

Morgan County Board of Education

Work Session Notes

June 8, 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 R. Turrentine

Superintendent's Report

- **Mr. Cliff Booth, Morgan County Schools Human Resources Director, gave an overview of the proposed revisions to the 2023-2024 Morgan County Schools Employee Handbook. A recommendation to approve the handbook is on tonight's business meeting agenda.**
- **Mr. Brian S. Bishop, Morgan County Schools Chief School Finance Officer, gave an overview of the proposed budget amendment. A recommendation to approve the budget amendment is on tonight's business meeting agenda. Property, sales, and SSUT taxes are coming in higher than we had anticipated they would. Mr. Bishop does feel that we are on the cusp of a recession. The State will split distribution of the next allotment of teacher supply money between two fiscal years.**
- **The new West Morgan High School passed final inspection by the State. We are allowing two weeks for cleaning the site before we sign off on the facility. Anticipated "dried in" date for the new classroom addition at Union Hill School is November 9, 2023. A final inspection date for the new administrative addition at Albert P. Brewer High School is not yet scheduled; work on installing the stonework begins next week. We extended the new Priceville Junior High School bid opening two weeks from the original date to allow contractors more time to prepare.**
- **Morgan County Schools Elementary Curriculum Director Dr. Cherie Humphries did a great job organizing our summer school program. Teachers participated in many training sessions to prepare for this year's summer school program.**
- **We are receiving positive response from parents regarding our new behavioral unit. We have applied for grants that if awarded would supply three behavior coaches.**
- **Updates from the current Legislative Session include the Governor's announcement of a 2 percent raise for education employees, and various proposed increases for applicable SPE staff, speech language pathologists, and nurses. All support staff must now receive at least \$15.00 per hour.**
- **A called meeting to recommend a new Chief School Finance Officer is set for 4:00 p.m. on June 29, 2023 at the Central Office. Mr. Holmes, Mr. Dobbs, and Mr. Holley will serve on the interview committee for this position.**

Board Member Comments

- **Thank you to Mr. Bishop for his work as the Morgan County Schools Chief School Finance Officer.**
- **Remember the 2023 Alabama Association of School Boards Summer Conference that will be held June 16th-18th, 2023.**

Announcement of Agenda Changes

- **Deleted from the agenda: Personnel Item 54**
- **Added to the agenda in the form of recommendations from the Superintendent: Action Items 13A through 13G and Personnel Items 56 through 116.**