

**BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Blytheville, Arkansas**  
**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**Monday, March 28, 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 March 28, 2016, with the following members present:

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| (1) Tommy Bennett, President | (2) Tracey Ritchey, Vice President |
| (3) Erin Carrington          | (4) Billy Fair                     |
| (5) Gene Henton              | (6) Tobey Johnson                  |

The following members were absent:

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| (1) Barbara Wells, Secretary | (2) Henrietta Watt |
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Others present: Jayla Ranson, David Gullic, Amy Louise Gullic, Mary Deichman, Zoe Hearty, Monica Valentine, Diane Hay, Curtis Walker, Chanda Walker, Victoria Hodge, Kara Reed, Curtis Walker, Jr., Paul Jenkins, and Brandon Harper.

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER             | Tommy Bennett called the regular meeting for the month of March 2016 to order at 6 p.m.                         |
| 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM | A quorum was established with five members present. Mr. Henton arrived at 6:05 p.m. making six members present. |
| 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE      | The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.   |
| 4. SCHOOL PRIDE              |   |

A. Chanda Walker, Blytheville Elementary School

We had six Odyssey of the Mind teams representing our district at regional competition on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Four of these teams are going to state completion. We are very proud of our district. Blytheville does have good and this is a product of it. Mrs. Walker introduced BES OM Coaches Mr. Curtis Walker and Mr. Curtis Walker, Jr., and

team members who performed their skit from the "Shark Attack" structure category. The structure is made out of balsa that weighs 15 grams, same as an empty coke can. The team has to load, unload and reload weights on the structure for their weight totals.

## 5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

### A. Superintendent's Report

1. The Bureau of Legislative Research Desegregation and Oversight Subcommittee will meet in the Board Room Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:30 a.m.
2. Kara Reed, Courier News reporter was introduced.
3. Contract from Beardsley Finance was emailed to all Board Members. It is rather lengthy, read and we will revisit at Thursday's meeting.
4. Charles Landrum Rick Crawford's office came by for a visit. We need foster families to help our homeless children. We need parent to help with our children.
5. Arkansas Needs Assessment Survey will be emailed. The survey looks at drug use, sex, and is completely anonymous. Three year history, numbers are surprising.
6. Mr. Atwill passed out a letter he had received to the Board Members. I usually do not give out anonymous letters but his letter lifted my spirits. The letter closed with God bless you.
7. Over Spring Break, we had vandalism at the shed at the track. Last Tuesday, four young men went between cafeterias at Blytheville High School and broke out seven windows. Three have been identified.
8. Fairview sale has gone through; Terry Abstract is finalizing paperwork. With parental agreement, children can be bused to these feeding facilities.
9. Change focus working with administration. Student attendance is improving and suspensions have dropped from 2,700 to 400.
10. Title 1 is being shifted to Kris Williams and Jean Cole will monitor and supervise principals. ISS staff, and intensive ISS staff.
11. Board strengthening the attendance policy.

## B. Instructional Reports

Jean Cole, Director of Curriculum

1. Teachers will receive professional development on how to deal with student discipline with dignity and understanding poverty. Working on dates to bring in speakers.
2. Classroom management is one of my strongest skills. Some teachers need relationship building.
3. Due Process and Assistant Principals will meet weekly.
4. We have taken a different route to Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta. We have had staff attend the National Discipline Conference from Blytheville Elementary and Blytheville Middle School.
5. We will spend the day, July 25<sup>th</sup> with Baruti Kafele. There will be a general session with teachers, administrators and stakeholders.
6. I was in Little Rock last month to address the number of Special Ed students and out of school suspensions.
7. We will be working on budgets in April.

President Tommy Bennett recognized and welcomed Chamber Board Members.

## 6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. February 22, 2016, Meeting
- B. February 25, 2016, Special Meeting
- C. February Financial Report
- D. BHS Academic Integrity Policy
- E. Proposed changes to local graduation requirements
- F. 2016-2017 Calendar
- G. Policy Revisions
- H. Professional Assistance Agreement with University of Arkansas – BES
- I. Professional Assistance Agreement with University of Arkansas – BPS
- J. BMS New Tech School Agreement

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tobey Johnson and seconded by Billy Fair to accept items A.-J.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:31 p.m.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION The Board went into executive session to discuss personal recommendations.

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

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

Bobby Ashley	Principal
Chanda Walker	Principal
Mike Wallace	Principal
Gregg Yarbrough	Principal
Jennifer Blankenship	Assistant Principal
Donald Davis	Assistant Principal
Louise Davis	Assistant Principal
Jon Fulkerson	Assistant Principal
Paula Tiffany	Assistant Principal
Michelle Walling	ALE Director

B. Retirement of Certified Employee (End of 2015-2016)

Susie Marshall	Interventionist	BPS
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C. Resignation of Certified Employees (End of 2015-2016)

Brooke Brewer	Teacher	BMS
Daziale Goodwin	Teacher	BHS

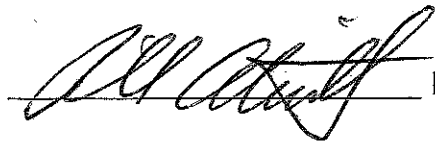
D. Resignation of Classified Employees

Shelia Brown	Paraprofessional	BES
James Edwards	Paraprofessional	BMS
Broderick Harris	Maintenance	SVC
Tobia Robinson	Paraprofessional	BPS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Billy Fair and seconded by Tracey Ritchey to accept items A.- D.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 8:24 p.m.

10. Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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

Richard Atwill  
Ex-officio Financial Secretary