

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, December 12, 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 December 12, 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) Carlony Lewis | (6) Tracey Ritchey |
| (7) Barbara Wells | |

The following member was absent: Tobey Johnson

Others present for the meeting: Akiyah Allen, Amy Bailey, Angel Bailey, Jean Cole, Demarcus Daniels, Jr., Donald Davis, Megan Davis, Khania Field, Latawnya Field, Adam Jasinski, Diane Jenkins, Marcus Logan, Ron Self, Veda Struble, Chanda Walker, and Kris Williams. (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 December 2011 to order. |
| 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF
A QUORUM | A quorum was established with seven members present. |
| 3. PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| 4. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION | |
| | A. Megan Davis, Blytheville Primary School teacher, spoke to the Board regarding being awarded the Regional Teacher of the Year for Arkansas. |
| | B. Marilyn McNear, Central Elementary School teacher, directed the school's select choir in the singing of two Christmas songs. |
| 5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS | |
| | A. Superintendent's Report |
| | 1. Several administrators recently visited Cross County High School to learn about the school's New Tech Network, which uses technology in project-based learning. |

2. Board members recently attended the Arkansas School Boards Association Conference in Little Rock. At the conference, Tommy Bennett received the Pinnacle Award and Barbara Wells received the Master Board Member Award.
3. Kris Williams recently held a technology meeting to ask students what they wanted to see in the district as far as technology in the classroom.
4. During the last Subs with the Superintendent, Teryn Spears met with a group of 9th-12th grade students and asked them what they wanted most at school. The most popular response was that they wanted their teacher teaching and not dealing with disruptions or discipline issues.
5. This Wednesday, Chanda Walker and David White will attend a meeting at Crowley's Ridge Educational Service Cooperative regarding implementing ALE in lower grades as interventions.
6. Kris Williams gave a technology update to the Board, which included information about the visit to Cross County High School, future technology plans, and the lunchroom point of sale system required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Arkansas Department of Education. At the January meeting, the district's 2013-2015 Technology Plan and a Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) compliance policy will be presented to the Board for consideration.

B. Instructional Reports

1. Sandy Hughey, Assistant Superintendent
 - a. Blytheville Leadership Institute will visit Blytheville Middle School and Blytheville Primary School on Wednesday, December 14.
 - b. Ritter Communications gave the district ten bags of coats they had collected. Shirley Byrd sorted the coats and the nurses delivered them to students.
 - c. There are several Christmas programs planned at the schools during December.
 - d. Semester exams begin on Wednesday, December 14.

2. Letroy Gathen, Executive Director of Support Services

- a. The coats donated to the district were greatly appreciated. Some had to be cleaned before giving to students.
- b. Supplemental Service Provider contracts have been sent out.

3. Sally Cooke, Curriculum Coordinator

- a. Blytheville High School is on the 2010-2011 list of the top 20 most improved high schools and middle schools on the end-of-course Algebra I exam, with a 28 percent increase.
- b. The district is partnering with Arkansas State University (ASU) in the Educational Renewal Zone (ERZ). As a part of the ERZ, ASU teachers will partner with Blytheville High School teachers to help in school improvement and make a smoother transition for our students between public school and college.
- c. We are finalizing requirements for the ARRA funds. The money has been very beneficial to the district.

C. Operations Report

1. Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

- a. Employees are doing a great job with facilities inspections.
- b. Invoices are being carefully reviewed before being paid.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the November 28, 2011, Meeting

B. November Financial Report

C. Education Jobs Fund Program (ARRA) Bonuses (\$40 for eligible employees)

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Resignation of Licensed Employee (was to begin 1/2/12)

Stephanie Lewallen	Counselor	BHS
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B. Appointment of Licensed Employees

Cynthia Fait	Counselor	BHS
Rosemary Owens	Special Education	BMS

C. Retirement of Classified Employee (January 31, 2012)

Brenda Curtis	Paraprofessional	BCS
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D. Resignation of Classified Employees

Jami Freeman	Cafeteria	BPS
Michelle Minton	Secretary	BMS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Lori Hixson that the Board accept the resignations, retirement, and appointments as listed in A., B., C., and D. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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