

Morgan County Board of Education

Work Session Notes

November 9, 2023

Present: Chairman John Holley, Vice Chairman Paul Holmes, Board Members Billy Rhodes, Mike Tarpley, Jimmy Dobbs, Chris Humphries, Adam Glenn, 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:

- **We are still waiting on the close out documents for the new West Morgan High School.**
- **All of the remaining punch list items for the new Danville High School Athletic Facility are on back order. We are still waiting on the close out documents for this project. We are using the facility now.**
- **The new Classroom Addition at Union Hill School is not any further behind. May 29, 2024 is the revised completion date for this project. Phase I is scheduled for completion on March 1st. Upon questions from the Board members, Mr. Elliott reported that the project is running six to eight weeks behind, not counting the time we have allotted the contractor.**
- **July 23, 2025 is the contract completion date for the new Priceville Junior High School. The project is moving along and is currently ahead of schedule. All footing should be poured by December 1st.**

Included in the Superintendent's report to the Board:

- **The STAR Fall Festival was a success. Payment for the event came through volunteers and vendors. Over 80 students from across the county attended the event. We want to make this an annual event for our system.**
- **All five of our high school volleyball teams made it to the Regional playoffs with Brewer's team advancing to the State competition.**
- **The West Morgan High School and Priceville High School football teams have both made it to the playoffs. West Morgan will play tonight and Priceville will play Friday night.**
- **Our high school bands all won awards during recent competitions.**
- **Mr. David Woodard, payroll accountant for Morgan County Schools, will be retiring after 32 years of service to the system. We thank Mr. Woodard for his service.**
- **Falkville Elementary School and Danville High School are now designated Blue Ribbon Schools Lighthouse Schools for the first time. Cotaco School and Priceville Junior High School are designated Lighthouse Schools for the second time. Three other schools in our system are undergoing evaluation for Lighthouse School status.**
- **Mr. Jimmy Dobbs was elected to a second term as the Alabama Association of School Board's District 8 Director. We congratulate Mr. Dobbs on his election to this position.**
- **A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Danville High School Athletic Facility is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.**
- **Our local schools held Veterans Day programs again this year and each school did a great job with these student led programs. Thank you to our JROTC teachers and students for participating in these programs. Mrs. Turrentine said that she observed many of our younger students looking up to the JROTC students during the programs and it is good to see the influence the JROTC students are having on them.**

Announcement of Agenda Changes

- Deleted from the agenda: Under D. Memorandums of Understanding/Agreement on the Consent Agenda-Recommendation to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with Generation Genius, Inc.
- Added to Number 9, Public to Address the Board: Ms. Mercedes Tidwell
- Added to the Agenda: Action Items 19A and 19B
- Added to the Agenda: Personnel Items 15 through 20

Board members received a listing of the agenda changes with supporting documentation as it applies.

Board Member Comments

- Board members thanked the Superintendent for her representation of the system at the recently held State of Education Forum.
- Board members thanked our Veterans for their service, including their fellow Board member Mr. Adam Glenn.
- Board members wished everyone a good Thanksgiving holiday.
- Chairman Holley thanked the Board for their support during his term as Board Chairman this year.