

Board Update

Board Members

David Ambrose, President
Aaron Close, Vice President
John Rowland
Laura Smith
Patricia Springer

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Board Meeting
November 18, 2014

Regular Meeting

The Morgan County Board of Education met in a regular session on Tuesday, November 18, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Offices located at 247 Harrison Avenue, Berkeley Springs, WV.

David Ambrose, President presided. Aaron Close, John Rowland Patricia Springer and Laura Smith, Members, and David Banks, Superintendent were present.

Present were: Administrators – Joan Willard, Assistant Superintendent. Ann Bell, Treasurer. Others – Carol Coryea, Matthew Ginevan, Tristan Kesner, Chris Poniris and Betsy Buser. Media – Kate Evans, *Morgan Messenger*.

I. Call to Order

President Ambrose called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Ambrose led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

All Board of Education members were present.

IV. Approval of Agenda and Addenda

The board approved the Agenda and Addenda.

V. Presentations

A. NASA-MMS Project – Paw Paw Schools

Teachers Carol Coryea and Chris Poniris along with students Matthew Ginevan and Tristan Kesner gave an overview of their classes' collaborative journey to build a scale model of NASA's MMS.

VI. Reports/Communications

A. President of the Board

NOTE: Mr. Ambrose encouraged all board members to read WVBE's Commission on School District Governance Report.

B. Board of Education Members

NOTE: Mrs. Smith stated that the November WVSBA Workshop was informative.

C. Superintendent

NOTE: Superintendent Banks informed the board that Morgan County teachers received 8 grants from the Eastern WV Community Foundation.

NOTE: Superintendent Banks stated that the meal counts were up for this school year particularly at the secondary schools.

VII. Public Comments: NONE

VIII. Consent Agenda (Action)

The superintendent recommends approval of the following consent actions as presented:

- A. Minutes of the November 3, 2014 Regular Meeting
- B. Payment of Bills
- C. Budget Adjustments (if necessary)
- D. Volunteers (BSHS, GES, PPS, WSIS, WSMS & WES)

The board approved Agenda Item VIII.A-D – Consent Agenda.

IX. Personnel

The superintendent recommends approval of the following personnel actions as presented:

A. Professional

- Employment
 1. Diana Hiles, Substitute Teacher, County, effective November 19, 2014 contingent upon meeting employment requisites.

B. Service

- Employment
 1. Rodney Kelley, Bus Operator, County, effective beginning November 19, 2014.(015-177)

C. Extracurricular/Extra Duty Assignment

- Employment
 1. Christopher Davisson, Head Baseball Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.(015-176)
 2. Lucas Andrews, Unpaid Assistant Wrestling Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective for the 2014-2015 school year.
 3. Rich Ellis, Unpaid Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective for the 2014-2015 school year.
 4. Mark Mills, Unpaid Assistant Girls Basketball Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective for the 2014-2015 school year.
- Leave of Absence
 1. Scott Lykins, Science Fair Co-Coordinator, County, effective for the 2014-2015 school year.

D. Professional Staff Development

1. Compensate the following individuals for attending the Crisis Team Workshop on October 20 for 1 hour – Funding Source – Title II

Alena Sweigart	Candice Pennington
Aaron Sorg	Dusty Jenkins

2. Compensate the following individuals for attending the High Quality Standards Workshop on October 28 for 2 hours each – Funding Source – Title II

Rachel Hopkins	Amber Guthrie
Tamara Bittorf	Staci Smith
Heather Lorigan (1.25 hours)	

3. Compensate the following individuals for attending the Engrade Workshop at Berkeley Springs High School on November 12, 2014 from 3:15-4:15 – Funding Source – Title II

Robert Lindsey	Stephanie Hankey
Sherry Hartman	Jeff Hankey
Amber Guthrie	Leigh Jenkins
Wendy Webster	Laura Steepleton
Kate Stotler	Rachel Hopkins

The board approved Agenda Item IX.A-D – Personnel.

X. Out-of-State Travel

- A. Ron Bittinger, Jodi Bittinger, Jeremy Horvat and BSHS Economics Students (approx. 40) to New York City Financial District. – Funding Source – BSHS Economics Class

The board approved Agenda Item X.A.

- B. Ron Bittinger, Jodi Bittinger, Kate Stotler, Jeremy Horvat and BSHS Contemporary Studies Students (approx.. 50) to Washington, DC – Funding Source – BSHS Economics Class

The board approved Agenda Item X.B.

XI. Executive Session

The board entered into executive session pursuant to West Virginia Code 6-9A-4(2)(B) to discuss personnel matters. The Board entered into executive session at 7:48 p.m. President Ambrose reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:12 p.m. Action was taken later in the meeting.

XII. Personnel Action

- A. Recommendation of the Superintendent for disciplinary action against a service personnel employee.

The board approved to accept the Superintendent's recommendation for a two day suspension for service personnel employee Sharon Munson, Aide, Paw Paw Schools, without pay.

XIII. Calendar of Events

Nov. 24-28	Thanksgiving Break	
December 2	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
December 16	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
Dec. 24-Jan. 2	Christmas Break	
January 6	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Action on Early Retirement Notifications	
January 20	Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	Warm Springs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">LSIC – Warm Springs Intermediate	Intermediate
February 3	Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	Greenwood Elementary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">LSIC – Greenwood ElementaryConduct Hearings on Reduction in Force (if necessary)	
February 5	Special Meeting, 6:00 p.m.	Board Office
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Conduct Hearings on Reduction in Force (if necessary)	
February 17	Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	Warm Springs Middle
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Action on Reduction in Force (if necessary)LSIC – Warm Springs Middle	

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:15 p.m.