

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, June 23, 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 June 23, 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) Billy Fair |
| (7) Carolyn Lewis | (8) Tobey Johnson |

Others present for the meeting: Jennifer Johnson and Karen Reed.

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | President Bennett called the meeting for the month of June 2014 To order. |
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| 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM | A quorum was established with all members present. |
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| 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. |
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| 5. RECOGNATION OF RETIREE | President Tommy Bennett presented flowers and a gift certificate to Lisa Stovall in appreciation of 23 years of service to the district. |
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4. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Health care was a hot topic at the recent Superintendents' Institute. There appears to be no relief in sight unless Governor Beebe calls a special legislative session.
2. The district was required to change trustees for bonds. The new trustee is First Community Bank in Batesville.
3. Board members were given a copy of an advertisement for the Blytheville School District that was published in The Jonesboro Sun in March.
4. Sally Cooke was in Little Rock today with Amanda Self, who has written and been awarded a grant for substance abuse prevention in the amount of \$15,000 for Blytheville Middle School Target Club. Lower grades will be included, also.
5. The district has received a grant for \$15,000 to pay administrative costs for nurses through the Safe and Healthy Schools Initiative.

6. Tiffany Snyder has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$39,000 for fresh veggies and fruit.
7. The district will receive more information regarding the measures that have already been put in place to deal with Academic Distress at BHS.
8. The Board discussed the Uniform Dress Code, but took no action.
9. Billy Fair asked the superintendent to look into the possibility of reinstating the ROTC program at Blytheville High School.
10. Due to a ruling on a lawsuit in another Arkansas school district, the district must drop the pre-k program, put the program under Crowley's Ridge Coop, or purchase liability insurance for the program.
11. Tommy Bennett asked the superintendent to look into drug testing students in extracurricular activities.
12. Gene Henton shared an article from the Jonesboro Sun regarding alternatives to expulsion.

B. Instructional Reports

1. Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

- a. The Board was shown a PowerPoint presentation regarding next years' student handbooks.
- b. Board members were given Benchmarks scores for Math and Literacy and a district profile. This is the last year that Benchmarks will be given. PARCC assessment will be given next year.

2. Jean Cole, Director of Support Services

- a. Discipline policies and procedures are being reviewed and analyzed. A report will be given to the Board at the July meeting.

C. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

1. GCA submitted the low bid for cleaning services for next year, coming in at \$30,000 less than the others.
2. A wall will be removed at Blytheville High School.
3. A sidewalk was added and one repaired at Blytheville Primary School.

4. The playground equipment at the former Central Elementary School will be moved to Blytheville Elementary School.
5. A copier company has contacted the superintendent about providing services to the district in an attempt to go green.
6. Two used buses, with low mileage, have been purchased. The district's mechanics do an excellent job taking caring of the fleet.

5. 2015-2016 BUDGET

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Tobey Johnson that the Board the Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2015, to and Including June 30, 2016, as printed.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:17 p.m.

6. POST-ISSUANCE
COMPLIANCE
POLICY MANUAL

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Lori Hixson and seconded by Barbara Wells that the Board adopts the Post-Issuance Compliance Policy Manual and appoint the District Treasurer to be in charge of the Post-Issuance Compliance Policy Manual.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:19 p.m.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes of the May 19, 2014, Meeting
- B. Minutes of May 27, 2014, Special Meeting
- C. Minutes of June 3, 2014, Special Meeting
- D. May Financial Report

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:20 p.m.

- E. Appoint Superintendent Atwill Ex-officio Financial Secretary for 2014-2015
- F. 2014-2015 Student Handbooks
- G. Board Meeting Dates for 2014-2015
- H. Nurses Salary Schedule
- I. Resolution to Appoint A Successor Trustee for Arkansas Refunding Bonds
- J. Purchase Liability Insurance for Pre-K Program through ASBA

K. Policy Revisions/Additions

Revisions

- 3.1—Licensed Personnel Salary Schedule
- 3.2—Licensed Personnel Evaluations
- 3.6—Licensed Personnel Employee Training
- 3.7—Licensed Personnel Bus Driver Drug Testing
- 3.8—Licensed Personnel Sick Leave
- 3.18—Licensed Personnel Outside Employment
- 3.19—Licensed Personnel Employment
- 3.32—Licensed Personnel Family Medical Leave
- 3.34—Licensed Personnel Cell Phone Use
- 3.44—Licensed Personnel Workplace Injuries and
Workers' Compensation
- 3.48—Licensed Personnel Weapons on Campus
- 8.1—Classified Personnel Salary Schedule
- 8.4—Classified Employees Drug Testing
- 8.5—Classified Employees Sick Leave
- 8.12—Classified Personnel Outside Employment
- 8.13—Classified Employment
- 8.23—Classified Personnel Family Medical Leave
- 8.24—School Bus Driver's Use of Mobile Communication Devices
- 8.25—Classified Personnel Cell Phone Use
- 8.36—Classified Personnel Workplace Injuries and
Workers' Compensation
- 8.40—Classified Personnel Weapons on Campus

Additions

- 3.50—Administrator Evaluation Certification
- 3.51—School Bus Driver's Use of Mobile Communication
Devices
- 3.52—Licensed Personnel Health Care Coverage Reporting
- 3.52F—Licensed Personnel Health Care Coverage and TIN
Reporting
- 3.53—Licensed Personnel Bus Driver End of Route Review
- 8.41—Classified Personnel Health Care Coverage Reporting
- 8.41F—Classified Personnel Health Care Coverage and TIN
Reporting
- 8.42—Classified Personnel Bus Driver End of Route Review
- 7.23—Healthcare Coverage and the Affordable Care Act
- 7.23F—Licensed Personnel Electronic Receipt of Statements
Consent Form

L. A.C.A. § 6-13-635 Resolution

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Barbara Wells and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board approves the items listed in E. – L. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:29 p.m.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

9. OPEN SESSION

After discussion, the board came back into open session and took the following personnel action:

A. Reappointment of Licensed Employees (2014-2015)

Tamatha Brassfield	Business	BHS
Belinda Cantrell	Grade 2	BPS
Alisa Melton	English	BHS
Karen Reed	Tools for Learning	BMS

B. Appointment of Licensed Employees (2014-2015)

Rachel Cobb	Grade 3	BES
Jason James	Head Basketball Coach/PE	BHS
Leonard Jones	Social Studies	BHS
Kevin Reddick	Business	BHS
Robert Saldívar	Literacy	BMS
Kiatonya Williams	Grade 3	

C. Reassignment of Licensed Employee (2014-2015)

Stephanie-Miller	Counselor	BES
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D. Resignation of Licensed Employees (end of 2013-2014)

Hannah Allen	Grade 1	BPS
Felicia Ashabranner	Grade 4	BES
Lauren Callender	Business Education	BHS
Charlee Predmore	Art	BMS
Cortney Thomas	Grade 7 Math	BMS
Dwight Vincent	PE/Coach	BMS

E. Voluntary Resignation Due to Job Abandonment

Viranda Phillips	Social Studies	BHS/ALE
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F. Appointment of Classified Employee (2014-2015)

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 Tobey Johnson that the Board accept the appointments and resignation as listed in A. – F. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 9:05 p.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Atwill', is written over a horizontal line.

Richard Atwill

Ex-officio Financial Secretary