

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, February 27, 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 February 27, 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 |

Others present for the meeting: Jean Cole, Carolyn Crawford, Peggy Lemons, Tobye McClanahan, Melisa Rutherford, Ron Self, and David White. (There were others present whose names were illegible.)

1. CALL TO ORDER President Bennett called the meeting for the month of February 2012 to order.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A quorum was established with all members present.
A QUORUM

3. PLEDGE OF The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
ALLEGIANCE

4. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION

Principal David White and Librarian Melisa Rutherford presented a program on Blytheville Intermediate School's Black History Month activities. In June, Mrs. Rutherford will participate in AfricaReads in Rwanda.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. A moment of silence was observed for the victims of the Ohio school shooting. Our district conducts monthly lockdown drills to prepare for situations such as this incident.
2. The Arkansas School Boards Association will host a webinar on Thursday, March 1, at 11:30 a.m. Board members may view the webinar on-line or at the administration building.
3. An Arkansas School Boards Association School Law Seminar will be held in Little Rock on Monday, March 12.
4. The Chamber Banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 12. Awards for Teacher of the Year and Business of the Year will be presented at the banquet.

5. Barbara Wells was given a pin awarded by the Arkansas School Boards Association as Outstanding Board Member for attaining at least 25 hours of training.
6. The superintendent and Cynthia McCustion attended a meeting at Arkansas State University regarding Educational Renewal Zones (ERZ) and assessment. ASU wants to use the district as an example of how assessment should be done.
7. Plans are on schedule for the Freshman Academy. The team recently visited Cross County High School and will go to Ruston, Louisiana, to see their program.
8. Last week, the district was audited on athletic expenditures. A perfect score was received.

B. Instructional Reports

1. Sandy Hughey, Assistant Superintendent

- a. Jean Cole, Sally Cooke, and she recently attended a Career Fair at the University of Central Arkansas. They received several applications for prospective teachers. They will also attend a Career Fair at Arkansas State University and one at LeMoyne-Owen College to recruit minority teachers.
- b. Eleventh grade literacy exams will be given on March 6 and March 7. The Iowa test will be given on April 2-13, and benchmark exams will be given April 11-13.
- c. The Arkansas Department of Education is requiring changes to the Wellness Policy. Harriett Jumper is the chairman of the district's wellness committee. Due to her science background, Tobey Johnson will represent the Board on the committee. When revised, the policy will be submitted to the Board for approval.
- d. The third quarter will end on March 9. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on March 13 and March 15 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

2. Letroy Gathen, Executive Director of Support Services

On Friday, April 24, the district was monitored on Supplemental Service Providers. The monitors worked from a 57-item checklist, with only two items receiving suggestions for improvement.

C. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

1. The Blytheville School District and the Hot Springs School District are the only districts that are using the PBIS program district-wide. Arkansas State University will use our district as the model.
2. The Arkansas State Department of Education recently audited the district's transportation records and found that Carolyn Barnes is doing an excellent job.
3. There are only routine maintenance projects going on at this time. There are no big projects on the horizon.
4. The district is considering setting up an eBay type program to sell unused items that are stored at the service center.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the January 23, 2012, Meeting
- B. January Financial Report
- C. 2012-2013 School Calendar
- D. Farmland Lease

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 A., B., C. and D. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

8. OPEN SESSION

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

A. Reappointment of District-Level Administrators/Directors (2012-2013)

Jean Cole	Director of Support Services
Sally Cooke	Director of Curriculum
Diane Hay	GT Program Administrator
Jennifer Hopper	Director of Finance
Sandy Hughey	Assistant Superintendent
Randy Jumper	Director of Facilities
Teryn Spears	Parental Involvement Coordinator/ Technology Integration Specialist
Kris Williams	Director of Technology

B. Retirement of District-Level Administrator (end of 2011-2012)

Letroy Gathen	Executive Director of Support Services
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C. Retirement of Administrator (end of 2011-2012)

Alvin Clay	Assistant Principal	BIS
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D. Retirement of Certified Employees (end of 2011-2012)

Norma Howell	Grade 3	CES
Rebecca Ramey	French	BHS
Ann White	Grade 3	CES

E. Resignation of Certified Employees (end of 2011-2012)

Laura Hughey	Literacy Interventionist	BHS
Vera Lucas	Grade 3	CES
Lynetta Short	Business	BHS
Dana Stanfill	Grade 6	BIS
Terry Webb	Science	BHS
Dessira Wegner	Science	BMS

F. Appointment of Classified Employees

Stacy Davis	Secretary to Principal	BCS
Tony Hatcher	Bus Driver	SVC
Anthony Jordan	HVAC Technician	SVC
Patricia Monger	Cafeteria	BHS
Felicia Redditt	Paraprofessional	CES

G. Resignation of Classified Employees

Aretha Bass	Secretary to Principal	BCS
Yvette Nickerson	Bus Driver	SVC
Oscielena Stokes	Food Service	BPS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Tobey Johnson that the Board accept the reappointments, retirements, appointments, and resignations as listed in A. – G. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Lori Hixson left the meeting at this time.

H. Reappointment of District-Level Administrator (2012-2013)

David Hixson	Athletic Director/Coach
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Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tobey Johnson and seconded by Barbara Wells that the Board accept the reappointment as listed in H. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Lori Hixson returned to the meeting at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary