

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)

Blytheville, AR
December 15, 2008

The Blytheville Board of Education met at the Blytheville School District Administration Building at 405 West Park Street at 6:00 p.m. on December 15, 2008, with the following members present:

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| (1) Marrietta Jerome, President | (2) Lori Hixson, Secretary |
| (3) James T. McMahan II | (4) Steve White |
| (5) Tommy Bennett, Jr. | (6) Billy Fair |

The following members were absent:

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| (1) Ollie R. Lofton, Vice President | (2) Gene Henton |
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Other present for the meeting: Donna Hilton (*Blytheville Courier News*) and Doug Jellison.

1. CALL TO ORDER	President Jerome called the regular meeting for the month of December 2008 to order.
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2. MINUTES	The minutes of the previous regular meeting and the minutes of the previous special meeting were approved as written.
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3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report.

1. In January, additional information will be shared with the Board regarding the AdvancEd district accreditation visit scheduled for March 1-4, 2009. The team will probably schedule Board member interviews on Monday, March 2.
2. Friday, December 19, is the last day before the holiday break. School will resume on Monday, January 5, 2009.
3. A special Board meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, to conduct student discipline hearings.

B. Instructional Reports.

Letroy Gathen, Executive Director of Support Services

During a monitoring visit in November, the Arkansas Better Chance pre-school program received a rating of 6.1 out of a possible 7.0 on the Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scale.

4. OLD BUSINESS

1. Mr. McMahan was thanked for his 17 years of valuable service to the Blytheville Board of Education. He will be honored at a later date.
2. The superintendent search consultant will hold a community input meeting on Thursday, December 18, in the Blytheville High School Auditorium. Board members will not attend the meeting.
3. The Board will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 8, with the superintendent search consultant.
4. Updated documents regarding the superintendent search were given to Board members.
5. Several years ago, the Board asked to host the Regional Arkansas School Boards Association meeting. Paulette Walker will be contacted regarding the matter.

5. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

6. EXECUTIVE
SESSION

The Board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.

7. OPEN
SESSION

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

A. Appointment of Classified Employee

Anita Cox

Food Services

BPS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Daniels, a motion was made by Tommy Bennett and seconded by James McMahan that the Board accept the appointment as listed above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. APPOINTMENT
OF BOARD
MEMBER

Upon a motion by Steve White and a second by Tommy Bennett, the Board voted to appoint Bill Sullivan to James McMahan's position on the Board until the September 2009 school election.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Bruce E. Daniels, Ph.D.
Ex-officio Financial Secretary