

**MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2017 MEETING**

The Morgan County Board of Education met in regular session on October 12, 2017 at the Office of the Board, 235 HWY 67 South Decatur AL 35603. A work session was held that evening at 4:30 p.m.; the business meeting was held that evening at 5:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Tarpley called the meeting to order. Mr. Earwood opened the meeting with prayer and Mr. Glenn led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**WELCOME**

Chairman Tarpley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGENDA CHANGES**

Chairman Tarpley asked for the agenda changes to be announced. It was announced the action items 19A and 19B would both be added to tonight's business meeting for consideration. It was also announced that during the work session the Board members had been given all appropriate supporting documentation for each agenda addition.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Chairman Tarpley called for a motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

Mr. Holmes moved and Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

**PRESENTATION BY BAGGETT CONSTRUCTION, INC.-MR. ERIK KALLAS**

Mr. Erik Kallas with Baggett Construction, Inc. presented the Superintendent and Board with a plaque commemorating the bid for the West Morgan High School athletic facility project being awarded by coin toss between the two companies whose bids were tied.

**PRESENTATION BY SENATOR ARTHUR ORR-TEACHER MINI GRANTS**

Senator Orr was unable to attend the meeting tonight. However, the Superintendent stated that funds from the mini grants Senator Orr provided have been delivered to the appropriate schools.

**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 those in attendance at the meeting to address the Board.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**(For the consent agenda, the Board has been furnished with background material on each item. These items will be acted upon with one vote without discussion. If a Board member wishes to discuss any item, it will be pulled off the agenda and voted on separately.)**

#### **MINUTES**

**Approve minutes from the September 7, 2017 meeting of the Morgan County Board of Education. (See attachments)**

**Approve minutes from the September 14, 2017 meeting of the Morgan County Board of Education. (Copies attached)**

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Approve bank reconciliations for the month ended August 31, 2017. (Copies attached)**

**Approve expenses for the month ended August 31, 2017. (Copies attached)**

#### **FIELD TRIPS**

**Approve request for out of state travel on November 7, 2017 from Falkville High School. Approximately forty-seven (47) 9<sup>th</sup> grade Career Prep students and their chaperones will travel to Nashville, TN for the purpose of attending the Tennessee Titans Learning Lab to hear about different job opportunities that are within a professional organization. (Copy attached)**

**Approve request for out of state travel on May 14, 2018 from Priceville Elementary School. Approximately one hundred and twenty (120) third grade students and their chaperones will travel to Chattanooga, TN to visit Rock City, the Tennessee Aquarium and cruise on the Southern Belle Riverboat as a reinforcement of Alabama Course of Study objectives. (Copy attached)**

**Approve request for out of state travel on October 24-28, 2017 from Brewer High School. Approximately three (3) FFA students and their chaperones will travel to Indianapolis, IN to attend the 2017 National FFA Convention. (Copy attached)**

**Approve request for out of state travel on March 13, 2018 from Eva Junior High School. Approximately eighty (80) TAG students from Eva School and Sparkman School will travel to Nashville, TN to tour the Country Music Hall of Fame and visit Laser Quest as part of the TAG units of study, the Alabama Course of Study and the Alabama Gifted Education Standards and Student Outcomes. (Copy attached)**

**Approve request for out of state travel on December 1-2, 2017 from Priceville Elementary School. Approximately twenty-five (25) choir students and their chaperones will travel to Nashville, TN to participate in the Mass Youth Choir for the Nashville Christmas Parade 2017. (Copy attached)**

**Approve request for out of state travel on October 27, 2017 from Cotaco Junior High School. Approximately forty-five (45) 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students and their chaperones will travel to Chattanooga, TN to visit the TN Aquarium as part of life science studies. (See attachments)**

**Approve request for out of state travel on November 15, 2017 from Priceville Elementary School. Approximately thirty-five (35) TAG students will travel to Nashville, TN to visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and RCA Studio B as part of TAG units of study and the Alabama Course of Study. (See attachments)**

**Approve request for out of state travel on December 1-2, 2017 from Brewer High School. Approximately fifteen (15) choir students (BHS and PHS) and their chaperones will travel to Nashville TN to participate in the Nashville Christmas Parade. (See attachments)**

**Approve request for out of state travel on March 25-30, 2018 from West Morgan High School. Approximately ninety (90) band students and their chaperones will travel to Orlando, FL to participate in the Disney's Magic Music Days and perform at the Magic Kingdom Parade. (See attachments)**

#### **CONTRACTS**

**Approve contract for services effective August 1, 2017 through September 29, 2017 with Judith Lee to provide translating and interpreting services as needed for Morgan County Schools. (Copy attached)**

**Approve contract for services effective October 1, 2017 through September 20, 2018 with Donna Banks to provide translating and interpreting services as needed for Morgan County Schools. (Copy attached)**

