

## MINUTES OF THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MARCH 25, 2019

The Morgan County Board of Education met in regular session at the Office of the Board, 235 HWY 67 South Decatur, AL 35603, at 6:00 p.m. on March 25, 2019. The Board conducted a work session that evening at 5:30 p.m. The regular meeting date of March 14, 2019 was changed to March 25, 2019 due to Mr. Glenn's unavailability on March 14, 2019.

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

Chairman Earwood called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Mr. Lane Alexander, teacher at Lacey's Spring School, opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Judd Summerford and Mr. Grant Summerford, students at Falkville Elementary School, led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### WELCOME

Chairman Earwood welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGENDA CHANGES

Chairman Earwood called for the announcement of the agenda changes. Mrs. Goode announced that action item 14A is added to the agenda, and that the Board members had received all appropriate supporting documentation related to the addition during the work session.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Earwood called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Mr. Holmes moved and Mr. Dobbs seconded the motion to adopt the agenda.

The motion was unanimously approved.

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP SHOWCASE-FALKVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, PRINCIPAL JILL JONES-BROWN

Ms. Brown, assisted by Falkville Elementary School students Judd and Grant Summerford, updated the Board on current events at the school. Ms. Brown made special mention of the importance of tradition at FES, as well as the importance of community support.

### RECOGNITION OF KARI WATTS, FALKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Miss Kari Watts, student at Falkville High School, was recognized by the Board for being the recipient of the Class 1A Section 7 Bryant Jordan Scholar Athlete of the Year Award.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ALBERT P. BREWER HIGH SCHOOL LADY PATRIOTS

Members of the Albert P. Brewer High School Lady Patriots basketball team were recognized by the Board for being part of the AHSAA 2019 Class 5A Final Four; Northeast Regional Class 5A Champions;

Regular Season 5A Area 15 Champions. Team members: McCarley Northway, Hannah Graves, Madisen Adams, Jacie Andrews, Leisha Steger, Evaiah Burrows, Chloe Danylo, Elizabeth Alexander, Callie Couey, Hope West, Presley Wimberly, and Bronwyn Borden. Coaches are Jeff Andrews, Colton Smith, and Malorie Walker.

#### **RECOGNITION OF FRANK LOOSIER, WEST MORGAN SCHOOLS**

Mr. Frank Loosier, bus driver for West Morgan Schools, was recognized by the Board for being selected the Morgan County Schools Bus Driver of the Year.

#### **PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Chairman Earwood asked if there was anyone who would like to address the Board. There were no requests from those in attendance at the meeting to address the Board.

#### **APPROVED 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 wants to discuss any item, it will be pulled off the consent agenda and voted on separately.)

#### **MINUTES**

Approve as presented the minutes from the February 21, 2019 business meeting of the Morgan County Board of Education. (See attachments)

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Approve as presented the check register accountability report (expenditures) for the month of January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019. (See attachments)

Approve as presented the depository (general fund) and CNP bank reconciliation reports for the month ending January 31, 2019. (See attachments)

Approve as presented the local school bank reconciliation reports for the month ending January 31, 2019. (See attachments)

#### **FIELD TRIPS**

Approve request for out of state travel effective April 22, 2019 from Priceville High School. Approximately forty-four (44) students (from PHS and BHS) and their chaperones will travel to Chattanooga, TN to tour the Art Museum and Aquarium. (See attachment)

Approve request for out of state travel effective May 10, 2019 from Eva Junior High School. Approximately twenty-two (22) students and their chaperones will travel to Austell, GA to participate in Education Day at Six Flags over Georgia. (See attachment)

Approve request for out of state travel effective May 8-10, 2019 from Cotaco Junior High School. Approximately thirty-four (34) students and their chaperones will travel to Louisville, KY to compete in the 2019 National Archery Competition. (See attachment)

Approve request for out of state travel effective May 8-10, 2019 from Brewer High School. Approximately fourteen (14) students and their chaperones will travel to Louisville, KY to compete in the 2019 National Archery Competition. (See attachment)

Approve request for out of state travel effective May 1, 2019 from Falkville High School. Approximately thirty-two (32) students and their chaperones will travel to Atlanta, GA to visit the Bodies Exhibit and the World of Coca-Cola. (See attachment)

Approve request for out of state travel effective April 11-12, 2019 from Brewer High School/Priceville High School. Approximately forty (40) JROTC students and their chaperones will travel to Copperhill, TN to conduct adventure training at Whitewater Express Campground. (See attachment)

Approve request for out of state travel effective May 17, 2019 from West Morgan High School. Approximately forty (40) Spanish club members and their chaperones will travel to Nashville, TN to visit the Nashville Zoo as a cumulative review of an animal unit in Spanish. (See attachment)

#### CONTRACTS

Approve contract for services as presented with Elizabeth Jordan Jennings to provide intervention services (grades K-4) for Morgan County Schools (Sparkman School) effective March 26, 2019 through April 30, 2019. (See attachments)

Approve contract for services as presented with Rebecca Boutwell to provide transportation for student from home to the MCBOE and back each day the student attends school during the 2018-2019 school year, effective March 11, 2019 to May 13, 2019. (See attachment)

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

The motion was unanimously approved.

