

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, March 17, 2014

The Blytheville Board of Education met at the Blytheville School District Administration Building at 405 West Park Street at 6:00 p.m. on March 17, 2014, 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) Tobey Johnson |

The following members were absent:

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| (1) Billy Fair | (2) Carlony Lewis |
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Others present for the meeting: Lori Adkisson, Amanda Atwill, Freland Clay, Sr., Bobby Coleman, Amber Dumond, Ken Dumond, Courtney Fisher, Diane Hay, Randy Lemmons, Greg McKillion, Vaishai Mittal, Ron Self, Heather Smith, Carter Wilke, and Candice Williams. (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 meeting for the month of March 2014 to order. |
| 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF
A QUORUM | A quorum was established with six members present. |
| 3. PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
| 4. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION | |
| | A. Diane Hay, GT Administrator/OM, introduced the students and coaches of the OM teams. Blytheville Middle School team, coached by LaRay Cloud and Dean White, performed a skit for the Board. Members of the Blytheville Middle School team include: Zac White, Garrett Cloud, Maddie Hixson, Lizzie Langston, Jackson Howard, Kensie Ray, and Braiden Smith. |
| | B. Harriett Jumper, Girls Gymnastics Coach, reported that the Blytheville High School Gymchicks are the Arkansas State Gymnastics Champions for 2014. Members of the team Include: Tessa Fulling, Hannah Beth Hearyman, Angelique Morgan, Lauren Jenkins, Kendle Berry, Taigianna Fore, and Raegan Henderson. Fulling, Berry, and Henderson received All State honors. Fulling placed first in All Around this year, last year, and in 2011. |

- C. Ken Dumond, Director of Bands, reported that the high school concert band and the middle school eighth-grade band each made a rating of "Good" at Concert Assessment. The Blytheville High School Symphonic Band scored straight "1's" at Concert Assessment. This was the first time the high school band had made a "Superior Rating" since 1999.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

Charlotte Razer, CPA with Thomas, Speight and Noble, presented the 2012-2013 audit report to the Board. She outlined the information in the audit and stated that the audit showed that the district was in compliance with all state statutes.

B. Instructional Report

1. Jean Cole, Director of Special Services

- a. One hundred eight students, from six school districts and Abilities Unlimited, recently participated in the Region 13 Run, Dribble, and Shoot Tournament for Special Olympics, which was held in the Blytheville High School gymnasium.
- b. The ABC pre-school classrooms received major damage and lost most of their instructional materials due to a broken water line.

2. Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

- a. The winners of the Blytheville High School Science Fair participated in the Arkansas State University Science Fair.
- b. Teachers and students created a video to celebrate Pi-Day. The video was viewed many times on YouTube.
- c. A foreign language exhibit will be held on Tuesday, April 8, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Ritz Civic Center.
- d. "All That Jazz" will be held on Thursday, April 24, at the Delta Gateway Museum from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- e. Career fairs were recently held at the University of Central Arkansas and Arkansas Tech University. Several students visited the district's table because

they had been told that Blytheville was a good place to work. On April 2, she and Jean Cole will attend a career fair at Arkansas State University.

- f. The AdvancEd accreditation visit will be held on April 27-30. The Board will be emailed information regarding the visit.
- g. Portfolios were sent for scoring today. The 11th Grade EOC Literacy Exam will be completed soon. The PARCC field test will be given in April. A PARCC field team came today. They stated that Kris Williams and his technology team have everything ready for testing. The district will receive no scores; testing will be used just for feedback. This testing will replace the Benchmarks. The IOWA test will be given after spring break, followed by Benchmarks and the Geometry EOC Exam.
- h. Tobey Johnson reported that the mock wreck is scheduled for Friday, April 4, at Haley Field.
- i. Richard Atwill introduced Greg McKillion, a Blytheville High School graduate, who has signed to play football with the University of Memphis Tigers.

C. Operations Report

Richard Atwill, Superintendent

- 1. A water line broke at the pre-school while school was out during sleet and snow storm. It caused major damage and most instructional items were lost.
- 2. Everything looks good with the facilities. Randy Jumper recently had some of the ceiling tile inspected.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the February 24, 2014, Meeting
- B. Minutes of the March 12, 2014, Special Meeting
- C. February Financial Report
- D. 2013-2014 School Calendar Revision

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tobey Johnson and seconded by Barbara Wells that the Board approve items as listed in A. – D. above.

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

7. SCHOOL
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RESOLUTION

A motion was made by Tommy Bennett and seconded by Lori Hixson that the Board table a vote on the School Choice Resolution to exempt the Blytheville School District from the provisions of Act 1227, the Public School Choice Act of 2013, for the school year 2014-2015 and to schedule a special meeting at a later date.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:51 p.m.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session to discuss personnel recommendations.

9. OPEN SESSION

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

A. Reappointment of Building-Level Administrators for 2014-2015

Bobby Ashley	Principal
Chanda Walker	Principal
Mike Wallace	Principal
Gregg Yarbrough	Principal
Jennifer Blankenship	Assistant Principal
Donald Davis	Assistant Principal
Louise Davis	Assistant Principal
Paula Tiffany	Assistant Principal
David White	ALE Director

B. Resignation of Building-Level Administrator for 2014-2015

Charlie Sullivan	Assistant Principal	BHS
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C. Resignation of Licensed Employees (end of 2013-2014)

Anne Rosencrans	Science	BHS
Dana Stanfill	Social Studies	BMS
Carolyn Weaver	Special Education	BMS

D. Resignation of Classified Employee

Kierra Davis	Paraprofessional	BHS/ALE
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E. Appointment of Classified Employee

Brenda McKinney	Bus Driver	SVC
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F. Retirement of Classified Employee (end of 2013-2014)

Edna Holton	Maintenance	SVC
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L. C. Jackson

Maintenance

SVC

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:17 p.m.

10. SCHOOL
CHOICE

The Board discussed the School Choice issue, but took no action at this time.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary