

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)

Blytheville, AR
February 19, 2009

The Blytheville Board of Education met at the Blytheville School District Administration Building at 405 West Park Street at 6:00 p.m. on February 19, 2009, with the following members present:

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| (1) Marrietta Jerome, President | (2) Ollie R. Lofton, Vice President |
| (3) Lori Hixson, Secretary | (4) Gene Henton |
| (5) Steve White | (6) Tommy Bennett, Jr. |
| (7) Billy Fair | (8) Bill Sullivan |

(Steve White arrived at the meeting during #1 of the Superintendent's Report.)

Others present for the meeting: Donna Aldridge, Kimberly Brown, Linda Gamble, Jennifer L. Haley, Shawn Harris, Donna Hilton (*Blytheville Courier News*), Tony Hollis, Vera James, Sue Jeffers, Mary A. Jones, David M. Kakoma, Mike A. Lester, Tracy Marshall, Patricia Mitchell, Venita Nichols, Eddie Nolen, June Nolen, Rubbie Reed, Ron Self, Ricky D. Sims, Annie Mae Smith, Sharon Stringer, Carolyn Stokes, Vera P. Thomas, Inez Whitaker, Etter C. Wilkes, and Wendy Williams.

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | President Jerome called the regular meeting for the month of February 2009 to order. |
| 2. MINUTES | The minutes of the previous regular meeting were approved as written. |
| 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/
REPORTS | <p>A. <u>Superintendent's Report.</u></p> <p>1. To date, the district has missed six days due to inclement weather. According to state statute, students must attend 178 days. A new calendar will be given careful consideration following the AdvancEd Accreditation visit.</p> <p>2. The Arkansas Legislature has several issues under consideration, but none with significant impact have been introduced at this time. However,</p> |

Senator Shane Broadway has introduced a bill to set spring break for all Arkansas school districts during the thirty-eighth week of the school year. This would give more flexibility in the testing schedule. This is the week that the Blytheville School District usually has spring break.

3. The district could receive up to five million dollars under President Barack Obama's economic stimulus bill, which will come as funding for Title I programs, special education programs, and facilities.
4. The district's AdvancED Accreditation visit is scheduled for March 1-4. The Board will be interviewed on Monday, March 2. A special Board meeting will be scheduled on Wednesday, March 4, at 1:00 p.m. A quorum must be present to accept the findings.

B. Instructional Reports.

Sandy Hughey, Assistant Superintendent

Documents pertaining to the upcoming AdvancED Accreditation visit were reviewed the Board.

C. Operations Report.

Charles Van Pelt, Executive Director of Operations

The district faired pretty well during the recent ice storm. A canopy was destroyed at Blytheville High School. Many trees were damaged. Two small truckloads of food were lost at Blytheville High School and Blytheville Middle School.

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| 4. OLD BUSINESS | President Jerome noted that the schedule for next week's superintendent interviews had been placed in Board member folders. |
| 5. NEW BUSINESS | The Board agreed to change the date of the March Board meeting from Monday, March 23, to Monday, March 16, due to spring break. |
| 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 actions:

A. Reappointment of District-Level Administrators

Jean Cole	Director of Special Education
Letroy Gathen	Executive Director of Support Services
Diane Hay	G/T Coordinator and Teacher
Sandy Hughey	Assistant Superintendent
Suzanne Kenner	Curriculum Coordinator
Doug Quinn	Director of Athletics/Head Football Coach
Charles Van Pelt	Executive Director of Operations
Kris Williams	Director of Technology

B. Resignation of Classified Employee

Anita Mastowski	Secretary	BKC
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Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Daniels, a motion was made by Tommy Bennett and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board accept the reappointments and resignation as listed in A. and B. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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