

MINUTES OF THE MORGAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

JANUARY 11, 2024

5:00 P.M.

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

Work Session at 4:30 p.m.

The Morgan County Board of Education met at the Office of the Board, 235 HWY 67 S Decatur AL 35603, at 5:00 p.m. on January 11, 2024 for a regular business meeting. The MCBOE conducted a work session at 4:30 p.m. that evening.

Present: Chairman Paul Holmes, Vice Chairman Jimmy Dobbs, Board members Mike Tarpley, Chris Humphries, Adam Glenn, and Superintendent Tracie Turrentine.

Absent: Board members John Holley and Billy Rhodes.

Chairman Holmes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Matt Adams opened the meeting with prayer and Mr. Daniel Gullion led the Pledge of Allegiance.

WELCOME

Chairman Holmes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF AGENDA CHANGES

Chairman Holmes announced that Mr. Holly and Mr. Rhodes are absent from the meeting, and called for the announcement of the agenda changes.

Added to the agenda in the form of recommendations from the Superintendent: Personnel items nine through seventeen, with supporting documentation supplied as it applies.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Holmes called for a motion to adopt the agenda.

Mr. Dobbs moved and Mr. Glenn seconded the motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

The motion received unanimous approval.

PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

(In order to present a matter to the Board, a written request must be submitted to the Superintendent's office five (5) days prior to the scheduled Board meeting in order to be included on the agenda. No items will be presented by the public or the employees that are not on the agenda. (MCBOE Policy 2.05.5 Public Participation)

Chairman Holmes asked if there was anyone to address the Board; there is not.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED

(The Board is furnished with background material for each item on the consent agenda. These items will be acted upon with one vote without discussion. If a Board member wants to discuss an item, the item will be pulled off the consent agenda and voted on separately.)

A. Minutes

Approve as presented the Minutes of the Morgan County Board of Education December 14, 2023.

B. Financial Reports

Approve as presented the Morgan County Board of Education Reconciliation Reports for the Depository Account and Child Nutrition Program Depository, Statement Ending Date: 11/30/2023.

Approve as presented the Reconciliation Reports for the Morgan County Board of Education's Local Schools, Statement Ending Dates: 11/30/2023.

C. Memorandums of Understanding/Agreement

Approve as presented a Learning Partnership Memorandum of Understanding between Athens State University and Morgan County Schools.

D. Out of State Field Trip Requests

Approve as presented an Out of State Field Trip Request from Priceville High School (P. Potter), traveling to Louisville, Kentucky effective April 2nd-4th, 2024.

Mr. Humphries moved and Mr. Tarpley seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

The motion received unanimous approval.

APPROVED VERKADA-TIPS CONTRACT

Mr. Glenn moved and Mr. Tarpley seconded the motion to approve as presented the Verkada-TIPS Contract #220105.

The motion received unanimous approval.

PERSONNEL

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

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

1. Accept as presented a resignation notice effective December 15, 2023 from Kayla Cox, cafeteria worker at Lacey's Spring School.
2. Approve as presented the employment of Tonya Sharee Champion as a countywide (Cotaco) special education aide effective January 12, 2024. This is a new position.

3. Approve as presented the transfer of Rebecca Annette Oden from AP clerk/CNP at the Central Office to school bookkeeper at Eva School effective January 12, 2024. Ms. Oden will replace Judi Graveman who retired.
4. Approve as presented Contracts for Services with the following individuals (effective dates on each contract):
 - John Keahey AMSTI Driver Countywide
 - Kayla Hall After School Tutoring Union Hill School
 - Nicolee Johnson After School Tutoring Cotaco
 - Kathryn McCoy After School Tutoring WMES
 - Eileen Hurt After School Tutoring WMES
5. Accept as presented a resignation notice from Kenneth Golden, head baseball coach at Brewer High School, effective January 4, 2024.
6. Accept as presented a resignation notice from Taylor Sasser, assistant baseball coach at Brewer High School, effective January 4, 2024.
7. Approve as presented Employee Supplemental Contracts with the following individuals (effective dates on each contract):
 - Jordan Sasser Baseball Brewer High School
 - Dustin Lorance Asst. Baseball Brewer High School
 - Bonita Cothren Tennis Coach Priceville High
8. Approve as presented a resignation notice from Chris Foster, head football coach at Priceville High School, effective January 4, 2024.
9. Approve January 11, 2024 as the revised resignation date for Kelsey Gilmer.
10. Accept as presented a resignation notice effective January 11, 2024 from Joshua Lybrand, social studies teacher at Falkville High School.
11. Approve as presented Contracts for Services with the following individuals (effective dates on each contract):
 - Judi Graveman Bookkeeper Training for Replacement Eva Jr. High
 - Jackie Teague After School Tutoring Union Hill School
12. Approve as presented the employment of Nicole Terry Shirley as a countywide (West Morgan Middle School) special education teacher effective January 12, 2024. Ms. Shirley will replace Ashlynn Wallace who resigned.
13. Approve as presented the employment of Jennifer Shawn Smith as a countywide (Priceville Elementary School) special education aide effective January 12, 2024. Ms. Smith will replace Sabrina Estes who resigned.
14. Accept as presented a resignation notice effective January 11, 2024 from Chris Foster, teacher at Priceville High School.

