

RECORD OF BOARD PROCEEDINGS
(MINUTES)

Blytheville, AR
May 18, 2009

The Blytheville Board of Education met at the Blytheville District Administration Building at 405 West Park Street at 6:00 p.m. on May 18, 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 | |

The following member was absent: (1) Bill Sullivan

(Steve White arrived at the meeting during #2 of the Superintendent's Report.)

Others present for the meeting: Richard Atwill, Sherrie Burton, Donna Hilton (*Blytheville Courier News*), Pricilla Johnson, Suzanne Kenner, Carlony Lewis, and Chuck Ryan.

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | President Jerome called the regular meeting for the month of May 2009 to order. |
| 2. MINUTES | The minutes of the previous regular meeting were approved as written. |

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REPORTS

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Graduation ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m.
2. The next regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, June 22.
3. The Partners and Volunteer Appreciation Reception will be held on Wednesday, May 20, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. at the multi-purpose building on Byrum Road. Retirees will be recognized at approximately 4:15 p.m.
4. A decision regarding a millage increase for the September election needs to be made at the June meeting. Board member elections will also be held for Zone 1, Zone 2, and Zone 6, which are currently held by

Billy Fair, Ollie Lofton, and Bill Sullivan. Members for Zone 1 and Zone 2 will be elected for five-year terms. A member for Zone 6 will be elected to fill James McMahan's unexpired term, which ends in 2011.

5. Assurances of Appropriate Use have been filed for the stimulus money. Two-year budgets are being developed to be filed in mid-June. The goal is to spend all of the money and spend it wisely. This is a good opportunity to provide teachers and staff with resources to significantly improve student learning. All money must be spent by December 31, 2011.

B. Instructional Reports

1. Sandy Hughey, Assistant Superintendent

- a. ACSIP plans are being prepared for next year. These funds will be used for student improvement.
- b. At this time, there are eight certified vacancies, as opposed to 23 this time last year.

2. Letroy Gathen, Executive Director of Support Services

The district has applied for the Arkansas Better Chance grant to fund the pre-school program for next year. The application is expected to be approved. Pre-school registration will be held during kindergarten registration.

C. Operations Report

Charles Van Pelt, Executive Director of Operations

1. The district asked the Arkansas Department of Education to approve a \$1,000,000 partnership project to renovate the HVAC systems and replace the windows at Blytheville Intermediate; however, only \$400,000 was approved. The district will use stimulus money in the amount of \$238,000, but will have to fund the additional amount needed for the project.
2. The district asked the Arkansas Department of Education to approve a \$400,000 partnership project to replace the roof at Blytheville Charter School/ALC; however, only \$252,000 was approved for the project. The district will

use stimulus money in the amount of \$125,000, but will have to fund the additional amount needed for the project.

4. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Student Handbooks

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Daniels, a motion was made by Ollie Lofton and seconded by Tommy Bennett that the Board approve student handbooks for Blytheville High School, Blytheville Middle School, Blytheville Intermediate School, Central Elementary School, Blytheville Primary School, Blytheville Kindergarten Center, and Blytheville Charter School as presented.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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 (end of 2008-2009)

Don Johnson	Band Director	BHS
Stephanie Tilley	Mathematics	BMS

B. Appointment of Certified Employees (2009-2010)

Sharon Brown	Mathematics	BMS
Jon Fulkerson	Band Director	BHS
Rebecca Johnson	Grade 6	BIS
Amanda McCleskey	Special Education	BMS
Janet Rooney	Band Director	BIS
Robert Tucker	Asst. Band Director	BHS
Marvin Walker	Music	BPS

C. Resignation of Classified Employees (end of 2008-2009)

Tina Ellis	Paraprofessional	BPS
Ami Johnson	Paraprofessional	BPS

D. Resignation of Classified Employee

Janet Appling	Cafeteria	CES
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E. Retirement of Classified Employee (end of 2008-2009)

Lucinda Jones	Cafeteria	BPS
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F. Appointment of Classified Employee (2008-2009/2009-2010)

Ben Walker	Paraprofessional	BHS
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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 appointments, retirement, and resignations as listed in A. – F. above.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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