#### APPROVED PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES PLAN FOR MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOLS CNP

Mr. Rhodes moved and Mr. Dobbs seconded the motion to approve Procurement Procedures Plan for Morgan County Schools Child Nutrition Programs as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

#### APPROVED RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING LEGISLATIVE REPEAL OF ALABAMA ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Mr. Tarpley moved and Mr. Dobbs seconded the motion to approve as presented Resolution Recommending Legislative Repeal of Alabama Accountability Act.

The motion was unanimously approved.

#### APPROVED BID FROM SYNERGETICS, INC.

Mr. Holmes moved and Mr. Tarpley seconded the motion to approve bid from Synergetics DCS, Inc. as presented for interior and exterior Cat 6 and Fiber Optic Cabling for the contract term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

The motion was unanimously approved.

#### PERSONNEL

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

The Superintendent recommends the following personnel items one through nineteen be approved as written:

1. Approve employee supplemental contract with Joshua Scott to serve as technology (representative) at Falkville High School effective contract year 2018-2019. (See attachments)
2. Approve employee supplemental contract with Dustin Lorange to serve as assistant baseball coach at Falkville High School effective contract year 2018-2019. (See attachments)
3. Approve list of additional Morgan County Schools substitute bus drivers as presented, effective March 15, 2019. (See attachment)
4. Accept resignation as countywide (West Morgan Elementary School) reading coach effective March 25, 2019 from Jenille Woodruff. (See attachment)
5. Accept resignation as countywide nurse effective February 28, 2019 from Amy Hopper. (See attachment)
6. Approve revised effective date of the 2019-2020 school year for the school to another school transfer of Julie Mooney from a 5-day a week spur route driver at Sparkman School to 1 day a week spur route driver at Brewer High School. The wrong effective date was listed on the paperwork submitted to the Superintendent's office and sent to the Board for action at their February 21, 2019 meeting. (See attachments)
7. Approve revised effective date of February 21, 2019 as the resignation date for Joel Schrenk as biology/physical education teacher and head football coach at Falkville High School. The effective date Mr. Schrenk listed on his resignation letter accepted by the MCBOE at their February 21, 2019 was incorrect. (See attachment)
8. Approve within school transfer of William D. Thompson from 6<sup>th</sup> grade ELA teacher to full-time SPE teacher at West Morgan Middle School effective school year 2018-2019. This is a new position. (See attachments)
9. Approve medical leave of absence request effective March 1, 2019 through April 1, 2019 from Joy Cumbaa, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade computer teacher at Lacey's Spring School. (See attachment)
10. Accept notice of retirement as 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade computer teacher at Lacey's Spring School effective April 1, 2019 from Joy Cumbaa. (See attachment)
11. Accept notice of retirement as music/art teacher at Danville Neel Elementary School effective June 1, 2019 from Karen Randolph. (See attachment)
12. Accept notice of retirement as a third-grade teacher at Danville Neel Elementary School effective June 1, 2019 from Deborah Burt. (See attachment)
13. Approve family medical leave of absence request (maternity) effective February 15, 2019 through March 25, 2019 from Jada Keeton, K-4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Danville-Neel Elementary School. (See attachment)

14. Accept resignation as custodian at Sparkman School effective March 6, 2019 from Gina Vest. (See attachment)
15. Accept resignation as chemistry, physics/physical science teacher at Priceville High School effective March 15, 2019 from Dr. Charles Holloway. (See attachment)
16. Approve employment of Jeffrey H. Baird as science teacher at Falkville High School effective March 26, 2019. Mr. Baird will be replacing Joel Schrenk who resigned. (See attachments)
17. Approve employment of Katerine Mechele Woodall as K-4 teacher at West Morgan Elementary School effective March 26, 2019. Ms. Woodall will be replacing Jenille Woodruff who is resigning. (See attachments)
18. Approve employment of Vicki Lynn Terry as 5-8 grade English Language Arts teacher at West Morgan Middle School effective March 26, 2019. Ms. Terry will be replacing Darrell Thompson who is being recommended for a within school transfer. (See attachments)
19. Approve employment of Erica Lyn Blackstock as science teacher at Priceville High School effective March 26, 2019. Ms. Blackstock will be replacing Dr. Charles Holloway who is resigning. (See attachments)

Mr. Dobbs moved and Mr. Holley seconded the motion to approve personnel items one through nineteen as written.

The motion was unanimously approved.

#### INFORMATIONAL

- Morgan County Schools Financial Reports per Memo from CFO Dated February 21, 2019 (Copy attached)
- Morgan County Schools Financial Reports for January 2019 (Copy attached)

#### BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- **2019 Alabama Association of School Boards Spring Conference**  
During the work session, Mr. Glenn gave an update on the recently held AASB Spring Conference. Mr. Glenn made special mention of a training session that centered on cybersecurity.
- **2019 School Superintendents of Alabama Legislative Conference**  
The Superintendent gave a brief report to the Board on the recently held SSA Legislative Conference. Availability of the Legislative members was limited during the conference due to the special session.

The Board members also thanked Falkville Elementary School for their presentation, and they congratulated everyone receiving special recognition at the meeting tonight. Mr. Rhodes mentioned that he would like to Board to remember that construction of a new high school at West Morgan is listed on the capital outlay plan for the year 2021.

#### ADJOURNMENT

**With no other business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.**

**Signed this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.**

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**Mr. Tom Earwood, Chairman, Morgan County Board of Education**

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

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**Recorder of Minutes**