15. Approve as presented the employment of Kari West as an elementary teacher at Falkville Elementary School effective January 12, 2024. Ms. West will replace Kelsey Gilmer who resigned.

16. Approve as presented Employee Supplemental Contracts with the following individuals (effective dates on each contract):

- Edwin Wayne Harris MS Assistant Baseball Danville Middle

17. Approve as presented the promotion of Christopher Matthew Adams from Principal at West Morgan Middle School to Director of Secondary Education and Mental Health for Morgan County Schools effective January 12, 2024. This is a new position.

Mr. Dobbs moved and Mr. Humphries seconded the motion to approve personnel items number one through seventeen as written.

The motion received unanimous approval.

INFORMATIONAL

- Financial Statements for October 2023
- Within Current School Transfers

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business before the Board, Chairman Holmes called for a motion to adjourn.

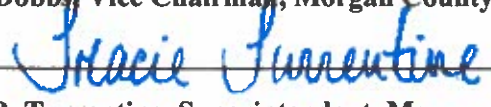
Mr. Dobbs moved and Mr. Glenn seconded the motion to adjourn.

The motion received unanimous approval and the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Signed this the 9th day of February, 2024.



Jimmy Dobbs, Vice Chairman, Morgan County Board of Education



Tracie R. Turrentine, Superintendent, Morgan County Schools



Recorder of Minutes

Morgan County Board of Education

Work Session Notes

January 11, 2024 4:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Board Members John Holley and Billy Rhodes.

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:

- **Revised completion date for the new classroom addition at Union Hill School is May 29, 2024. Window installation is scheduled for next week. Power to the facility should be turned on January 22nd. Phase one should be complete the middle of March. We are on track with the budget numbers.**
- **Completion date for the new Priceville Junior High School is July 23, 2025. We are on track with the budget numbers. The gym will be delivered the middle of March. Work pouring slabs and laying blocks is underway for the next month.**

Included in the Superintendent's report to the Board:

- **Update on proposed use of the Sparkman site.**
 - **We have reached out to Calhoun about the possibility of using the Sparkman site as an instructional facility for healthcare sciences. This was in response to Governor Ivey's desire to see more healthcare sciences to grow the State's healthcare workforce, and the legislature splitting the grant money among colleges, one possibly being Calhoun.**
 - **The site is centrally located in the middle of the county and could serve students from throughout the county.**
 - **The endeavor would not take away from our current Career Technical Education program; it would add new pathways tied to job vacancies within Morgan County.**
 - **This would also add various adult education pathways and community initiatives.**
 - **We could know something on the grant proposal as early as February.**
 - **The Superintendent will recommend a new name for the site at the next Board meeting.**

Board Member Comments

- **Mr. Dobbs reported on the upcoming Alabama Association of School Boards (AASB) Spring Conference taking place locally at the Westin, Huntsville, AL. Attendees will have an opportunity to tour the Alabama School of Cyber Technology and Engineering as well as participate in the Poverty Simulation all of our teachers go through. Mr. Dobbs said the locality of the conference makes it a good time for Board members to earn training hours; he encouraged our Board members to attend. AASB is marking their 75th year of providing training to Board members throughout the State.**
- **Mr. Holmes noted that the contract for the system's Chief School Finance Officer states they will be evaluated annually. Mr. Holmes would like to see us get the evaluation done in**

April or May. The same evaluation model used last year will be used for this year's evaluation. Mr. Holmes will get with Mrs. Goode to schedule the evaluation.

Agenda Changes

- **Added to the agenda in the form of recommendations from the Superintendent: personnel items nine through seventeen. The Board members are supplied with a list of the agenda changes and supporting documentation as it applies.**

Board Member Comments

- **The proposed use of the Sparkman site is good news; these are exciting times for our system and the Board is looking forward to it.**
- **Please keep Mr. Holley and Mr. Rhodes in your thoughts and prayers as they are both under the weather a little bit and have some issues going on.**