

MINUTES OF THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 18, 2020

The Morgan County Board of Education met in regular session at the Office of the Board on February 18, 2020 with an advertised start time of 6:00 p.m. A 5:30 p.m. work session preceded the business meeting.

Present at the meeting: Chairman John Holley, Vice-Chairman Billy Rhodes, Board Members Tom Earwood, Adam Glenn, Paul Holmes, Mike Tarpley, Jimmy Dobbs and Superintendent Bill W. Hopkins, Jr.

Chairman Holley called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m.

Mr. Thomas Gipner opened the meeting with prayer and Mr. Issac Phillips led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME

Chairman Holley welcomed everyone to the meeting, including Decatur Daily reporter Mr. Mike Wetzel.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGENDA CHANGES

Chairman Holley called for the announcement of agenda changes. Action items 15A and 15B are added to the agenda, as are personnel items 31, 32, 33, and 34. The Board members received a list of the agenda changes and all appropriate supporting documentation at the work session.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Holley called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Mr. Holmes moved and Mr. Tarpley seconded the motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP SHOWCASE-ALBERT P. BREWER HIGH SCHOOL, PRINCIPAL MR. ROBBIE ELLIOTT

Albert P. Brewer High School students Thomas Gipner and Issac Phillips were present at the meeting to share a video containing information about BHS's Patriot TV program. Due to technical difficulties, the video was unavailable for viewing at the meeting. A link to the YouTube video will be obtained and sent out the Board Members later.

FIRST ROBOTICS 2020 CHAIRMAN'S AWARD PRESENTATION-MORGAN COUNTY MECH TECH TEAM 3959

Members of Morgan County Mech Tech 3959 gave the team's 2020 Chairman's Award presentation to the Board Members. The Chairman's Award is an annual award issued by FIRST Robotics during the competition season, and a real-time presentation is one of the components required by FIRST for consideration of the award.

RECOGNITION OF THE 2020-2021 MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY TEACHERS OF THE YEAR AND SUPPORT PERSON OF THE YEAR

The 2020-2021 Morgan County Schools Teachers of the Year and Support Staff Member of the Year were all recognized by the MCBOE for their receipt of this honor.

- Lauren Harrison, West Morgan Elementary School Elementary Teacher of the Year
- Jessica Spencer, West Morgan High School Secondary Teacher of the Year
- Sylvia Michel, Lacey's Spring School Support Staff Member of the Year

PRESENTATION TO THE MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOLS TECHNOLOGY PARK- REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

This presentation did not take place at the meeting.

PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

In order to present a matter to the Board, a written request must be submitted to the Superintendent's office five (5) days prior to the scheduled Board meeting in order to be included on the agenda. No items will be discussed by the public or employees that are not on the agenda. (Morgan County Schools Policy 2.4. Board Meetings/2.4.5 Public Participation)

No written requests were received in relation to Public to Address the Board at the February 18, 2020 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

(The Board is furnished with background material for each item on the consent agenda. These items will be acted upon with one vote without discussion. If a Board member wants to discuss an item, the item will be pulled off the consent agenda and voted on separately.)

MINUTES

Approve as presented the minutes of the January 9, 2020 meeting of the Morgan County Board of Education. (Copy attached)

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Approve as presented the Morgan County Board of Education's Check Register Accountability Report for the month of December 1, 2019-December 31, 2019. (Copy attached)

Approve as presented the Bank Reconciliation Reports for the Morgan County Board of Education's Depository and CNP Accounts for the statement ending date of December 31, 2019. (See attachments)

Approve as presented the Bank Reconciliation Reports for the Morgan County Board of Education's local schools for the statement ending date of December 31, 2019. (See attachments)

OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIPS

Approve as presented a request for out of state travel effective March 17, 2020 through March 22, 2020 from the MCS Technology Park (control number 908). Approximately

thirty (30) students (Mech Tech 3959 Team Members) and their chaperones will travel to Olive Branch, Mississippi and participate in the Memphis Regional FIRST Robotics competition. (See attached request)

Approve as presented a request for out of state travel effective May 8, 2020 from Lacey's Spring Junior High School (control number 859). Approximately twenty-nine (29) students and their chaperones will travel to Austell, Georgia and attend Six Flags Over Georgia's Educational Day. (See attached request)

Approve as presented a request for out of state travel effective March 20, 2020 through March 21, 2020 from Priceville Elementary School and Priceville Junior High School (control number 887). Approximately twenty-eight (28) students and their chaperones will travel to Nashville, Tennessee and participate in the America Sings Music Festival. (See attached request)

Approve as presented a request for out of state travel effective April 23, 2021 through April 27, 2021 from Priceville High School (control number 769). Approximately nine (9) students and their chaperones will travel to Orlando, Florida to participate in the "Cook Around the World" competition. (See attached request)

Approve as presented a request for out of state travel effective April 24, 2020 from West Morgan High School (control number 947). Approximately fifty (50) students and their chaperones will travel to Austell, Georgia and attend Six Flags Over Georgia's Education Day. (See attachment)

Approve as presented a request for out of state travel effective March 13-15, 2020 from Albert P. Brewer High School (control number 930). Approximately fifty-five (55) students and their chaperones will travel to Gatlinburg, Tennessee for the band students to perform at Dollywood and tour various sites in the Smokey Mountains. (See attachment)

Approve as presented a request for out of state travel effective March 7, 2020 from Priceville Junior High School (control number 1069). Approximately four (4) students and their chaperones will travel to Dalton, Georgia to participate in a FFA program. (See attachment)

CONTRACTS

Approve as presented a contract for services with Kimberly A. Smith to provide intervention/tutoring services as needed for Morgan County Schools (Union Hill School) effective February 19, 2020 through May 8, 2020. (See attachments)

Mr. Dobbs moved and Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVED GENERAL CONSENT FOR LIMITED QUERIES

Mr. Rhodes moved and Mr. Dobbs seconded the motion to adopt as presented the General Consent for Limited Queries of the FMCSA Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse form (for CDL drivers).

The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVED PETITION FOR ANNEXATION, TOWN OF TRINITY

Mr. Rhodes moved and Mr. Tarpley seconded the motion to approve as presented a Petition of Annexation, submitted to the Town of Trinity, and related to the property descriptions listed on said Petition.

The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVED RESOLUTION SEEKING TO RENAME SPARKMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Dobbs moved and Mr. Earwood seconded the motion to approve as presented a Resolution on the Morgan County Board of Education seeking a waiver for renaming Sparkman Elementary School.

The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVED CONTRACT FOR SERVICES WITH MELNDA WADSWORTH NEAL

Mr. Tarpley moved and Mr. Holmes seconded the motion to approve as presented a contract for services with Melinda Wadsworth Neal to provide SLP services for Morgan County Schools students as needed effective January 13, 2020 through May 21, 2020.

The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVED AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES WITH RESOLUTIONS IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Mr. Dobbs moved and Mr. Holmes seconded the motion to approve as presented an Agreement for Services with Resolutions in Special Education, Inc. (RISE) to provide consultative and/or direct legal services in connection with special education matters to the Morgan County Schools District.

The motion was unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL

(The employment of any individual listed below will be on a temporary-emergency basis pending background clearance.)

The Superintendent recommends that personnel items one through thirty-four (1-34) be approved as written.

Mr. Holley stated that he would be abstaining from voting on personnel item number twenty-three (23).

- 1. Approve as presented a contract for services with Amanda Casey to provide after school tutoring for Morgan County Schools (West Morgan Elementary) effective February 14, 2020 through May 8, 2020. (See attachments)**
- 2. Approve Gerald Case as a substitute bus driver for Morgan County Schools effective February 19, 2020. (See attachments)**

3. Approve as presented an employee supplemental contract with Samuel Dean as boys' soccer coach at West Morgan High School effective contract year 2019-2020. (See attachments)
4. Approve as presented an employee supplemental contract with Kyle Patterson as boys' varsity soccer coach and boys' assistant soccer coach at Brewer High School effective contract year 2019-2020. Mr. Patterson is a non-staff coach and will be accompanied by MCS certified personnel when interacting with students. (See attachments)
5. Accept resignation effective February 18, 2020 from Ben Matkin, countywide bus driver. (See attachment)
6. Accept resignation effective February 29, 2020 from Karen Long, SPE teacher at Union Hill School. (See attachment)
7. Accept resignation effective February 7, 2020 from Britney Burney, clerical aide at Priceville Elementary School. (See attachment)
8. Approve the within school transfer of Jennifer Cobbs from fourth grade teacher to counselor at Eva School effective February 19, 2020. Ms. Cobbs will be replacing Lynne Alexander who retired. (See attachments)
9. Approve the employment of Jessica Lenea Miller as K-4 teacher at West Morgan Elementary School effective February 19, 2020. Ms. Miller will be replacing Dustin Bowman who resigned. (See attachments)
10. Approve the employment of Kayla Hope Sumerel as K-6 teacher at Eva School effective February 19, 2020. Ms. Sumerel will be replacing Jennifer Cobbs who is being recommended for a within school transfer. (See attachments)
11. Accept resignation effective February 7, 2020 from April Hall, math teacher at Falkville High School. (See attachment)
12. Approve as presented a request for family medical leave of absence (intermittent) effective January 3, 2020 through May 22, 2020 from Lori Smith, countywide art teacher. (See attachment)
13. Approve as presented a contract for services with Tara Forrest to provide after school EL Tutoring Services for Morgan County Schools (Union Hill School) as needed and effective February 19, 2020 through May 15, 2020. (See attachments)
14. Approve as presented a contract for services with William Derrick Garrison to provide after school EL Tutoring Services for Morgan County Schools (Union Hill School) effective February 19, 2020 through May 15, 2020. (See attachments)
15. Approve as presented a contract for services with William Derrick Garrison to provide after school transportation of tutored students for Morgan County Schools (Union Hill School) effective February 19, 2020 through May 15, 2020. (See attachments)
16. Approve as presented a contract for services with Kristi Garrison to provide after school EL Tutoring Services for Morgan County Schools (Union Hill School) effective February 19, 2020 through May 15, 2020. (See attachments)
17. Approve as presented a contract for services with Thomas (T.K.) Kinney to provide after school transportation to tutored students for Morgan County Schools (Union Hill School) as needed and effective February 19, 2020 through May 15, 2020. (See attachments)
18. Approve as presented a contract for services with Cari Alderton Wells to provide after school EL Tutoring Services for Morgan County Schools (Union Hill School) as needed and effective February 19, 2020 through May 15, 2020. (See attachments)

19. Approve as presented a contract for services with Mahaley Whisante to provide after school EL Tutoring Services for Morgan County Schools (Union Hill School) as needed and effective February 19, 2020 through May 15, 2020. (See attachments)
20. Approve as presented a contract for services with Jona Nelson to mentor Jr. High FIRST Lego League Robotics for Morgan County Schools effective January 2020 through April 2020. (See attachments)
21. Approve as presented an intermittent Family Medical Leave request effective February 1, 2020 through May 23, 2020 from Diane M. Ryan, countywide SPED K-6 teacher. (See attachment)
22. Approve Tammy Baldwin as a substitute bus driver for Morgan County Schools effective February 19, 2020. (See attachments)
23. Approve the employment of Tracy O. Holley as a special education teacher at Union Hill School effective February 19, 2020. Ms. Holley will be replacing Mona Clements who resigned. (See attachments)
24. Approve the transfer of Jessica L. Matkin from countywide bus driver aide to countywide bus driver (Cotaco School) effective February 19, 2020. Ms. Matkin will be replacing James Childers who retired. (See attachments)
25. Approve the promotion of Patrick C. Lemons from countywide bus driver aide-special needs to countywide (Morgan County Schools) bus driver assistant/utility driver effective February 19, 2020. Mr. Lemons will be replacing Jayme Tyler who resigned. (See attachments)
26. Approve the employment of Latoria Gail Burks as countywide bus driver aide (Brewer High School) effective February 19, 2020. Ms. Burks will be replacing Tena Humphries who resigned. (See attachments)
27. Approve as presented an employee supplemental contract with Thomas Caldwell to serve as girls' and boys' soccer coach at Priceville High School effective contract year 2019-2020. (See attachments)
28. Approve the employment of Tracie Lynn Sherwood as aide-office at Priceville Elementary School effective February 19, 2020. Ms. Sherwood will be replacing Brittany Burney who is resigning. (See attachments)
29. Accept resignation as ½ time CNP worker at Lacey's Spring School effective February 14, 2020 from Britney Evans. (See attachment)
30. Approve the employment of Gerald Lynn Case as countywide bus driver (Cotaco) effective February 19, 2020. Mr. Case is replacing Ben Matkin who is resigning. (See attachments)
31. Accept notice of retirement effective March 31, 2020 from Myra Day, secretary at the Central Office. (See attachment)
32. Approve a request for maternity leave effective January 10, 2020 through March 25, 2020 from Lindsey Crumpton, science teacher at Danville High School. (See attachment)
33. Approve the school to another school transfer of Elizabeth Grantland from CNP worker at Sparkman School to countywide (Lacey's Spring School) CNP worker effective February 19, 2020. (See attachments)
34. Approve the employment of Jennifer K. Helms as a countywide (Union Hill School) special education teacher effective March 2, 2020. Ms. Helms will be replacing Karen Long who is resigning. (See attachments)

Mr. Dobbs moved and Mr. Tarpley seconded the motion to approve personnel items one through thirty-four (1-34) as written.

The motion was approved with Mr. Holley abstaining on personnel item number twenty-three (23).

Informational

- **November 2019 Financial Statements**

Adjournment

With no other business before the Board, Chairman Holley called for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Rhodes moved and Mr. Dobbs seconded the motion to adjourn.

The motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Signed this the _____ day of _____, 2020.

Mr. John Holley, Chairman, Morgan County Board of Education

Mr. Bill W. Hopkins, Jr., Superintendent, Morgan County Schools

Recorder of Minutes