

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 22, 2013

The Blytheville Board of Education met at the Blytheville School District Administration Building at 405 West Park at 6:00 p.m. on October 22, 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) Tobey Johnson | |

The following member was absent: (1) Carlony Lewis

Others present for the meeting: Kirk Eagle, Judy Hardesty, Mark Hutton, Jennifer Johnson, Maurice Jones, Jose Olivares, Debbie L. Polk, Ron Self, and Alice Walker.

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | President Bennett called the regular meeting for the month of October 2013 to order. |
| 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM | A quorum was established with five members present. Barbara Wells arrived at 6:03 p.m. and Lori Hixson at 6:04 p.m., making seven members present. |
| 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| 4. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS | |
| | A. Superintendent's Report |
| | 1. There was no School Pride Recognition tonight due to Parent/Teacher Conferences. |
| | 2. The new Chickasaw Flag is flying at all district facilities and at Haley Field. |
| | 3. P.I.C.K. Blytheville was recognized for what they are doing to improve parent and community involvement. |
| | 4. Superintendent Atwill will attend the Columbia University Comparative Education Conference through the Arkansas Center for Executive Leadership (Superintendent VII Leader to Leader) on October 27-30 in New York City. |

5. Director of Safety and Security Ron Self will receive one of *Security News*' "20 under 40" awards, honoring young up-and-comers in the security industry.
6. An agreement has been reached with Ritter Communications to provide Internet service for \$17 per month to households with students.
7. Vice President Tracey Ritchey reported that Carlos Tramutola, Global Social Development Director for Tenaris, visited Blytheville Public Schools in early October. Tramutola met with Patty Dawson, Academic Excellence Afterschool Program Director, on Tuesday afternoon October 8th and also toured the Blytheville Primary School. On Wednesday morning, October 9th, Tramutola met with Teryn Spears, Sally Cooke and Bobby Ashley at Blytheville High School. Information was shared concerning the New Tech program, which also included visiting classrooms and talking with students.
8. Athletic Director David Hixson reported on the district's desire to add both a boys and girls soccer program for the 2014-2015 school year.
9. Blytheville Elementary School had an awesome assembly for homecoming. Students are looking forward to being Chickasaws.

B. Report to the Public

1. Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

The district's goal is to achieve Annual Measurable Objective (AMO) in all schools in literacy and math. Priorities set for this year are improving student academic performance, improving student attendance, improving student behavior, and increasing graduation rate. Information regarding goals, academic progress, ESEA Waiver Status, district accreditation, graduation and attendance rate, federal allocations, special needs funding, the Challenge Program, the competitive beverage contract (Act 1220), body mass index, and wellness, was shared with the Board. Board member training hours for January 1–December 31, 2012, were reported in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. §6-13-629.

2. Jean Cole, Director of Support Services

The goal of the Title I program is to improve student performance in literacy and math across the district. This year's estimated budget is \$2,063,110.33. The program supports administrative costs, support staff, professional development, the parent/teacher center, paraprofessionals,

nurses, social worker, Generation Ready Consultants, and the preschool program. The program also supports various activities and other district programs.

C. Instructional Reports

Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

1. Forty-eight students were inducted into College Preparatory Academy of the Delta (CPAD) at the BHS Auditorium on Thursday, October 17.
2. District administrators and instructional facilitators meet monthly for the Task Force on Closing the Achievement Gap.

D. Operations Report

1. Tiffany Snyder and Kris Williams did a great job during the recent ADE Child Nutrition visit in preparation for the Provision 2 lunch counts.
2. Dominoes will be providing pizza for the cafeterias next week. The pizza meets the child nutrition regulations and is cheaper than the ones that can be purchased elsewhere.
3. Work is still being done to bid the soft drink contract.

5. ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the September 23, 2013, Meeting

B. Minutes of the September 30, 2013, Special Meeting

C. September Financial Report

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:00 p.m.

D. Policy Additions/Revisions

Licensed Personnel

- 3.1—Licensed Personnel Salary Schedule
- 3.2—Licensed Personnel Evaluations
- 3.6—Licensed Personnel Employee Training
- 3.21—Licensed Personnel Tobacco Use
- 3.36—Licensed Personnel Dismissal and Non-Renewal
- 3.45—Licensed Personnel Social Networking and Ethics
- 3.46—Licensed Personnel Vacations

Classified Personnel

- 8.1—Classified Personnel Salary Schedule
- 8.5—Classified Personnel Sick Leave
- 8.15—Classified Personnel Tobacco Use
- 8.18—Classified Personnel Debts
- 8.23—Classified Personnel Family Leave Act
- 8.26—Classified Personnel Responsibilities Governing Bullying
- 8.33—Classified Personnel School Calendar
- 8.35—Classified Personnel Obtaining and Releasing
Student's Free and Reduced Price Meal Eligibility
Information
- 8.37—Classified Personnel Social Networking and Ethics
- 8.38—Classified Personnel Vacations
- 8.40—Classified Personnel Weapons on Campus

Students

- 4.13---Privacy of Students' Records/Directory Information

Curriculum and Instruction

- 5.20.F1—Permission to Opt Out of Photo of Student on
Web Site
- 5.20.F2—Permission to Opt Out of Student Information on
Web Site

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:01 p.m.

E. Change November Board Meeting to November 18

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:05 p.m.

F. Bonuses

Licensed Employees, Paraprofessionals, and Nurses--\$400

G. Raises

1. Classified Employees (excluding paraprofessionals and nurses)—2.5 percent
2. Administrators—2.5 percent (excluding the superintendent)

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Barbara Wells and seconded by Tracey Ritchey that the Board approve the items listed in F. and G. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:12 p.m.

6. EXECUTIVE
SESSION

The Board went into executive session to discuss the reassignment, appointment, and resignation of employees.

7. OPEN SESSION

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

A. Reassignment of Licensed Employee

Stephanie Miller	Interventionist	BMS
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B. Resignation of Licensed Employee

Vince McCrosky	Social Studies/Head Football Coach	BHS
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C. Appointment of Licensed Employee

Karen Reed	Tools for Learning (6 th)	BMS
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D. Appointment of Classified Employees

Ikekesha Buckner	Personal Care Aide	BES
Lisa Carter	Bus Driver	SVC
Rufus Woodall	Bus Driver	SVC

E. Resignation of Classified Employees

Beth Fitzgerald	Welcome Center	BHS
Karen Reed	Paraprofessional	BMS

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

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary