

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
(MINUTES)

Blytheville, AR  
March 16, 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 March 16, 2009, with the following members present:

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| (1) Marietta 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                   |

(Tommy Bennett arrived at the meeting during the Call to Order. Steve White arrived at the meeting during the Audit Report.)

Others present for the meeting: Amanda Atwill, Richard Atwill, Willie Branch, Donald Davis, Dr. Britt Dickens, Terrance Dunn, Donna Hilton (*Blytheville Courier News*), Charlotte Razer, and Chanda Walker.

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER             | President Jerome called the regular meeting for the month of March 2009 to order. She welcomed visitors and presented Mr. Richard Atwill as superintendent-elect of the district.   |
| 2. MINUTES                   | The minutes of the previous meeting and the minutes of the previous special meetings were approved as written.  |
| 3. AUDIT REPORT<br>2007-2008 | Charlotte Razer, CPA with Thomas, Speight and Noble, presented the 2007-2008 audit report to the Board. She outlined the information in the report. Mrs. Razer stated that the audit showed that the district was in compliance with all Arkansas Statutes. |
| 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/<br>REPORTS | <div style="margin-left: 20px;">A. <u>Superintendent's Report.</u><div style="margin-left: 20px;">1. Superintendent Daniels introduced Dr. Britt Dickens, with JBHM Education Group, the district's school improvement consultants.</div></div>             |

- a. Dr. Dickens outlined the district's School/Teacher Performance Rubric Rating Sheet for Blytheville High School. Ratings comparing the first of the school year and mid-year were reported.
  - b. Dr. Dickens also presented a Behavior Modification Plan to the Board, whereby modifications would be made to the school day for students with habitual discipline problems.
2. Due to several education-related bills before the Arkansas Legislature, the 2009-2010 school calendar will not be presented until the April meeting. However, the following dates have been set:  
August 19—Beginning Date  
November 25-27—Thanksgiving Holidays  
December 21-January 1—Christmas Break  
March 22-26—Spring Break  
May 21—Graduation  
May 27—Ending Date
3. Pending legislation regarding the School Choice Act could have significant impact on the district. The administrators' association should receive a draft of the legislation this week.
4. Six student days have been added to the end of the current school calendar due to snow in December and power outages during the ice storm. The last day for students will be June 4. The last day for teachers will be June 5.

B. Instructional Reports.

1. Sandy Hughey, Assistant Superintendent
  - a. Blytheville Middle School was awarded the International Reading Association's Excellence in Reading Program Award. This is the third time that a school in the district has received the award. Over the past five years, Blytheville Primary School and Blytheville Kindergarten Center have also received the award.

- b. Teachers and literacy coaches have reported that students stayed on task while taking the Eleventh Grade Literacy Exam.
- c. The district has applied for \$320,000 in federal library grants for Central Elementary School and Blytheville Intermediate School. If awarded, the grants will aid in updating library collections and technology and fund after-school and summer reading programs. Notification should be received in August.

2. Letroy Gathen, Executive Director of Support Services

The district will administer English as a Second Language (ESL) testing from March 30 to May 8.

- 5. OLD BUSINESS      There was no old business to discuss.
- 6. NEW BUSINESS      There was no new business to discuss.
- 7. EXECUTIVE SESSION      The Board went into executive session to discuss personnel matters.
- 8. OPEN SESSION      After discussion, the Board came back into open session and took the following personnel actions:

A. Reappointment of Principals (2009-2010)

Emma Gathen	Central Elementary School
Geneva Harris	Blytheville Intermediate School
Veda Struble	Blytheville Primary School
Ann Lewis	Blytheville Charter School/ALC
Gregg Yarbrough	Blytheville Kindergarten Center

B. Reappointment of Assistant Principals (2009-2010)

Willie Branch	Blytheville High School
Alvin Clay	Blytheville Intermediate School
Donald Davis	Blytheville High School
Louise Davis	Blytheville Middle School
Dee Keiter	Central Elementary School
Julie Moore	Blytheville Intermediate School
Paul Stubblefield	Blytheville Charter School/ALC
Paula Tiffany	Blytheville Primary School
Chanda Walker	Blytheville High School

C. Retirement of Certified Employees (end of 2008-2009)

Sherry Cole	Counselor	BIS/BKC
Joe Johnson	History	BHS
Tobey Johnson	Science	BHS
Rebecca Young	Grade 3	CES

D. Resignation of Certified Employees (end of 2008-2009)

Brynn Biggs	Mathematics	BMS
Alithia Davis	Special Education	BHS
Julie Ennis	Business Education	BHS
Monica Meadows	Science	BHS
Robert Meadows	Asst. Band Director	BHS
Penny Peery	Grade 2	BPS
Robin Sneed	Media Specialist	BHS

E. Appointment of Certified Employees (2009-2010)

Sara Jenkins	Social Studies	BHS
Leah Smith	Media Specialist	BHS
Alicia Tuggle	Mathematics	BMS

F. Resignation of Classified Employee

Adriadne Aaron	Paraprofessional	BHS
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G. Resignation of Classified Employee (end of 2008-2009)

Sara Jenkins	Paraprofessional	BHS
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H. Retirement of Classified Employee

Sam Maupin	Bus Mechanic	District
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I. Retirement of Classified Employee (end of 2008-2009)

Bernice Jenkins	Bookkeeper	District
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J. Appointment of Classified Employees

Janet O'Malley	Secretary	BKC
Homer O'Neal	Bus Mechanic	District

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

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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