

## MINUTES OF THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

The Morgan County Board of Education met in called session at the Office of the Board on September 3, 2020 with an advertised start time of 4:00 p.m. The purpose of the called meeting was to conduct the First Public Budget Hearing for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Due to the Governor's Safer At Home Order, the meeting was live-streamed for the public. Those in attendance at the meeting practiced social distancing. No work session was held prior to 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 Interim Superintendent Dr. Dee O. Fowler.

Chairman Holley called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Mr. Earwood opened the meeting with prayer and Mr. Tarpley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### WELCOME

Chairman Holley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Mr. Rhodes moved and Mr. Glenn seconded the motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

### 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)*

Chairman Holley asked if anyone had asked to address the Board per policy.

There were no requests to address the Board received per Board policy.

### FIRST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

Chairman Holley turned the meeting over to Morgan County Schools CFO Brian Bishop for the first public budget hearing for fiscal year 2020-2021.

Mr. Bishop began his presentation by stating that the Board had met all posting requirements for advertisement of the hearing as required by law including notice of the meeting posted at the county courthouse, and our standard procedure for advertising all board meetings. All budget forms required by the State are included in the proposed budget packet. Budget packets are available for the public, and the budget packet will be posted to our system's website at the conclusion of the first public budget hearing. Questions regarding the proposed budget can be emailed to Mr. Bishop at [bsbishop@morgank12.org](mailto:bsbishop@morgank12.org).

Mr. Bishop then reviewed information in the budget packet including projected revenues, expenditures, and bond refinance information. Mr. Bishop also announced that we had reduced our local units to thirty-eight. This reduction came about through attrition.

**The projected beginning fund balance on October 1, 2020 is \$23,909, 915.00.**

**The projected ending fund balance on September 30, 2021 is \$22,000,000.00 .**

**Mr. Bishop closed his presentation by stating that this was the strongest financial condition the system has ever been in.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Mr. Tarpley moved and Mr. Holmes seconded the motion to adjourn.**

**The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was adjourned at 4:47 p.m.**

**Signed this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.**

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

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**Dr. Dee O. Fowler, Interim Superintendent, Morgan County Schools**

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**Recorder of Minutes**