

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, December 16, 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 December 16, 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 |
| (7) Tobey Johnson | |

The following member was absent: (1) Barbara Wells, Secretary

Others present for the meeting: Aretha Bass, Jennifer Blankenship, Dorothy Daniels, Leslie Frazier, Pearlie Goings, Ebony Hooks, Amy McGrain, Beth McGrain, Marilyn McNear, Sharon Nash, Chris Pinkard, Antoinette Randles, Ron Self, Shirley Taylor, and Steve Taylor. (There were others present for the meeting who did not place their names on the sign-in sheet.)

1. CALL TO ORDER President Bennett called the meeting for the month of December 2013 to order.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF
A QUORUM A quorum was established with five members present. Gene Henton arrived at the meeting at 6:05 and Lori Hixson arrived at 6:07 p.m., making seven members present.

3. PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION

Jennifer Blankenship, Assistant Principal of Blytheville Elementary School, introduced music teacher, Marilyn McNear, who directed the school's Select Choir in singing two Christmas songs for the Board.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. The Arkansas School Boards Association is offering a three-hour training tomorrow, beginning at 5:30 p.m. through compressed interactive video, for Board members who need hours to complete the annual board training requirement.

2. The Arkansas Department of Education Office of Educational Performance has announced that Blytheville Middle School has won a "Most Improved End-of-Course Growth 2007-2013" award.

B. Operations Report

1. Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities
 - a. A gas line had to be repaired at Blytheville Primary School today.
 - b. A water line will be replaced at Blytheville High School during Christmas break.
 - c. GCA Services Group plans to give a monetary gift to the district again this year. Last year, the money was given to the district's gifted and talented program.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the November 18, 2013, Meeting
- B. November Financial Report
- C. Revised 2013-2014 School Calendar
- D. Moving Costs (\$5,722.07 for BHS Principal, Bobby Ashley)

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:24 p.m.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

8. OPEN SESSION

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

A. Reassignment of Classified Employee

Sue Lawrence	Welcome Center Receptionist	BHS
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B. Resignation of Classified Employee

Amanda Bloodworth	Payroll Bookkeeper	ADM
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C. Retirement of Classified Employee

Shirley Russell	Paraprofessional	BPS
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D. Termination of Classified Employee

Raymond Doran	Bus Driver	SVC
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Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board accept the reassignment, resignation, retirement, and termination as listed in A., B., C., and D. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:59 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.



Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary