

MINUTES OF THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

SEPTEMBER 7, 2017

The Morgan County Board of Education met for a special called meeting at 5:30 p.m. on September 7, 2017 for the purpose of conducting the first Public Budget Hearing for fiscal year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. The meeting was held at the Office of the Board located at 235 HWY 67 South Decatur AL 35603.

No work session was held on September 7, 2017.

Board members present: Chairman Mike Tarpley, Vice Chairman Adam Glenn, Billy Rhodes, John Holley, Paul Holmes, Tom Earwood and Jimmy Dobbs. Also present: Superintendent Bill W. Hopkins, Jr.

Chairman Tarpley called the meeting to order.

Mr. Rhodes opened the meeting with prayer and Mr. Holmes led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME

Chairman Tarpley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Holley moved and Mr. Glenn seconded the motion to approve the agenda as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Chairman Tarpley asked if there was anyone in attendance who wished to address the Board.

There were no requests from anyone attending the meeting to address the Board.

FIRST PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2017 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2018- MR. BRIAN BISHOP, MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOLS CFO

Mr. Bishop presented the Board and meeting attendees with the first public budget hearing for fiscal year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018. Copies of the proposed budget to date were made available to the Board and to the meeting attendees.

Mr. Bishop updated the Board on our current number of local teacher units (48). Mr. Bishop told the Board that 48 local teacher units was not a sustainable number for our Board; his target is 30. Mr. Hopkins said that towards Christmas he would be presenting the Board with some ideas on how this issue could be addressed. Mr. Bishop also reviewed revenues, expenditures and programs. Mr. Bishop told the Board that Morgan County Schools is operating with an \$87 million budget.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Earwood asked the Board to consider additional monetary support to band programs to pay for items such as instruments, uniforms, etc.

All Board members thanked Mr. Bishop and his staff for their work on the proposed budget.

The second public budget hearing for fiscal year October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018 will be conducted during the September 14, 2017 business meeting of the MCBOE.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Signed this the _____ day of _____, 2017.

Mike Tarpley, Chairman, Morgan County Board of Education

Bill W. Hopkins, Jr., Superintendent, Morgan County Schools