

MINUTES OF THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

APRIL 11, 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 April 11, 2019. The Board conducted a work session that evening at 5:30 p.m.

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

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

Miss Lauryn Owen, student at Union Hill Junior High School, opened the meeting with prayer.

Miss Gentry Beard, student at Union Hill Junior High School, led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME

Chairman Earwood welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGENDA CHANGES

Chairman Earwood announced that the Board members had received the agenda changes and applicable supporting documentation during the work session. Added to the agenda in the form of recommendations from the Superintendent were action item number 20A and personnel items thirteen through sixteen.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Earwood called for a motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Mr. Holley moved and Mr. Holmes seconded the motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP SHOWCASE-UNION HILL JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, PRINCIPAL MR. ROBBIE ELLIOTT

Students from Union Hill School shared information about this year's book fair with the Board members, including information about their favorite book. The students also shared a video of this year's school musical, "Decades" with the Board members.

RECOGNITION OF MISS ABBY SPEEGLE, COTACO SCHOOL, 2019 ALABAMA JUNIOR BETA STATE MATH CHAMPION

The Board and Superintendent recognized Miss Abby Speegle, student at Cotaco School, as the 2019 Alabama Junior BETA Math Champion. The Board and Superintendent presented Miss Speegle with a plaque commemorating her accomplishment.

**RECOGNITION OF MISS KATHLEEN WHEELER, PRICEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL,
ALABAMA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION'S 4A GIRLS BASKETBALL
PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

The Board and Superintendent recognized Miss Kathleen Wheeler, student at Priceville High School, as Alabama High School Athletic Association's 4A Girls' Basketball Player of the Year. The Board and Superintendent presented Miss Wheeler with a plaque commemorating her accomplishment.

**RECOGNITION OF MISS MAKENZIE HILL, BREWER CHAPTER OF FAMILY, CAREER,
AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF AMERICA**

The Board and Superintendent recognized Miss Makenzie Hill, student at Albert P. Brewer High School, for receiving several leadership awards from the national Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America organization. The Board and Superintendent presented Miss Hill with a plaque commemorating her accomplishments.

**RECOGNITION OF MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOLS DISTRICT ART WINNERS FOR THE
STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL ART CONTEST**

The Board and Superintendent recognized the system's winners in the State Superintendent's Annual Art Contest. Receiving plaques commemorating their accomplishment were:

MCS DISTRICT WINNERS

- Bethany Stringer-Priceville High School
- Gabrielle Legg-Falkville High School
- Juliana Trotter-Albert P. Brewer High School
- Conner Simms-Albert P. Brewer High School
- Jessica Morrow-Albert P. Brewer High School

ALSDE DIVISION 11-12

- Bethany Speegle-Priceville High School

ALSDE BICENTENNIAL DIVISION 9-10

- Katelynn Bumpus-Priceville High School
- Mya Wigley-Priceville High School

ALSDE BICENTENNIAL DIVISION 11-12

- Makenzie Latham-Albert P. Brewer High School

ALSDE BICENTENNIAL JUDGES CHOICE WINNER

- Andrea Arroyo-Albert P. Brewer High School

The Superintendent also presented Chairman Earwood with a Resolution from the State of Alabama recognizing the Morgan County Board of Education for their efforts to recognize the State's Bicentennial through a celebration of the arts.

PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Chairman Earwood asked if anyone in attendance wished to address the Board. Several individuals expressed interest in speaking before the Board in relation to a recommendation on the business meeting agenda to move the 7th and 8th grade classes at Sparkman Junior High School to Cotaco Junior High School. Chairman Earwood asked those wishing to speak to state their name. Chairman Earwood told those planning to speak they had three minutes of speaking time. Speaking before the Board on the matter were Teresa Paitzel, Sharon Dempsy, Amanda Clark, Ernie Moses, and Beth Serda. The Superintendent and Board members thanked them for their comments and told them to reach out to Mrs. Goode if they would like to speak further to the Superintendent on the matter.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

(For the consent agenda, the Board was 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 an item, it will be pulled off the consent agenda and voted on separately.)

