

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
(MINUTES)

Blytheville, AR  
July 28, 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 July 28, 2008, with the following members present:

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| (1) Marrietta Jerome, President | (2) Ollie R. Lofton, Vice President |
| (3) Lori Hixson, Secretary      | (4) James T. McMahan, II            |
| (5) Gene Henton                 | (6) Tommy Bennett, Jr.              |
| (7) Billy Fair                  |                                     |

The following member was absent:

- (1) Steve White

Others present for the meeting: Jenni Deming (*Blytheville Courier News*) and Andy Weld.

1. CALL TO ORDER      President Jerome called the regular meeting for the month of July 2008 to order.

2. MINUTES              The minutes of the previous meeting and the minutes of the previous special meeting were approved as written.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report.

1. According to Arkansas law, school cannot begin until August 19, unless August 18 is on Monday. This year, school will begin on Monday, August 18.
2. Four Board members attended the National School Boards Association Southern Region Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana, on July 20-23. Those attending reported that it was an informative conference, with excellent keynote speakers.
3. The Arkansas School Boards Association (ASBA) and the Arkansas Association of Educational Administrators (AAEA) are in the process of selling their properties to Arkansas Children's Hospital. At this time, it is not known where the Associations will relocate.

4. All vacancies, except for a music position at Blytheville Primary School, have been filled for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Janet Showalter has announced that she is retiring.
5. Pre-school workshops will begin on Wednesday, August 6. The general session will be held in the Blytheville High School Auditorium on Thursday, August 14, with lunch being served following the session.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

- A. A motion was made by Tommy Bennett and seconded by Lori Hixson that in the event that any reduction of employees becomes necessary within the Blytheville School District, that employees living inside the Blytheville School District shall be given priority over ones living outside the Blytheville School District.

After discussion, the Board decided to table the motion until a policy can be written by Ron Harder of the Arkansas School Boards Association.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Superintendent Daniels distributed policy revisions for consideration and action at the August Board of Education meeting.

#### 6. PERSONNEL

The Board took the following personnel actions:

##### A. Appointment of Certified Employees

Lauren Callender	Business Education	BHS
Hollie Dix	English	BHS
John Fisher	Literacy	BMS
Leah Michaels	Kindergarten	BKC
Melissa Moriarty	Speech Pathology	CES
Heather Ward	Grade 2	BPS

##### B. Resignation of Certified Employees

Kelly Hearn	Speech Pathology	CES
Genaya Ruddick	Grade 2	BPS

C. Appointment of Classified Employees

Wanda Bell	Bus Monitor	District
Miranda Brassfield	Paraprofessional	BPS
Demetria Hursey	Literacy Clerk	BPS
Amie Johnson	Paraprofessional	BMS
Rebecca Simmons	Cafeteria	BKC
Emma Sparks	Paraprofessional	BKC

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Daniels, a motion was made by James McMahan and seconded by Ollie Lofton that the Board accept the appointments and resignations as listed above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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