**Approve employee supplemental contract with Terry Whitman to serve as assistant football coach at Brewer High School effective for contract year 2017-2018. Mr. Whitman is a non-staff/non-certified coach who will be accompanied by certified staff while interacting with students. (Copy attached)**

**Approve employee supplemental contract with Rickey Clemons to serve as 9<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball coach at Brewer High School effective for contract year 2017-2018. Mr. Clemons is a non-staff/non-certified coach who will be accompanied by certified staff while interacting with students. (Copy attached)**

**Approve employee supplemental contract with Robert Burke to serve as assistant soccer coach (girls and boys) at Priceville High School effective for contract year 2017-2018. Mr. Burke is a non-staff/non-certified coach who will be accompanied by certified staff while interacting with students. (Copy attached)**

**Approve employee supplemental contract with Gordon Dale Dilbeck to serve as assistant football coach (shared) at Priceville High School effective for contract year 2017-2018. Mr. Dilbeck is a non-staff/non-certified coach who will be accompanied by certified staff while interacting with students. (Copy attached)**

**Mr. Glenn asked it to be noted that he would be voting on all items with the exception of the minutes from the September 14, 2017 MCBOE meeting. Mr. Glenn was not present for that meeting.**

**Mr. Dobbs moved and Mr. Holley seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented.**

**The motion was unanimously approved with the exception of Mr. Glenn's abstention from the September 14, 2017 MCBOE minutes.**

**APPROVED MOU WITH MORGAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**Mr. Glenn moved and Mr. Holmes seconded the motion to approve memorandum of understanding between Morgan County Sheriff's Office and the Morgan County Board of Education for a school resource officer program effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.**

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

**APPROVED MOU WITH FALKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Mr. Earwood moved and Mr. Dobbs seconded the motion to approve memorandum of understanding between Falkville Police Department and the Morgan County Board of Education for a school resource officer program effective September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.**

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

**APPROVED CONTRACT WITH HOSPICE OF THE VALLEY FRIEND TO FRIEND GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP PROGRAM**

**Mr. Dobbs moved and Mr. Earwood seconded the motion to approve contract between Hospice of the Valley's Friend to Friend Grief Support Group Program and the Morgan County School System effective August 9, 2017 through May 24, 2018.**

**The motion was unanimously approved.**

**APPROVED DAVID WOODARD TO SERVE ON THE 2017-2018 MCS SICK LEAVE BANK COMMITTEE**

Mr. Earwood moved and Mr. Holley seconded the motion to approve David Woodard to serve on the 2017-2018 Morgan County Schools Sick Leave Bank Committee. Mr. Woodard will be replacing Mr. Brian Bishop.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**APPROVED MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOLS FEDERAL PROGRAMS CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

Mr. Dobbs moved and Mr. Holley seconded the motion to approve Morgan County Schools Federal Programs Consolidated Plan 2017-2018 as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**APPROVED REQUEST FOR MAINTENANCE ON MCS FUEL TANKS BY CLEAN FUELS ASSOCIATES**

Mr. Holmes moved and Mr. Holley seconded the motion to approve a request to have Clean Fuels Associates clean and flush all MCS fuel tanks for the sum of \$14,443.00.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**APPROVED NEW MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOLS JOB DESCRIPTION-ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SPECIALIST**

Mr. Dobbs moved and Mr. Holley seconded the motion to approve new Morgan County Schools Job Description for Accounts Payable Specialist as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**APPROVED NEW MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOLS JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PAYROLL SPECIALIST**

Mr. Holley moved and Mr. Holmes seconded the motion to approve new Morgan County Schools Job Description for Payroll Specialist as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**APPROVED FACILITY ASSESSMENT/CAPITAL PLAN PROPOSAL FROM VOLKERT, INC.**

Mr. Holmes moved and Mr. Holley seconded the motion to approve Facility Assessment/Capital Plan Proposal submitted by Volkert, Inc. and dated as September 21, 2017 as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**APPROVED CANDIDATE FOR AASB DISTRICT 8 DIRECTOR**

Mr. Dobbs moved and Mr. Earwood seconded the motion to approve Ronnie Owens as Candidate selected by the MCBOE to serve as AASB District 8 Director.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**Personnel**

(The employment of any individual listed below is on a temporary-emergency basis pending background clearance.)

The Superintendent recommended that personnel items one through twenty-five be approved as written:

1. Accept notice of retirement from her position as CNP worker at Union Hill School effective October 1, 2017 from Patty Childers. (See attachment)
2. Approve employment of John David Crawford as countywide bus driver (Brewer High School) effective October 13, 2017. Mr. Crawford will be replacing Robert Graham who retired. (See attachments)
3. Approve employment of Javonda Johnson as CNP worker at West Morgan Elementary School effective October 13, 2017. Ms. Johnson will be replacing Deborah Proctor who retired. (See attachments)
4. Approve school to school transfer of Kent Tucker from PE teacher ½ time at Falkville High School and ½ time at Falkville Elementary School to PE teacher full-time at Falkville High School effective school year 2017-2018. (See attachments)
5. Approve school to school transfer of Darrell Haynes from PE teacher at Priceville High School to 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade PE teacher at Priceville Junior High School effective school year 2017-2018. (See attachments)
6. Approve school to school transfer of Nancy Frith from ½ time am band teacher at Priceville High School to ½ time 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade band teacher at Priceville Junior High School effective school year 2017-2018. (See attachments)
7. Approve within school reassignment of Jackson Schuster from 7<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teacher to 7<sup>th</sup> grade reading teacher at West Morgan Middle School effective school year 2017-2018. (See attachments)
8. Approve contract for services effective October 13, 2017 through May 25, 2018 with Beverly Stephens to provide tutoring services as needed for Morgan County Schools. (See attachments)
9. Approve contract for services effective October 13, 2017 through May 25, 2018 with Melissa Johnson to provide tutoring services as needed for Morgan County Schools. (See attachments)

10. Approve contract for services effective October 13, 2017 through September 28, 2018 with Jennifer Blocker to provide tutoring services as needed for Morgan County Schools. (See attachments)
11. Approve employee supplemental contract with Alexandria Moore to serve as assistant volleyball coach at Priceville High School effective contract year 2017-2018. (See attachment)
12. Approve employee supplemental contract with Thomas Caldwell to serve as soccer coach (girls) at Priceville High School effective for contract year 2017-2018. (See attachment)
13. Approve contract for services with Angelia Sheppard to provide cleaning services (up to six hours per week) at the Morgan County Schools Maintenance and Transportation building effective October 1, 2017. (See attachments)
14. Approve contract for services with Brittany King to provide cleaning services (up to 14 hours per week) at the Morgan County Central Office effective October 1, 2017. (See attachments)
15. Approve contract for services with Carrie Abercrombie effective October 13, 2017 through September 28, 2018 to provide tutoring services as needed for Morgan County Schools. (See attachments)
16. Approve family medical leave of absence (maternity) request effective October 19, 2017 through January 3, 2018 from Sally Cross, teacher at Danville Neel Elementary School. (See attachment)
17. Approve catastrophic leave request effective September 1, 2017 through October 11, 2017 from Tammie Frye, teacher at Priceville Elementary School. (See attachment)
18. Approve employment of Stacie Harper as countywide bus driver (Sparkman School) effective October 13, 2017. Ms. Harper will be replacing James David Blankenship who resigned. (See attachments)
19. Approve employment of Tonja Tanner Kay as CNP worker at Priceville High School effective October 13, 2017. Ms. Kay will be replacing Tammy Ferrell who resigned. (See attachments)
20. Approve employment of April Marie Vinzant as custodian at Priceville High School effective October 13, 2017. Ms. Vinzant will be replacing Kenneth Thomas who retired. (See attachments)
21. Approve promotion of James Grady Tyler II from countywide bus driver to bus shop assistant/utility driver for the MCS Transportation Department effective October 13, 2017. Mr. Tyler will be replacing Jeffrey Alan Lorraine who transferred. (See attachments)
22. Approve contract for services with Jacob Wray to serve as bus aide as needed from 9-28-17 through 12-18-17 at Priceville Elementary School. (See attachments)
23. Approve contract for services with Agatha Albright to provide after school transportation of students (Union Hill School) effective October 13, 2017 through May 25, 2018. (See attachments)
24. Approve catastrophic leave of absence (extended) request from Melissa Green, CNP worker at West Morgan High School, effective October 2, 2017 through November 3, 2017. (See attachments)
25. Approve school to school transfer of Amy Lemons from SPE teacher at Brewer High School to SPE teacher countywide (LSS) effective school year 2017-2018. (See attachments)

Mr. Rhodes moved and Mr. Dobbs seconded the motion to approve personnel items one through twenty-five as written.

The motion was unanimously approved.

**Informational**

- Facility Assessment/Capital Plan Proposal from Volkert, Inc.
- Weather Procedures Letter to Parents and Stakeholders
- MCS Financial Report for July 2017
- MCS Financial Report for August 2017

**Board Member Comments**

Mr. Holmes gave a report on the AASB District 8 meeting that the Superintendent and many of the MCBOE members recently attended in Decatur. Mr. Earwood gave a report on the 2017 AASB Fall Conference that the Superintendent and many of the MCBOE members recently attended in Montgomery. Mr. Holley asked that a representative from the Morgan County Schools Foundation be asked to attend an upcoming MCBOE meeting and give a report on what the Foundation is currently working on. Mr. Hopkins said that he would work with Mr. Patterson to get that scheduled.

**Adjournment**

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

Signed this the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Mike Tarpley, Chairman, Morgan County Board of Education

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