

**BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Blytheville, Arkansas**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**Monday, May 19, 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 May 19, 2014, 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: Terri Askue, Thomas "Nick" Black, Alyssa Davison, Anglee Davison, Lawanda Davison, Edna Floyd, Christian Harris, Cortney Harris, Tim Harris, Randy Lemmons, and Sarah Regan.

1. CALL TO ORDER                      President Bennett called the meeting for the month of May 2014 to order.
2. ESTABLISHMENT OF  
A QUORUM                              A quorum was established with six members present. Billy Fair arrived at the meeting at 6:03 p.m., making seven members present.
3. PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE                              The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION
  - A. Jean Cole, Director of Support Services, introduced Terri Askue, who spoke regarding recent Special Olympics events. The district did very well in the competitions. Proud students showed their medals to the Board.
  - B. Kim Byrd, FCCLA sponsor, introduced Nick Black, FCCLA State Representative for 2014-2015, who spoke to the Board regarding the duties and responsibilities associated with the office.
5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS
  - A. Superintendent's Report
    1. Marvelous White and Quante McNeal were selected as members of the 2014 Amro Music Mid-South Honor Band by Amro Music in Memphis, Tennessee.

2. The Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) has placed Blytheville High School on academic distress due to low scores on the geometry exam. More information will be forthcoming from ADE.

#### Instructional Reports

Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

1. New Tech Step-Up night will held on Tuesday, May 20, at 6:00 p.m.
2. The Partners Reception will be held on Wednesday, May 21, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 pm. in the multi-purpose building at Blytheville Primary School.
3. On Thursday, May 22, eighth-grade students from Blytheville Middle School will visit career classes at Arkansas Northeastern College.
4. On Thursday, May 22, Blytheville Middle School will hold awards program at 6:00 p.m. There are other award programs being held at other schools.
5. The remainder of the testing materials was shipped out today.
6. At this time, there has been no trouble in hiring teachers for next year.
7. The BHS Scholarship Foundation will be awarding scholarships to current students to enroll in concurrent credit classes from Arkansas Northeastern College.
8. Fifth graders will be taking keyboarding next year. First, second, third, and fourth graders are being taught keyboard hand placement.

#### 6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the April 28, 2014, Meeting
- B. Minutes of the April 30, 2014, Special Meetings
- C. April Financial Report

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:30 p.m.

## D. Policy Revisions/Additions/Deletions

### Revisions

- 1.2—Board Organization and Vacancies
- 4.37—Emergency Drills
- 7.2—Annual Operating Budget
- 7.13—Management and Disposal of District Property
- 7.15—Record Retention and Destruction
- 7.19—Special Animals in District Facilities

### Deletion

- 5.4—Staff Development Program

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:33 p.m.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION      The Board went into executive session to discuss the appointment, reappointment, retirement, and resignation of personnel.

8. OPEN SESSION      After discussion, the Board came back into open session and took the following personnel actions:

#### A. Reappointment of Licensed Employees (2014-2015)

Alice Rae Galbraith	Special Education	BPS
Melissa Moriarty	Speech Therapist	BES

#### B. Retirement of Licensed Employee (end of 2013-2014)

Mary Seals	Instruct. Facilitator	BES
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#### C. Resignation of Licensed Employees (end of 2013-2014)

Katherine Cole	Grade 6	BMS
Jeff Flanigan	PE/Head BB Coach	BHS
Korilleen Flanigan	Counselor	BES
Tonya Marshall	Business	BHS

#### D. Appointment of Licensed Employees (2014-2015)

Hannah Allen	Grade 1	BPS
Amanda Haynes	Social Studies	BHS
Brittany Kirk	Literacy	BMS
Jennifer Lovell	Grade 3	BES
Kelsey Shavalia	Math	BMS
Christine Wagley	Family/Consumer Sci.	BHS

E. Retirement of Classified Employees (end of 2013-2014)

Edith Cox	Food Service	BMS
Rose Mary Henderson	Paraprofessional	BES
Lisa Stovall	Admin. Asst. to Supt.	ADM

F. Resignation of Classified Employee (end of 2013-2014)

Janice Jordan	Bus Driver	SVC
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Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Tommy Bennett, Jr., that the Board accept the reappointments, retirement, resignations, appointments as listed in A. – F. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:08 p.m.

Lori Hixson left the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



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Richard Atwill  
Ex-officio Financial Secretary