Street at 6:00 p.m. on November 28, 2011, 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) Tracey Ritchey | (6) Barbara Wells |
| (7) Tobey Johnson | |

The following member was absent: Carlony Lewis

Others present for the meeting: Bobby Ashley, Lucas Anderson, Terry Boyd, Lauren Callender, Angie Dixon, Jeremy Edwards, Jacob Finch, Tamika Jenkins, Sam Jerome, Russell Page, Ron Self, Kevin Snow, Angie Trotter, and Scott Trotter.

1. CALL TO ORDER	President Bennett called the regular meeting for the month of November 2011 to order.
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2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM	A quorum was established with seven members present.
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3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
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4. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION

Bobby Ashley, Blytheville High School Principal, introduced Ms. Lauren Callender and Mr. Russell Page, Quiz Bowl Sponsors. Ms. Callender introduced the students who will compete in the Memphis WREG Channel 3 Knowledge Bowl.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. The district is currently reviewing technology policies to see if it would be feasible to have select students begin a pilot program using smart phones next year at Blytheville High School. Approximately 25-40 students would participate in a controlled environment.
2. Board members will attend the Arkansas School Boards Association Annual Conference on December 7 - 9 in Little Rock.

B. Instructional Reports

Sandy Hughey, Assistant Superintendent

1. The College Preparatory Academy of the Delta is going very well. There have been two sessions so far. Participation is expected to make a difference in student ACT scores.
2. The district received official notice from the Arkansas Department of Education regarding AYP status. The district appealed the graduation rate, but the ADE did not accept the appeal.

C. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

1. The HVAC technicians have been busy battling cold and heat in the buildings.
2. The fence is finished at Blytheville Middle School.
3. Work is being done on the parking lots and playgrounds.
4. Outside lighting has been increased to make a safer environment at the campuses.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the October 24, 2011, Meeting
- B. Minutes of the October 20, 2011, Special Meeting
- C. Minutes of the November 1, 2011, Special Meeting
- D. October Financial Report
- E. Arkansas Public School Unemployment Compensation Account

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Lori Hixson and seconded by Tracey Ritchey that the Board approve the items as listed in A. - E. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board took the following personnel actions:

A. Retirement of Licensed Employee (December 16, 2011)

Jacqueline Sanders	Special Education	BMS
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B. Resignation of Licensed Employees

Amanda McCleskey	Grade 3	CES
Chris Rutherford	Grade 6	BIS

C. Appointment of Licensed Employee

Vera Lucas	Grade 3	CES
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D. Appointment of Licensed Employee (January 2, 2012)

Stephanie Lewallen	Counselor	BHS
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E. Resignation of Classified Employee

Mae Wheeler	Paraprofessional	BCS
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F. Appointment of Classified Employee

Ronald Stovall	Paraprofessional	BCS
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Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tobey Johnson and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board accept the appointment, resignations, and retirement as listed in A. – F. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary