

**BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Blytheville, Arkansas**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**Monday, September 23, 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 September 23, 2013, with the following members present:

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| (1) Tommy Bennett, Jr., President | (2) Tracey Ritchey, Vice President |
| (3) Barbara Wells, Secretary      | (4) Gene Henton                    |
| (5) Lori Hixson                   | (6) Billy Fair                     |
| (7) Carlony Lewis                 | (8) Tobey Johnson                  |

Others present for the meeting: Keisha Gardner, Jeanna Hicks, Dynice Karr, Mary Alice Jones, James Martin, Laura Martin, Keona Moore, Josh Payne, Amber Raney, Juanita Russell, Ron Self, Tylee Tracer, Erick Wicklund, Alisha Williams, and Denise Wilson. (There were others present for the meeting 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 September 2013 to order.  |
| 2. ESTABLISHMENT<br>OF A QUORUM | A quorum was established with six members present. However, Barbara Wells arrived at the meeting at 6:06 p.m. and Lori Hixson at 6:19 p.m.  |
| 3. PLEDGE OF<br>ALLEGIANCE      | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.   |
| 4. SCHOOL PRIDE<br>RECOGNITION  | Blytheville High School Band Director Ken Dumond introduced Marvelous White and Jocelynn Moore, drum majors for the 2013-2014 school year. Mr. Dumond spoke to the Board regarding a barcode system that is being used with band equipment and the band's page on the district website. This year, the band will perform a program on Michael Jackson's, "Thriller". The band will participate in four competitions in October. |
| 5. ELECTION OF<br>OFFICERS      | <p>A. Office of President</p> <p>Upon a motion by Tobey Johnson and a second by Tracey Ritchey, the Board voted to reelect Tommy Bennett, Jr., as President by acclamation.</p> <p>Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:12 p.m.</p> <p>B. Office of Vice President and Office of Secretary</p> <p>Upon a motion by Tobey Johnson and a second by Carlony Lewis, the Board voted to reelect Tracey Ritchey as Vice-</p>          |

President and Barbara Wells as secretary by acclamation.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:14 p.m.

6. PRIMARY BOARD  
DISBURSING  
OFFICER

Upon a motion by Tracey Ritchey and a second by Billy Fair, the Board approved a resolution to appoint Tommy Bennett, Jr., to serve as Primary Board Disbursing Officer of the District pursuant to Act 671 of 2003.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:15 p.m.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the August 26, 2013, Meeting
- B. Minutes of the August 29, 2013, Special Meeting
- C. Minutes of the September 9, 2013, Special Meetings
- D. August Financial Report
- E. Change the October Board Meeting to October 22
- F. Policy Revision—4.35—Student Medications

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Billy Fair and seconded by Tobey Johnson that the Board approve items A., B., C., D., E., and F. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:16 p.m.

- G. Budget for 2013-2014

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Barbara Wells and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board approve the 2013-2014 budget as presented.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:23 p.m.

- H. Title VI-B Budget for 2013-2014

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Billy Fair and seconded by Tracey Ritchey that the Board approve the 2013-2014 Title VI-B (special services) budget as presented.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:26 p.m.

## I. ACSIP Assurance Statement

Upon a motion by Tracey Ritchey and a second by Gene Henton, the Board approved the assurances and authorized Superintendent Atwill to sign the assurances as required by Section 9306 and approved to submit an Arkansas Comprehensive School Improvement Plan (application) to the Arkansas Department of Education as required by Section 9305.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:28 p.m.

## 8. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

### A. Superintendent's Report

1. Marshall Hughes, Vice President of First Security Beasley Public Finance, presented two financial matters to the Board, as follows:

- a. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tommy Bennett, Jr., and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board adopt the Amending Resolution Concerning the Issuance and Delivery of Bonds.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:39 p.m.

- b. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tobey Johnson and seconded by Lori Hixson that the Board adopt the attached Continuing Disclosure Dissemination Agreement.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:45 p.m.

2. Administrators are attending an AdvancED External Review in Little Rock on September 26 in preparation for the accreditation visit in April of 2014.
3. The Arkansas Department of Education On-campus Standards Review is scheduled for December 3.
4. Possible dates for a Board Retreat will be sent to members soon.
5. Board members are using laptops for the first time during a meeting. Director of Technology Kris Williams answered questions from the Board regarding various technology uses and issues in the schools. Mr. Williams is working with Ritter Communications to possibly provide low-cost Internet service to students.

6. The Pepsi contract has ended; however, the company is still providing soft drinks at this time. A new spec sheet will be prepared to rebid the contract.
7. The contract has ended with Thomas, Speight, and Nobel for the yearly audit. A new, three-year contract has been proposed. Last year's cost of the audit was \$18,500. The State Legislative Audit does not charge for preparing the audit. A decision will be made when more information can be obtained.

#### B. Instructional Reports

Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

1. Recruitment selection for the College Preparatory Academy for the Delta (CPAD) will be held on September 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the Blytheville High School Cafeteria. The Opening Induction Ceremony for the Academy will be held on October 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Blytheville High School Auditorium.
2. Instructional facilitators were complimented for work on the ACSIP plans.
3. The district is working to better educate parents on the programs and technology.

#### C. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

1. Blytheville Middle School has a new sign.
2. Maintenance employees appreciated being recognized at the August Board meeting.

### 9. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Appointment of Classified Employees

Shareeka Cochran	Cafeteria	BES
Priscilla Williams	Cafeteria	BHS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Tobey Johnson that the Board accept the appointments as listed above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:46 p.m.

10. TRAINING

Director of Technology Kris Williams trained the Board on the use of MacBooks for future Board meetings.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Atwill", written in a cursive style.

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Richard Atwill  
Ex-officio Financial Secretary