

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
(MINUTES)

Blytheville, AR  
June 29, 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 June 29, 2009, with the following members present:

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

The following member was absent: (1) Lori Hixson, Secretary

Others present for the meeting: Richard Atwill, Ellen Bresner, Mark Brown, Donna Hilton (*Blytheville Courier News*), Suzanne Kenner, and Kristi Rose.

1. CALL TO ORDER      President Jerome called the regular meeting for the month of June 2009 to order.

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

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Daniels, a motion was made by Ollie Lofton and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board submit an "Application for a Permit to Issue Bonds," with related documents, for a \$18,700,000 Refunding and Construction Bond Issue to the State Department of Education and to employ First Security Beardsley Public Finance as Fiscal Agent.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- B. Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Daniels, a motion was made by Bill Sullivan and seconded by Tommy Bennett that the Board adopt the Resolution with the attached Proposed Budget of Expenditures with Tax Levy for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2010, to and including June 30, 2011, as printed.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- C. A motion was made by Tommy Bennett and seconded by Ollie Lofton that the Board appoint Richard Atwill ex-officio financial secretary for 2009-2010.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ REPORTS

##### A. Superintendent's Report

1. The district's budget has been declining over the past few years, but this year, the district has an increase of over \$300,000. The positive balance is due to much hard work by many people.
2. The most important thing that the district does is instruction in classrooms. Test scores are improving due to a multi-level effort. The effort must continue, and we must not lose focus.
3. The district will receive approximately \$8.8 million in stimulus money. This is a windfall which will allow the district to make up for lost time and resources. Most of the work on the budget, which will be presented tonight, has been done by Suzanne Kenner, Kris Williams, Sandy Hughey, and Wanda Kemp.
4. The district has received an insurance check in the amount of \$115,000 for water damage to the Blytheville High School gymnasium floor. The estimated cost to replace the floor is \$140,000. The work will not be finished when school starts, which poses a problem for physical education classes. However, it is expected to be completed prior to the first home basketball game.
5. President Jerome stated that the superintendent's good report is due to Dr. Daniels' good leadership over the past ten years.
6. Dr. Daniels thanked the Board for the opportunity to return to the Blytheville School District and for what it has meant to him and his family. He stated that the district employs quality people who are dedicated to the students.

## B. Instructional Reports

### 1. Sandy Hughey, Assistant Superintendent

- a. Sandy Hughey outlined procedures and requirements for spending the stimulus money.
- b. Suzanne Kenner presented the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Budget for 2009-2011 to the Board for approval.

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Daniels, a motion was made by Bill Sullivan and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board approve the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Budget for 2009-2011, as presented.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- c. Bill Sullivan applauded the hard work of those who prepared the budget.

### 2. Letroy Gathen, Executive Director of Support Services

The ABC grant, which funds the pre-school program, has been approved for the 2009-2010 school year.

## C. Operations Report

Charles Van Pelt, Executive Director of Operations

1. Bids for the removal of asbestos floor tile and the installation of new floor tile at Blytheville High School have been awarded. Stimulus money will be used to pay for the asbestos removal. The district will pay for the new tile.
2. A bid for a landing area for the playground at Blytheville Intermediate School has been awarded.
3. A bid for kitchen cabinets for the food lab at Blytheville High School has been awarded.
4. A new floor for the Blytheville High School gymnasium will be bid soon.

5. OLD BUSINESS                      There was no old 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 actions:

A. Resignation of Certified Employees (2008-2009)

Lisa Baguley	Charter Teacher	BCS
Tonya Boyd	Grade 1	BPS
Krista Hays	Kindergarten	BKC
Greg Moore	Science	BMS
Melissa Moriarty	Speech Therapist	BIS
Brenda Taylor	Special Education	BHS

B. Retirement of Certified Employee (2008-2009)

Essie Wright	Grade 6	BIS
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C. Reappointment of Certified Employees (2009-2010)

Leesia Harrison	Counselor	BHS
Nicole Lester	English	BHS

D. Resignation of Certified Employee (2009-2010)

Rebecca Johnson	Grade 6	BIS
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E. Appointment of Certified Employees (2009-2010)

Kristy Clark	Special Education	CES
Megan Davis	Grade 2	BPS
Jamie Dickson	Grade 3	CES
Michele Eden	Kindergarten	BKC
Jennifer Haley	Business Education	BHS
Leslie Haymon	Spanish	BHS
Jeremy Lamb	Science	BHS
Teri Long	Grade 4	CES
Chafin Ty Pitcock	Science	BHS
Jackie Tunstall	Science	BHS
Erin Young	Grade 5	BIS

F. Retirement of Classified Employee (2008-2009)

Rebecca Maupin	Bus Driver	SVC
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G. Appointment of Classified Employees

Tamatha Brassfield	Bookkeeper	ADM
Adam Jasinski	Technician	ADM

H. Appointment of Classified Employees (2009-2010)

Beulah Brown	Paraprofessional	BHS
Louise Heard	Paraprofessional	BCS
Aundrea Ross	Paraprofessional	CES
Chad Wheeler	Paraprofessional	BCS

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Daniels, a motion was made by Tommy Bennett and seconded by Billy Fair that the Board accept the appointments, reappointments, retirement, and resignations as listed in A. through H. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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