

Morgan County Board of Education

Work Session Notes

March 9, 2023

4:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman John Holley, Vice Chairman Paul Holmes, Board Members Billy Rhodes, Mike Tarpley, Jimmy Dobbs, Adam Glenn, Chris Humphries, and Superintendent Tracie Turrentine

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Robbie Elliott, MCS New Construction, gave a status report on current building projects:**
 1. **The latest revised completion date for the new West Morgan High School is March 31, 2023.**
 2. **We are hopeful that final inspection of the new West Morgan High School will take place on March 21st or 22nd, 2023.**
 3. **Finishing the groundwork around the new West Morgan High School will not affect our ability to take possession of the facility.**
 4. **The latest revised completion date for the new athletic facility at Danville High School is May 26, 2023; the facility passed the above ceiling inspection earlier today.**
 5. **The latest revised completion date for the new administrative addition at Albert P. Brewer High School is May 26, 2023.**
 6. **The brick needed for the new administrative addition at Albert P. Brewer High School is set for delivery on March 15, 2023. We are hopeful this date holds. Sewer replacement work related to the new addition will take place during spring break.**
 7. **The latest revised completion date for the new classroom addition at Union Hill School is April 30, 2024. We are running about one month behind on the project, but the delay is not the fault of the contractor. The project is behind due to the need to remove unreported asbestos in the existing building.**
 8. **Mrs. Turrentine has talked to Seawell McKee concerning the drawings for the new Priceville Junior High School facility; Principal McCulloch and the PJHS staff have reviewed and adjusted the drawings as needed. The project is set for bid in May 2023.**
- **Congratulations to the Priceville girls' basketball team and all of our teams for great competition seasons.**
- **The Superintendent recently attended the School Superintendents of Alabama's 2023 Legislative Conference in Montgomery. During the conference, the Superintendent attended Governor Ivey's State of the State Address where the Governor outlined her vision and priorities for the State. One of the Governor's priorities is an expansion of Pre-K. The Morgan County School system is experiencing its highest number of Pre-K enrollments in its history. Governor Ivey also stressed the need to improve student outcomes, encouraged the Legislature to adopt new rules for first grade reading readiness, and spoke on a proposed two percent raise for education employees.**
- **The Superintendent will attend a parent meeting at West Morgan Middle School on March 13, 2023 that centers on plans to move the 4th grade class from the elementary school to the middle school beginning school year 2023-2024. The Superintendent says this move is the best thing for the community, and the move will allow growth in the Pre-K class at the**

elementary school. The Superintendent will let the Board members know about any concerns expressed at this parent meeting.

- The Board scheduled a called meeting for personnel that will take place at the Office of the Board at 4:00 p.m. on May 23, 2023.
- A Youth Art Reception will take place at the Central Office from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on March 14, 2023 to honor students who have artwork displayed at the Central Office.
- In alignment with the Superintendent's three focus areas for the system, safety, culture, and instruction, we will be working with the Morgan County Sheriff's office to conduct drug task force training inside of the schools this summer. The Superintendent will continue focusing on keeping our culture student centered. We will have a motivational speaker at this year's Teacher Institute, which will occur on three different days this year. The Board will need to vote on a recommendation from the Superintendent concerning the new schedule for Teacher Institute 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGENDA CHANGES

- Added to the agenda in the form of a Resolution by the Board-Item 16A.
- Added to the agenda in the form of recommendations from the Superintendent-Personnel items 9-13.
- Board members have a list of the agenda changes and supporting documentation as it applies.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- Congratulations to our athletic teams for great seasons.
- Children will perform to the expectation we have for them. We should have high expectations for all of our students.