

Morgan County Board of Education

Work Session Notes

September 14, 2023

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

Superintendent's Report

- **Mr. Robert L. Elliott, Jr., New Construction Point of Contact for Morgan County Schools, provided an update on new construction projects:**
 1. **Operations at the new West Morgan High School are running fairly well. We are waiting on the contractor, Nearen, to finish the close out documents. This project was over budget \$193,836.00 from what the Board approved. Some of that was due to things that we added. This will be the last report Mr. Elliott gives on this project.**
 2. **The one year warranty on the new West Morgan High School started June 28, 2023.**
 3. **The New Athletic Facility at Danville High School failed final inspection; we are looking at the end of September for the next attempt at final inspection on this project. There were some ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) issues that lead to the project not passing final inspection. These issues are resolved now. We will probably run over budget on this project due to the things that we have added. If it passes the next final inspection, Mr. Elliott will have final monetary numbers for the Board.**
 4. **We have moved into the New Administrative Addition at Brewer High School with no issues. The contractor was able to save some money on this project; the Board will act on a deduct Change Order on this project at tonight's business meeting (-\$13,394.71). This is the last report Mr. Elliott gives on this project.**
 5. **The New Classroom Addition at Union Hill School is basically on track; the FEMA doors are on backorder. We are two weeks behind schedule. We were six weeks behind schedule, but a new supervisor was brought in by the contractor and we have worked to catch back up. November 30th is the projected date for the UHS classroom addition project to be dried in; phases I and II are projected for completion on May 14, 2024.**
 6. **The contractor for the New Priceville Junior High School started September 5, 2023. The first Owner/Architect meeting for the project is scheduled for next week. July 23, 2025 is the projected completion date for the project.**
- **Enrollment this time last year: 7593 students. Current enrollment: 7613 students. We are up 20 students from this time last year.**
- **We have worked to restructure our maintenance department. We are looking at work based learning opportunities for our High School students that will work within their existing class schedules. These students would work under the maintenance department structure. We have received several applications from students for this opportunity.**
- **Applications to become a Charter School Authorizer are due to the State by November 1st. The BOE will need to decide if they want to vote on applying to become an authorizer or not. If the Board applies and is selected, we would have a seat at the table regarding Charter Schools in the area. The Board would have to complete training if their application was approved, and would have to reapply every five years.**
- **Board members have reached new levels in the Alabama Association of School Boards Training Academy:**
 1. **Chris Humphries has achieved Level 3 Certification.**
 2. **Mike Tarpley has achieved Master Level 10th Year.**

3. **John Holley has achieved Master Level 3rd Year.**
4. **Jimmy Dobbs achieved the Master Honor Roll in a previous year.**
5. **All of our BOE members have met the required 6 hours of training of the School Board Governance Improvement Act during the 22-23 Academy year which ended June 30th.**

Announcement of Agenda Changes

- **Agenda Changes were not called for during the Work Session.**

Board Member Comments

- **The Board chose the Americans with Disabilities Act as the training topic for their annual Whole Board Training. Mrs. Goode will work to schedule the training to take place before the January 2024 regular business meeting.**
- **The Board offers its condolences to the family of former MCBOE District 1 Representative Mr. Kenneth Henson who recently passed away.**
- **Mr. Rhodes would like student enrollment numbers for the Falkville, West Morgan, Danville, and Priceville elementary, middle, and high schools by the next Board meeting. He does not want the numbers for the Brewer feeder pattern or Brewer High School.**