

Morgan County Board of Education

Work Session Notes

March 14, 2024

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

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:

- **Projected completion date for Phase I of the new classroom addition at Union Hill School is May 1st, 2024. Projected completion date for Phase I and II of the project is July 31st, 2024. The project is currently 3 months off schedule.**
- **Projected contract completion date for the new Priceville Junior High School is July 23rd, 2025. This project is on track. The gym is scheduled for delivery on March 25th, and the pad for the kitchen is scheduled to be poured next week.**

The Superintendent invited Mrs. Tara Humphries, Chief School Finance Officer for Morgan County Schools, to provide a report on the proposal from Heartland that is being recommended on tonight's business meeting agenda. Included in Mrs. Humphries' report:

- **One of the highlights of the service is the ability to take credit card payments at concessions stands.**
- **The Superintendent did state that we would continue to accept cash as a payment option.**

The Superintendent invited Mr. Cliff Booth, Human Resources Director for Morgan County Schools, to provide a report on implementation of the new Frontline HR product. Included in Mr. Booth's report:

- **The service requires only one login (username and password) to access the forms.**
- **The service is scheduled to be up and running by April 1st, 2024.**

The Superintendent invited Mr. Trey Chowning, Technology Supervisor/Coordinator for Morgan County Schools, to provide a report on the Morgan County Schools Board of Education Incident Response Plan Version 1 this is being recommended on tonight's business meeting agenda. Included in Mr. Chowning's report:

- **The Alabama State Department of Education requires generation of the plan.**
- **This plan is a communication tool with our stakeholders in the event of a cyber situation.**

Also included in the Superintendent's report:

- **We will be working on an Artificial Intelligence policy over the summer.**
- **The Superintendent has observed the hard work of our counselors and teachers during testing.**

- **An extension of the deadline to use ESSER money is in place for the purchase of on-line curriculum products. Our staff has assessed our needs and several recommendations for on-line curriculum products are recommended on tonight's business meeting agenda.**
- **Our Average Daily Membership (ADM) number is issued and stands at 7328.**
- **We will work to complete several Capital Outlay Projects this summer including: the Cotaco car line project; paving at the WMMS/WMHS campus; painting the halls at WMMS, HVAC improvements at UHS and DNES; roofing at BHS; fencing at FHS/FES through the grant we received.**

Announcement of Agenda Changes

- **Chairman Holmes called for the announcement of the agenda changes.**
- **Added to the agenda in the form of recommendations from the Superintendent: Action Item 19A and personnel items 13 through 18. The Board members received a list of the changes and supporting documentation as it applies.**

Board Member Comments

- **Board members thanked the MCS team for all of their hard work.**