

**BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Blytheville, Arkansas**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**Monday, July 22, 2013**

The Blytheville Board of Education met at the Blytheville School District Administration Building at 405 West Park Street at 6:00 p.m. on July 22, 2013, with the following members present:

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| (1) Tommy Bennett, Jr., President | (2) Tracey Ritchey, Vice President |
| (3) Gene Henton                   | (4) Lori Hixson                    |
| (5) Billy Fair                    | (6) Carlony Lewis                  |

The following members were absent:

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| (1) Barbara Wells, Secretary | (2) Tobey Johnson |
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Others present for the meeting: Lesa Johns Adams, Brionna Hall, Sandy "Bebe" Gillespie, Dale Hinson, Gale Jefferson, James Rogers, and Johnny Wright. (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 regular meeting for the month of July 2013 to order at 6:04 p.m. |
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| 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF<br>A QUORUM | A quorum was established with six members present. |
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| 3. PLEDGE OF<br>ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
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4. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Due to the efforts of many, the district has ended the year \$344,000 ahead of last year. Fifty-four positions were saved.
2. The Board was shown a KAIT-8 news story about two Blytheville High School teachers who were convicted of inappropriate conduct with students. The incidents were acted upon quickly.
3. The Back-to-School Bash will be held on the grounds of Blytheville Elementary School on Sunday, August 18, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
4. Principal Chanda Walker has completed Master Principal I through the Arkansas Leadership Academy. She is now working on requirements for Master Principal II. Requirements for completing the program are rigorous.

5. At the August meeting, Teryn Spears will speak about the Back-to-School Bash. Following the meeting, the Board will take a bus ride to showcase the projects done during the summer.
6. Beginning this year, all school office personnel will answer telephones in the same manner. They will state the name of the school, their name, and ask, "How may I help you."
7. A company is being sought to make a Chickasaw flag to hang below the Arkansas State Flag on district flag poles.
8. The district must establish a new baseline for Provision II. Applications will be collected this year.
9. Mr. Henton was honored at a reunion of teachers and students. The plaque presented to him was read to Board members.
10. This year's JBHM/Generation Ready contract is in the amount of \$165,000, which is less previous years. Their services will meet the requirements of the State Department.
11. The pre-school professional development schedule will be sent to Board members when complete.

B. Instructional Reports

1. Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum
  - a. The summer session of the College Prep Academy went extremely well. Several comments made regarding the program were read to the Board.
  - b. The general session of the professional development will be held in the Blytheville High School Auditorium on August 12 at 10:30 a.m. Arkansas Teacher of the Year and BHS graduate, Ali Weimer, will speak.
  - c. New teacher orientation will be held on Friday, August 9 at 8:30 a.m. in the BHS Library. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. Teachers will visit the downtown area in the afternoon.
  - d. Blytheville Middle School was one of eight schools who received a National Best Practices Award from the JBHM consultants.
  - e. Preliminary scores for the literacy and math exams show increases. The official scores should be received in August.

## C. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

Summer was busier than expected due to 15 construction projects along with the move. Maintenance Supervisor Don Jenkins has done an excellent this summer with the help of Mitch Fryer, who supervised the temporary workers.

## 5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the June 25, 2013 Meeting

B. Minutes of the June 20, 2013 Special Meeting

C. June Financial Report

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

D. 2013 School Election Resolution

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Lori Hixson and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board approve the item as listed in D. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

## 6. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board took the following personnel actions:

### A. Resignation of Licensed Employee

Blake Burnside	Drivers Ed/Coach	BHS
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### B. Appointment of Licensed Employees

Patty Dawson	Academic Excellence After-School Program Director	BPS
Vontella Gilliom	Mathematics	BHS
Edna Kirk	Grade 3	BES
Joseph Moseley	PE/Coach	BHS
Win Moseley	PE/Coach	BMS
Charles Nabring	ALE Science	BHS
Viranda Phillips	ALE Social Studies	BHS
Melanie Polsgrove	Grade 6 Social Studies	BMS
Dwight Vincent	PE/Coach	BMS

C. Resignation of Classified Employees

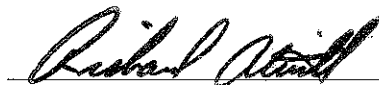
Lisa Chew	Bus Driver	SVC
Donna Hilton	Paraprofessional	BMS

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. – C. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.



Richard Atwill  
Ex-officio Financial Secretary