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

MINUTES

Approve as presented the minutes from the March 25, 2019 meeting of the Morgan County Board of Education. (Copies attached)

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Approve as presented the check register accountability report (expenses) for the month ended February 28, 2019. (See attachments)

Approve as presented the depository (general fund) and CNP bank reconciliation reports for the month ending February 28, 2019. (See attachments)

Approve as presented the local school bank reconciliation reports for the month ending February 28, 2019. (See attachments)

OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIPS

Approve as presented an out of state field trip request from Cotaco Junior High School effective June 6-7, 2019. Approximately twenty (20) students and their chaperones will travel to Nashville, TN to attend the Lipscomb College Boys' Basketball Camp. (See attachment)

Approve as presented an out of state field trip request from West Morgan High School effective June 29, 2019 through July 5, 2019. Approximately five (5) students and their chaperones will travel to Anaheim, CA to compete in the 2019 National FCCLA Conference. (See attachment)

Approve as presented an out of state field trip request from Brewer High School effective June 27, 2019 through July 5, 2019. Two (2) students and their chaperones will travel to Anaheim, CA to compete in the 2019 National FCCLA Conference. (See attachment)

Approve as presented an out of state field trip request from Priceville High School effective June 14-15, 2019. Approximately fifteen (15) students and their chaperones will travel to Chattanooga, TN to participate in team play dates at the University of Chattanooga. (See attachment)

Approve as presented an out of state field trip request from Priceville High School effective June 18-20, 2019. Approximately fifteen (15) students and their chaperones will travel to Murray, KY to participate in team play dates at Murray State University. (See attachment)

Approve as presented an out of state field trip request from Brewer High School effective June 6-8, 2019. Approximately fourteen (14) students and their chaperones will travel to Nashville, TN to attend the David Lispcomb Basketball camp. (See attachment)

Approve as presented an out of state field trip request from Priceville High School effective June 28, 2019 through July 5, 2019. One (1) student and their chaperone will travel to Anaheim, CA to compete in the 2019 National FCCLA Conference. (See attachment)

CONTRACTS

Approve as presented a supplemental contract with Gordon Dale Dilbeck to serve as assistant baseball coach at Priceville High School effective for contract year 2018-2019. (See attachments)

Approve as presented a contract for services with A & S Quality Lawncare to provide ground services as specified in Morgan County Board of Education Bid No. 17-01, and effective April 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019. This is an extension to bid 17-01. (See attachment)

Approve as presented a contract for services with Lecroy's Lawncare to provide ground services as specified in Morgan County Board of Education Bid No. 17-01, and effective April 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019. This is an extension to bid 17-01. (See attachment)

Approve as presented a contract for services with Stinson Lawncare to provide grounds services as specified in Morgan County Board of Education Bid No 17-01 and effective April 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019. This is an extension to bid 17-01. (See attachment)

Approve as presented a contract for services with Kimberly Keel to provide nursing services for Morgan County Schools effective April 22, 2019 through May 23, 2019. (See attachments)

The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVED REQUEST FROM WEST MORGAN TO HOST BASKETBALL CAMP

Mr. Rhodes moved and Mr. Tarpley seconded the motion to approve request from West Morgan Girls' Varsity Basketball team to use the gymnasiums at West Morgan Middle School and West Morgan High School May 28th-31st, 2019 to host a basketball camp.

The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVED REQUEST FROM PRICEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL TO HOST BASKETBALL CAMP (GIRLS)

Mr. Dobbs moved and Mr. Tarpley seconded the motion to approve request from the Priceville High Girls' Basketball team to use the Priceville High School gymnasium May 28th-31st, 2019 to host the 12th Annual Morgan County Girls' basketball camp.

The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVED REQUEST FROM PRICEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL TO HOST BASKETBALL CAMP (BOYS)

Mr. Dobbs moved and Mr. Holley seconded the motion to approve request from the Priceville Boys' Basketball team to use the Priceville High School gymnasiums June 3rd-7th, 2019 to host a basketball camp.

The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVED RELOCATION OF CLASSES AT SPARKMAN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL TO COTACO JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Dobbs moved and Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion to approve moving the 7th and 8th grade classes at Sparkman Junior High School to Cotaco Junior High School effective with the beginning of the 2019-2020 academic year.

The motion was unanimously approved.

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING APPLIFICATION IN THE CLASSROOM

Mr. Dobbs moved to approve as presented proposal regarding amplification in the classroom (all pre-kindergarten through second grade classrooms).

The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Rhodes moved and Mr. Dobbs seconded the motion to table this item to next month's meeting.

The motion to table the item was unanimously approved.

APPROVED PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING FROM TERRACON (FHS)

Mr. Tarpley moved and Mr. Holmes seconded the motion to approve as presented a proposal for construction materials testing services from Terracon related to the Falkville High School Agricultural Sciences Building.

The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVED PROPOSAL FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING FROM TERRACON (UHS)

Mr. Holley moved and Mr. Rhodes seconded the motion to approve as presented a proposal for construction materials testing services from Terracon related to the Union Hill K-8 School Kitchen/Cafeteria.

The motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVED RESOLUTION REGARDING ISSUANCE OF SCHOOL TAX WARRANTS

Mr. Dobbs moved and Mr. Holley seconded the motion to approve as presented a resolution authorizing the issuance of school tax warrants (federally taxable), series 2019-B.

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 recommended that personnel items one through sixteen be approved as written:

1. Approve request for intermittent family leave effective January 4, 2019 through May 24, 2019 from Diane Ryan, teacher at Lacey's Spring School. (See attachment)
2. Accept notice of retirement effective June 1, 2019 from Phillip S. Hardy, 8th grade teacher at Danville Middle School. (See attachment)
3. Accept notice of retirement effective June 1, 2019 from Julia L. Randolph, biology teacher at Priceville High School. (See attachment)
4. Approve request for family medical leave of absence (extended) effective April 1, 2019 through April 17, 2019 from Rachelle Tuck, bookkeeper at Danville Middle School. (See attachment)
5. Approve contract for services with Bonnie Peck effective March 26, 2019 to provide transportation for an eligible student to their home for their abbreviated school day. (See attachment)
6. Approve catastrophic leave of absence request effective February 11, 2019 through April 8, 2019 from Catrina Mason, teacher at Priceville High School. (See attachment)
7. Approve family medical leave of absence request (maternity leave) effective April 26, 2019 through May 13, 2019 from Amie Hall, certified librarian at Lacey's Spring School. (See attachment)
8. Approve the employment of Kimberlee Michelle Keel as countywide nurse (LPN) effective August 6, 2019. Ms. Keel will be replacing Amy Hopper who resigned. (See attachments)
9. Accept resignation effective May 24, 2019 from Courtney Tittle, 3rd-grade teacher at Danville-Neel Elementary School. (See attachment)

10. Accept resignation effective April 18, 2019 from John David Crawford, countywide bus driver (serving at Union Hill School). (See attachment)
11. Accept notice of retirement effective July 1, 2019 from David Estes, principal at Eva Junior High School. (See attachment)
12. Approve employment of William Tyler Mitchell as teacher-secondary education and head football coach at Falkville High School effective April 12, 2019 (football coach) and August 1, 2019 (teacher). This is a new position. (See attachments)
13. Approve retirement notice effective July 1, 2019 from Mary Speegle, principal at Priceville Junior High School. (See attachment)
14. Accept resignation effective June 30, 2019 from Jeanne Heflin, bookkeeper at Priceville Junior High School. (See attachment)
15. Approve revised effective date of employment for Jeffery Baird, science teacher at Falkville High School, to be February 26, 2019.
16. Accept retirement notice effective June 1, 2019 from Amelia R. Clark, first-grade teacher at West Morgan Elementary School. (See attachment)

Mr. Holmes moved and Mr. Glenn seconded the motion to approve personnel items one through sixteen as written.

The motion was unanimously approved.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

The Board members congratulated everyone receiving awards tonight and thanked Union Hill Junior High School for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Signed this the _____ day of _____, 2019.

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

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

Recorder of Minutes