

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
BHS New Tech – Auditorium
600 North Tenth Street
Monday, December 12, 2016
6:00 p.m.

The Blytheville Board of Education met in a special meeting at Blytheville High New Tech Auditorium at 405 West Park Street at 6:00 p.m. December 12, 2016, with the following members present:

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| (1) Tracey Ritchey, President | (2) Erin Carrington, Vice-President |
| (3) Barbara Wells, Secretary | (4) Desmond Hammett |
| (5) Tobey Johnson | (6) Henrietta Watt |

The following members were absent:

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| (1) Tommy Bennett | (2) Billy Fair |
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Others present: Paul Jenkins, Veda Jenkins, Allison Turner, Ben Fisher, Courtney Fisher, Sharron Harris, Carolyn Barnes, Jacqueline Burton, Lori Hixson, June Walters, Louis Walters, Rose Nichols, Irene Nichols, Freddie Whaley, Allison Turner, Chavis Spam, Vancell Lucas, Curtis Johnson, III, Priscilla Johnson, Amanda Haynes, C. McDonald, J.T. Harris, Melissa Young, Beatrice Davis, Johnnie Campbell, Eddie Echols, Ebony Wells, James Weatherspoon, Douglas Echols, Carolyn Echols, Pamela Bradley, Felice Williams, Dionne Diamond, Marty Orr, Dorothy Anderson, Michelle Sims, Monte Hodges, Nina Wilson, Linda Williams, Geneva Harris, Alison Nichols, Scott Ferrell, Jr., Sharon Meyer, Jay Meyer, Chelsea Grimes and Brandon Harper.

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | President Ritchey called the regular meeting for the Month of December 2016 to order at 7:07 p.m. |
| 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM | A quorum was established with six members present. |
| 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |

4. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION

BHS New Tech, Bobby Ashley, Principal
Drama Club, Scott Ferrell

This year we have seventy five members in our Drama Club. Twenty members who are in the International Thespian Society which requires one hundred theater hours.

Both, Maddie Hixson and Alonnie Butler presented monologs to the Board.

We have competed for three awards. Maddie Hixson and Lizzie Langston won awards.

The play "Lucky Stiff" will be presented March 30th, March 31st and April 1, 2017.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Board Training last week. Sent list of things you generated and I have papers in the work on what we did at meeting concerning leadership.
2. Everyone has expressed their thanks to the Board for approving the \$500 bonus.
3. I will be sending link of our Leadership Team that presented to the ADE last week. It was spectacular. ADE is overzealous about work we are doing to get our children ahead.
4. There is a possibility of a January 3rd Meeting for the Resolution of millage request. It has to be worded correctly sixty days before the March 16th election. Would like to have this done the first week of January.
5. I will get all information out as soon as possible. I will submit renderings by email and Board can call another Town Hall Meeting.

B. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

1. The District is currently using Knight's Disposal Service, but would like the Board to know that we are in current negotiations with another company for our dumpsters. Our contract expired with the City and we are getting prices. We are not pleased with service or price, so we are looking at other avenues. We would also like to start recycling. We are taking advantage of big savings and better service. At this time, we cannot divulge current savings because another company could come in and undercut. December 16th is the last day we will be with current company. Garbage has to be dumped in county but recyclables can cross county lines. State does allow 15 – 20 % to stay local on bids.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. November 28, 2016, Regular Meeting
- B. October Financial Report
- C. November Financial Report

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tobey Johnson and seconded by Erin Carrington to accept items as listed in A., B., and C.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:50 p.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary