

## **Morgan County Board of Education**

### **Work Session Notes**

**December 14, 2023 4:30 p.m.**

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

**Absent:** Board Member Billy Rhodes.

### **Superintendent's Report**

**The Superintendent invited Mr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr., New Construction Point of Contact for Morgan County Schools, to report on new construction projects currently underway. Included in Mr. Elliott's report:**

- **We are doing the warranty work on the new West Morgan High School as it comes.**
- **We are wrapping the new Danville High School Athletic Facility up.**
- **The revised completion date for the New Classroom Addition at Union Hill School is May 29, 2024. The project should be dried in by the end of this month. Phase one of the project should be complete the first week of March 2024.**
- **July 23, 2025 is the contract completion date for the new Priceville Junior High School. This project is still ahead of schedule and we are not concerned about getting behind.**

**Included in the Superintendent's report to the Board:**

- **We have focused on safety, culture, and instruction during the first semester. Examples of the results of this focus include:**
  - **We have Student Resource Officers on each campus, and we are building a relationship with our local law enforcement offices and officials.**
  - **We are rebuilding student, parent, and community engagement post Covid (bringing back Grandparents Day on-campus activities, etc.).**
  - **We are working to "grow our own" through activities such as monthly meetings with all Assistant Principals, and offering a locally approved Professional Learning Unit for aspiring administrators.**
  - **All new principals have an assigned mentor.**
  - **All new teachers have an assigned mentor; we will conduct a New Teacher Academy at the beginning of the second semester for teachers hired after the beginning of the current school year.**
  - **We have student interns working with our Maintenance and Technology Departments.**
  - **Teacher and staff recruitment are both going well.**
  - **We have new math and reading curriculum for Pre-K.**
  - **We are focusing on implementation of the Literacy and Numeracy Acts.**
  - **Beginning with the last principals' meeting, we began a focus on the Alabama Multi-Tier System of Supports.**
- **Our system received an 84 (B) score on the recently released State Report Card. This score is above the State average.**
- **We continue to prepare for our upcoming Compliance Monitoring Review.**

### **Announcement of Agenda Changes**

**Added to the agenda in the form of recommendations from the Superintendent (with supporting documentation supplied as applicable):**

- **Action items 13A, 13B, and personnel items 20 through 29.**

### **Board Member Comments**

- **Mr. Dobbs gave a report from the recently held Alabama Association of School Boards Annual Convention (Winter Conference).**
- **Please remember those in our system battling sickness.**
- **The Board and Superintendent wish everyone a Merry Christmas.**