

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, April 25, 2016
6:00 p.m.

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

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

The following members were absent:

- (1) Tracey Ritchey, Vice-President

Others present: Paul Jenkins, Kris Williams, Mike Wallace, Lance Nettles, Courtney Fisher, Ben Fisher, Eileen Garris, Brittany Nettles, Bobby Ashley, Gregg Yarbrough, Chanda Walker, Gloria Richardson, Kara Reed, Vanessa Stewart, and Brandon Harper.

1. CALL TO ORDER President Bennett called the regular meeting for the month of April 2015 at 6:04 p.m.
2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM A quorum was established with seven members present.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
4. SCHOOL PRIDE RECOGNITION

A. Teachers of the Year

Mrs. Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum, thanked all the teachers for all of their hard work and dedication to the district. Eileen Garris, Blytheville Primary School, Gloria Richardson, Blytheville Elementary School, Brittany Nettles, Blytheville Middle School, and Ben Fisher, Blytheville High School New Tech were introduced to the Board as Teachers of the Year for all four schools. These four teachers make us look good every day. These teachers all stand out to their peers and administrators. Ben Fisher was

also named area Teacher of the Year by the Blytheville-Gosnell Chamber of Commerce.

5. INFORMATION ITEMS AND REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Greg Yarbrough, Principal of Blytheville Elementary School, thanked Administration and the Board for all they do and it had truly been a blessing to work at Blytheville Primary School.
2. Make note of the article in Jonesboro Sun. Superintendent Atwill thanked Kara Reed for the balance of information written about the Blytheville School District. Ms. Reed replied, "I only report the facts."
3. Tonight is Step-Up Night at Blytheville Elementary School.

B. Instructional Report

Sally Cooke, Director of Curriculum

1. ACT Inspire Testing started today for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. Technology went very smoothly. Testing for 9th grade will be May 10th and 11th.
2. Students are very hopeful about growth show on School Report Card.
3. MiChelle Green, BHS New Tech Choir Teacher, took a group of students to the Orpheum in Memphis. The Dynamites, composed of BHS-New Tech students, Daisa Williams, Alexis King, and NiAmbi Talley were nominated for Outstanding Small Ensemble. The group will attend the red carpet awards event at the end of May.
4. Mrs. Cooke passed out a handout the Ron Clark Strategies they are doing at the Blytheville Elementary School. We have wonderful student ambassadors who meet, greet, and tell visitors what is going on at their school. They are working on the Amazing Shake which shows you how to properly shake hands and greet others properly.
5. BHS New Tech FFA Banquet is coming up May 5th. Superintendent Atwill passed out invitations to all Board Members from Mr. Ben

Rutherford, FFA Advisor.

6. Tenaris Merit Awards will be held at BHS New Tech on May 9th at 6 p.m.

7. Graduation will be May 13th at 7:30 p.m.

C. Operations Report

Randy Jumper, Director of Facilities

1. Mr. Jumper told the Board about the issue of no phones or internet due to recent outages the Administration Building had from a thrown breaker. This happened two weekends in a row. Maintenance checked the building but did not find any electrical issues. It was determined that someone was throwing the breaker and a lock was put on the fence and we have not had this problem again. It was a great lesson, we may not have internet but we keep lessons going.
2. Mr. Jumper thanked the Board for the bus purchase approval.
3. The District had two big inspections on buses with no big issues. I want to compliment our mechanics and to Carolyn Barnes and Tamara Jones for doing an excellent job on keeping paperwork.
4. Prom was Saturday night. I was so thankful all proms were without tragedy this weekend. I am very thank for Vanessa Stewart and Brandon Harper for they do. The prom was amazing and everything ran smoothly. They both do a great job.
5. Don Jenkins also did a great job helping with decorating for prom. When Don sets up for graduation, he is so proud, he uses a laser level to align chairs.
6. Superintendent Atwill introduced Kris Williams, Director of Technology/Support Services to update the Board on technology. Mr. Williams told the Board that all computers are on a state bid list. We are gearing up to purchase 300 Chromebooks before April 30th. All will have a three year warranty. 150 Chromebooks will go to 7th graders and the other 150 will go to 10th graders. Currently, grades 9-12 take home their Chromebooks every day, grades 6-8 pick up their Chromebooks in the morning and return each afternoon. After purchase, 8th graders will start taking their computers home and grades 3-5 will have classroom sets. 10th grade students will be issued the new Chromebooks that they will

use until they graduate. These Chromebooks will then go to the Primary School. 7th grade students will be issued new Chromebooks that will be used through 9th grade.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. March 28, 2016, Meeting
- B. March 31, 2016, Special Meeting
- C. March 31, 2016, Special Meeting
- D. April 18, 2016, Special Meeting
- E. March Financial Report

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tobey Johnson and seconded by Barbara Wells to accept items A. – E.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 6:41 p.m.

7. PERSONNEL

A. Resignation of Certified Employee (End of 2015-2016)

Adam Goins	Teacher	BHS-New Tech
Margaret Parish	Teacher	BHS-New Tech
Joan Gossett	Teacher	BES

B. Retirement of Certified Employee (End of 2016-2017)

Rhonda Johnson	Teacher	BHS-New Tech
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C. Reappointment of Certified Employees (2016-2017)

See attachment A

D. Resignation of Classified Employee

Althea Williams	Food Service	BHS-New Tech
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E. Reappointment of Classified Employees (2016-2017)

See attachment B

F. Appointment of Certified Employee

Jana Wilson	Principal	BPS
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G. Appointment of Certified Employee

McKenzie Pierce

PE/
Head Basketball Coach

BHS-New Tech

H. Appointment of Classified Employee

Chelsey Grimes

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Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tobey Johnson and seconded by Henrietta Watt to accept items as listed in A., B., C., E., F., G., & H. with Joan Gossett added to Action Item A. - Resignation of Certified Employee (End of 2015-2016).

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Richard Atwill

Ex-officio Financial Secretary

BLYTHEVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Blytheville, Arkansas
Special School Board Meeting
BHS-New Tech Library
600 North 10th Street
Monday, May 9, 2016
6:30 p.m.

The Blytheville Board of Education met at the Blytheville High School – New Tech at 600 North Tenth Street at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2016, with the following members present:

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

Members not present:

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| (1) Erin Carrington | (2) Billy Fair |
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Others present for the meeting: None

1. CALL TO ORDER President Tommy Bennett called the special meeting on May 9, 2016 to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM A quorum was established with six members present.

3. PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Resignation of Certified Employees (End of 2015-2016)

Paige Burgess	Teacher	BMS
Halley Gillen Davis	Teacher	BPS
Bobbie McLean	Teacher	BPS
Stephanie Miller	Counselor	BES
Nicole Washington	Teacher	BHS-New Tech

B. Reappointment of Certified Employee (2016-2017)

Tessa Mosby	Teacher	BPS
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C. Appointment of Certified Employees (2016-2017)

Joan Gossett	Librarian	BES
Billy Phelan	Teacher/Coach	BHS-New Tech
Julie Phelan	Teacher	BHS-New Tech

D. Retirement of Classified Employee (May 2, 2016)

Dorothy Hill	Food Service	BHS-New Tech
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E. Retirement of Classified Employee (End of 2015-2016)

Robert Anderson	Maintenance	SVC
Patricia Griffin	Paraprofessional	BHS-New Tech

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Atwill, a motion was made by Tracey Ritchey and seconded by Henrietta Watt that the Board approve the appointments and resignations as listed in A. – E. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote at 7:07 p.m.

4. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.



Richard Atwill
Ex-officio Financial Secretary