

**BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Blytheville, Arkansas**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**Monday, November 18, 2013**

The Blytheville Board of Education met at the Blytheville High School Cafeteria at 600 North Sixth Street at 6:30 p.m. on November 18, 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: Alonnie Butler, Amber Capaul, Linda G. Frost, Jeff Gilliam, John Grace, Lauren Hohn, Natalie Hohn, Ann Isaacson, Sarah Koonce, Taylor Mays, Chris Perkins, Randy Newman, Sarah Regan, Helen J. Robertson, Jeff Robertson, Haley Sanders, Ron Self, Hayden Turney, and Andy Weld. (There were others present who did not place their names on the sign-in sheet.)

1. CALL TO ORDER                      President Bennett called the regular meeting for the month of November 2013 to order.
2. ESTABLISHMENT OF  
    A QUORUM                      A quorum was established with all members present.
3. PLEDGE OF  
    ALLEGIANCE                      The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION
  - A. Mike Wallace, Blytheville Middle School Principal, introduced Sharon Brown, sponsor for the BMS Robotics Club. The students were introduced and performed spirit cheers. The students participated in a robotics competition held on November 2 at the University of Arkansas Little Rock, which included high school and college teams. Students demonstrated the robot they had built.
  - B. Blytheville High School Teachers Jared Brown and Cameron Tharp spoke to the Board regarding Project Flight. In the summer, 30 students will build an airplane which can actually be flown. The project should be completed prior to the start of the 2014-2015 school year. Superintendent Atwill plans to pilot the plane.
5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS
  - A. Superintendent's Report
    1. Kim Byrd and the food production class provided the meal before the Board meeting at Flash Bax

Café. The students did an excellent job preparing and serving the meal.

2. Some of the Board members are receiving meeting information by email and through the mail. Members were asked to please let Mrs. Stovall know how they preferred to receive the information.

B. Instructional Reports

Jean Cole, Director of Support Services

Title I and Special Services budgets are in good shape. Students are being serviced in all programs.

C. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

1. Most of the surplus technology items from the closed schools have been sold through Govdeals.com. Furniture will be offered next.
2. Mr. Jumper is working on bids for custodial service.
3. Mr. Jumper recently spoke to Arkansas State University interns who will graduate in December regarding PBIS, classroom management, interviews, and resumes. He will also speak to the interns graduating in May.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of the October 22, 2013, Meeting

B. Minutes of the October 22, 2013 Special Meeting

C. October Financial Report

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

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

D. Policy Revisions

3.8—Licensed Personnel Sick Leave

3.11—Licensed Personnel Personal and Professional Leave

3.29—Licensed Personnel School Calendar

3.32—Licensed Personnel Family Medical Leave

6.11—Parental/Community Involvement-District

6.12—Parental/Community Involvement-School

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:14 p.m.

- E. Adopt the "Student Code of Conduct: Disciplinary Responses to Misconduct for Elementary Students"

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tobey Johnson and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board approve the item listed in E. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:15 p.m.

7. EXECUTIVE  
SESSION

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

8. OPEN SESSION

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

A. Appointment of Licensed Employee

Dana Stanfill	Social Studies (.50)	BMS
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B. Retirement of Licensed Employee (end of 2013-2014 school year)

Michael Alsup	Special Education	BHS
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C. Appointment of Classified Employees

Sharon Anderson	Clerk	BES
Albert Davis	Painter	SVC
Ethal Givens	Cafeteria	BMS

D. Resignation of Classified Employee (voluntary resignation due to job abandonment)

Suzy Roberts	Cafeteria	BHS
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E. Resignation of Classified Employee

Tanya Ellis	Paraprofessional	BHS/ALE
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F. Resignation of Classified Employee (end of semester)

Mekayla Johnson	Personal Care Aide	BPS
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Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Gene Henton that the Board accept the retirement, resignations, and appointments as listed in A. – F. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:08 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 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