

Morgan County Board of Education

Work Session Notes

August 10, 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. Robert L. Elliott, Jr., New Construction Point of Contact for Morgan County Schools, provided an update on new construction projects:**
 - **Open House at the new West Morgan High School went well. We are addressing a few minor issues identified since taking ownership of the building. Mr. Elliott plans to give the Board a complete report on the project at the Board's next meeting.**
 - **Substantial completion for the new Danville High School Athletic Facility is set for August 23, 2023. The Superintendent is making a recommendation on Change Order Number 2 for this project at tonight's business meeting.**
 - **Move in to the new Administrative Addition at Brewer High School is complete. The facility is usable with no problems. Close out documents should be ready next month. Mr. Elliott thinks we might get money back from the contractor on this project.**
 - **The first floor slab has been poured for the new classroom addition at Union Hill School, with the second floor slab scheduled to be poured September 15th. The contractor is running one week behind on the project, but they are working when it is dry. 1st phase of the project is projected for completion February 21, 2024; 2nd phase of the project is projected for completion May 25, 2024.**
 - **Superintendent is recommending the Priceville Junior High School master budget at tonight's business meeting. A pre-construction meeting is set for August 24th.**
- **We've had a smooth start to the school year even with the weather dismissal and delay. We were at 7599 students enrolled this time last year; we are up 20 students from that right now. Adjustment to our current enrollment numbers will continue in the coming days. Superintendent will have good enrollment numbers to report at the next Board meeting; we think our enrollment numbers will continue to go up. We had a smooth transition to the new West Morgan High School for our students, as well as the transition to Falkville and 4th grade to West Morgan Middle School.**
- **Superintendent has received good feedback from the staff about this year's Teacher Institute Program and set-up. Our Directors did a great job at this year's Administrators' Conference getting Principals good information for opening schools.**
- **Our capital outlay meeting will be this Wednesday (August 16, 2023) at 9:00 a.m. Board members can join in person, via ZOOM, or via phone call. Our 1st Public Budget Hearing will be on September 7, 2023.**

Schedule the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Morgan County Board of Education-Board Chairman

- **The Board's Annual Meeting will be held November 9, 2023, 4:30 p.m. Work Session; 5:00 p.m. Business Meeting.**
- **Mr. Dobbs reported on the Alabama Association of School Board's 2023 Summer Conference. He shared that State Superintendent Dr. Eric Mackey provided updates from the AL State Department of Education, and several of the other speakers presented on student learning and how we can reach students on many levels to promote learning.**

Announcement of Agenda Changes

- Added to the agenda: Action items 9A through 9D; Personnel items 11 through 34. Personnel item number 3 is revised.

Board Member Comments

- Thank you to the teachers for a good school opening.