

Morgan County Board of Education

Work Session Notes

April 13, 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

- **Mr. Robbie Elliott, Jr., New Construction Point of Contact for Morgan County Schools provided an update on current projects. Included in the report:**

Final inspection for the new West Morgan High School is set for April 24, 2023.

The final change order for the new West Morgan High School should come before the Morgan County Board of Education at their May 2023 regular business meeting. This change order will include all items we have added through the building process that are not included in the original bid.

The revised date for substantial completion of the new Athletic Facility at Danville High School is May 26, 2023.

Delivery of brick for the new Administrative Addition at Albert P. Brewer High School is on a six-week delay from the last anticipated delivery date. The delivery date for the brick is now April 17, 2023. The revised date for substantial completion of this project is June 16, 2023; the revised date is due to the delayed delivery of the brick.

We have granted six weather days for the new Classroom Addition at Union Hill School. The revised date for substantial completion of this project is May 6, 2024.

Anticipated opening of bids for the new Priceville Junior High School is the first week of June 2023. School administration met with the Superintendent this week to finalize the plans, with the next step submission of the plans to the State.

Bids to straighten the road at the existing Priceville High School campus have been pulled out of the PJHS project and the bid should go before the Morgan County Board of Education at their June 2023 regular business meeting.

- **The Superintendent congratulated Priceville Junior High School for achieving Blue Ribbon Schools Lighthouse status for the second time. Danville High School received congratulations for receiving initial Blue Ribbon Schools Lighthouse status. The Superintendent has set new guidelines for attendance at the Blue Ribbon Schools Conference in Orlando. Only schools receiving Lighthouse status will attend the conference. The school's principal and the school's Teacher of the Year will be the only representatives from the school attending and accepting the Lighthouse Status Award at the conference.**
- **Plans are set for this year's Summer School. We will be supplying breakfast, lunch, and transportation to Summer School. Summer School will focus on requirements of the State's**

Literacy and Numeracy Acts; we can combine instruction for students who are eligible in both reading and math. Sparkman is a full-support school; 100 percent of their K-3 population will attend Summer School at Falkville.

- **6th-12th Credit Recovery will be available to students with scores of 59 or below in an applicable subject. There will be a charge (\$200.00) for the program this year; we feel this will encourage student accountability regarding the program. Both the Middle Schools and the High Schools can choose Edmentum or pen/paper for their program this year. We will look at financial assistance with the charge on an as needed basis. We will also offer Credit Advancement this summer with a charge of \$200.00.**

Nominations for the County Board of Equalization per Section 40-3-2, Code of Ala. 1975

- **Nominated by the Board to serve as its representatives on the County Board of Equalization are Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Holley, and Mr. Holmes.**
- **The Board will act on the nominations at their May 2023 regular business meeting.**

Announcements of Agenda Changes

- **Added to the agenda in the form of recommendations from the Superintendent:**
 - **Action Item 13A**
 - **Revisions to effective dates of Personnel Items 3, 4, 16, and 19.**
 - **Personnel Items 21-27**

Board Member Comments

- **Mr. Tarpley provided a report on The Cross of North Alabama project currently underway in Morgan County (Priceville area).**
- **Chairman Holley encouraged everyone to become familiar with Senate Bill 202 and House Bill 235 and their impact on public education. He also encouraged everyone to reach out to our Legislative members regarding the proposed bills.**