

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, February 22, 2016
6:00 p.m.

The Blytheville Board of Education met in a special meeting at the Blytheville School District Administration Building at 405 West Park Street at 6:00 p.m. on February 22, 2016, with the following members present:

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| (1) Tommy Bennett, President | (2) Tracey Ritchey, Vice President |
| (3) Barbara Wells, Secretary | (4) Erin Carrington |
| (5) Billy Fair | (6) Gene Henton |
| (7) Tobey Johnson | (8) Henrietta Watt |

Others present: Paul Jenkins, Jennifer Johnson, Randy Lemmons, Becky Cooper, Kim Byrd, Jamie Hooks, Kaylee Jones, O'Niqua Newman, Sha'miya Newmy, Nerguaydraian Cunningham, Monte Hodges, and Brandon Harper.

1. CALL TO ORDER President Bennett called the regular meeting for the month of February 2016 to order at 6:03 p.m.
2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM A quorum was established with eight members present.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. SCHOOL PRIDE

A. Kim Byrd, BHS New Tech

Mrs. Byrd introduced food production students Jamie Hooks, Kaylee Jones, O'Niqua Newman, Sha'miya Newmy, and Nerguaydraian Cunningham. These were the students planned and prepared the meal for Board Members.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Board Recognition

Superintendent Atwill introduced Arkansas State Representative Monte Hodges who presented a citation to all Board Members to thank them for their commitment and public service to our community.

2. Audit Financial Report 2014-2015

Becky Tice Cooper, CPA with Thomas, Speight & Noble reported on the 2014-2015 audit to the Board. She stated that the audit showed the district was in compliance with all state statues went to the ADE Charter Authorizing Panel in Little Rock on February 18th. The vote was to take no actions; we are on the right track.

4. As of today, our student count is 2,223, down from 2,231. We have reached our three percent limit of school choice student transfers with thirty-nine to Gosnell and twenty-eight to Armored.

B. Instructional Reports

Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

1. Career Fairs are coming up. We have a team of old and new teachers helping recruit new teachers for the district.
2. We are using online version of TalentEd to recruit and hire teachers. It will make it easier to apply for jobs and easier for us to manage.
3. Kris Williams, Teryn Spears and Leslie Hyde are working on customizing the site.
4. Emily Crosskno, Counselor at BHS-New Tech has spent a lot of time working with seniors. Out of 172 seniors, 140 have applied and been accepted to a college, and other students are on track for military. Scholarship amounts are adding up nicely.
5. Harriett Jumper's ballroom dancing students performed at the Chamber Luncheon Monday. In April, students will team up with local celebrities for Relay for Life Dancing for a Cure.

6. App is in progress. We are very close to finishing and information will be going out soon.

C. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

1. Mr. Jumper reviewed an informational handout from Athletic Surfaces Plus. It is an approximate \$600,000 project. Ultimately, over a ten year period, with the money saved and donations, the project would not cost the district. Mr. Tim Cowan's job is to go out and get donations.
2. Central sale has gone through and Mr. Harper is working with Kipp on changing out locks.
3. Fairview has a hold up on the sale. It has been turned over to Terry Abstract for final title work and should be completed in the next couple of weeks.
4. We are getting a lot of attention for the bus advertising. We are going to use heat wraps. Working with rules and regulations. Superintendent Atwill would like to promote Blytheville Public Schools.
5. Tiffany Snyder, Director of Food Services is selling approved snacks during lunch. \$335 was made at BHS-New Tech last week.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. January 25, 2016, Meeting
- B. January 26, 2016, Special Meeting
- C. January Financial Report
- D. Hire Certified School Security Officer
- E. Audit Financial Report 2014-2015

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Billy Fair and seconded by Tobey Johnson to accept items A., B., C., & E.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:46 p.m.

A motion was made by Billy Fair seconded by Tommy Bennett to move Item D off the table to discuss.

Motion passed by 7:1 vote with Mr. Gene Henton abstaining, thus, casting the nay vote.

A motion was made by Billy Fair and seconded by Henrietta Watt to bring Item D back to the table.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:13 p.m.

A motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Tobey Johnson to create a Certified School Security Officer position.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:13 p.m.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION The Board went into executive session to discuss personal recommendations and the contract for the superintendent.

9. OPEN SESSION The Board came back into open session and took the following actions:

A. Reappointment of District-Level Administrators/Directors (2016-2017)

Jean Cole	Director of Special Services
Sally Cooke	Director of Curriculum/School Improvement Specialist
Diane Hay	GT Administrator
Jennifer Johnson	Director of Finance
Randy Jumper	Director of Facilities
Teryn Spears	New Tech Director/School Improvement Specialist
Kris Williams	Director of Technology/Support Services
David Hixson	Athletic Director

B. Appointment of Certified Employee

Allison Turner	Community Development Coordinator
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C. Resignation of Classified Employee

Mary Davis	Paraprofessional	BHS-New Tech
Flora Webb	Paraprofessional	BES

D. Retirement of Employees (End of 2015-2016)

Erma McMiller	Custodian	ADM
Brenda Richardson	Custodian	BMS

E. Retirement of Employee (July 29, 2016)

Jerry Henderson	Maintenance	SVC
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Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tobey Johnson and seconded by Tracey Ritchey to accept items as listed in A., B., C., D., and E. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:33 p.m.

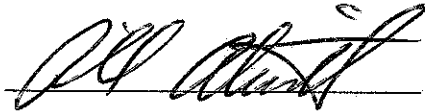
F. Extension of Superintendent's Contract

A motion was made by Gene Henton and seconded by Billy Fair to extend the contract of Mr. Richard Atwill, as superintendent of the Blytheville School District, for one year. The new, three year contract will begin July 1, 2016 and end June 30, 2019.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:33 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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

Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary