

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, January 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 January 23, 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) Tracey Ritchey | (6) Tobey Johnson |

The following members were absent:

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| (1) Carlony Lewis | (2) Barbara Wells |
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Others present for the meeting: Felisha Bell, Jennifer Blankenship, Kim Byrd, Tim Cater, Jean Cole, Donald Davis, Kara Eagle, Kanecha Echols, Jon Fulkerson, Michael Ham, Rachel Hardesty, Vera James, Adam Jasinski, Paul Jenkins, Veda Jenkins, Sam Jerome, Mary Alice Jones, Ann Lewis, Emma McCanless, Terry McCanless, Joshua Miller, Lance Nettles, Brian Pannells, Mary Poppelreiter, Debra Siegler, Robin Sneed, Shane Spears, Teryn Spears, Jennifer Spurlock, Josh Trapp, Mike Wallace, and Kris Williams. (There were others present who did not place their names on the sign-in sheet and others whose names were illegible.)

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | President Bennett called the meeting for the month of January 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. BOARD APPRECIATION | A. Felisha Bell, Assistant to Mayor James Sanders, read a proclamation, which proclaimed January 23-27, 2012, as Blytheville School Board Member Recognition Week. B. Teryn Spears, District Parental Involvement Coordinator, shared activities that the schools were doing for Board members in honor of School Board Appreciation Week. |
| 5. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION | A. Mike Wallace, Principal of Blytheville Middle School, introduced Sharon Brown and Josh Miller, who introduced the students of the Robotics Club. The students gave a presentation to the Board. The Robotics Club recently received the Best Small School Award at a competition held at Arkansas State University. |

6. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. At the Blytheville Chamber of Commerce Luncheon today, the Blytheville School District received an award as the Large Business/Industry of the Quarter.
2. Board members were reminded that the "Statement of Financial Interest" must be filed with the County Clerk by January 31, 2012.
3. Metal name tags were purchased and given to Board members to wear at school functions.
4. The next Subs with the Superintendent is scheduled for Tuesday, February 7, at 6:00 p.m. with Board members. The location will be announced at a later date.
5. The annual United Way Report, which was prepared by David Cooke, was placed in Board folders.

B. Instructional Reports

1. Freshman Academy

An overview of the proposed Freshman Academy was given to the Board. Bobby Ashley, Kara Eagle, Jon Fulkerson, Paul Jenkins, Mary Poppelreiter, and Shane Spears spoke to the Board regarding the Academy.

Upon a motion by Tommy Bennett and a second by Tobey Johnson, the Board voted to support the establishment of the Freshman Academy and to allow plans for the Academy to move forward.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. Kris Williams, Director of Technology, presented the 2012-2015 Technology Plan and reviewed information regarding the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Compliance.

C. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

1. A public hearing was held regarding the district's Ten-Year Master Plan. Capital Plans and Capital Projects Summary were distributed to the Board and copies provided to members of the audience. There were neither Board comments nor public comments regarding the plan.

2. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Lori Hixson and seconded by Tracey Ritchey that the Board approve the Resolution for Local Support of the Ten-Year Master Plan.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the December 12, 2011, Meeting
- B. Minutes of the December 13, 2011, Special Meeting
- C. December Financial Report

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- D. 2012-2015 Technology Plan
- E. Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) Compliance

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

9. OPEN SESSION

The Board came back into open session and to the following action:

A. Appointment of Licensed Employee

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| Joyce Jacks | Grade 5 | BIS |
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B. Resignation of Classified Employees

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| Christina Andrews | Paraprofessional | BMS |
| Jody Baugus | Network Manager | ADM |
| Jerry McKaskle | HVAC Technician | SVS |
| Aundrea Ross | Paraprofessional | CES |

C. Appointment of Classified Employees

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| Christina Andrews | Secretary | BMS |
| Broderick Harris | Maintenance | SVC |
| Lance Nettles | Technician | ADM |
| Jessica Smith | Paraprofessional | BMS |

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

D. Extension of Superintendent's Contract

Upon a motion by Gene Henton and a second by Tobey Johnson, the Board voted to extend the contract of Superintendent Richard Atwill for one year. The new, three-year contract will begin July 1, 2012, and end June 30, 2015.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary