

Board Update

Board Members

David Ambrose, President
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Board Meeting
January 14, 2014

Regular Session

The Morgan County Board of Education met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. at Paw Paw Schools located at 60 Pirate Circle, Paw Paw, WV.

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

Present were: Administrators – Joan Willard, Assistant Superintendent and Nancy White, Treasurer. Director - Kandy Kulus. Others - Pete Gordon, Chad Braithwaite, Megan Brown, Rebecca Pracht, Tina Stickley, Holly Palmer, Jeromy Duelle, Chris Poniris, Lana Loya, Richie Kesner, Emma Kesner, Anthony McBee, Zack Harrold, Melissa Salvatore, Austin Gloyd, Trent Fletcher, Christian Braithwaite, Beth Delawder, Kelly White, Melissa Braithwaite, Michael Pracht, Cindy Lease, Angela Lister, Rebecca Ryan, Shanna Poniris, Talia Fravel, Carol Coryea, Anne Helmick, Melinda Kasekamp and Betsy Buser. Media – Kate Evans, *Morgan Messenger*.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Ambrose at 6:30 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. LSIC – Paw Paw Schools

Representing Paw Paw Schools were Melinda Kasekamp, Principal; Jeromy Duelle, Assistant Principal; Staff – Chris Poniris, Melissa Salvatore, Rebecca Ryan, Carol Coryea, Anne Helmick, Tina Stickley and Rebecca Pracht,; Students – Michael Pracht, Megan Brown, Christian Braithwaite and Tristan Kesner. A report was provided addressing the following areas: school performance, curriculum, strategic plan, school climate, communication and facilities/maintenance.

B. Extra Miler Awards

Extra Miler certificates were presented to the following individuals who serve Paw Paw Schools. The Extra Miler award is presented to individuals who consistently go beyond job expectations and are a positive representative for the school/school system.

Amy Emmerling	Melissa Salvatore
Shanna Poniris	Lana Loya
Anthony McBee	Beth Delawder
Lindsey Curtain	

VI. Reports/Communications

A. President of the Board

NOTE: President Ambrose gave notice of a lawsuit filed by the anti-levy group with the Circuit Court regarding the levy election.

B. Board of Education Members

C. Superintendent

NOTE: Superintendent Banks stated that the WV Office of School Finance gave notice of a statewide revenue shortfall which resulted in budget reductions for our county budget.

NOTE: Superintendent Banks gave a brief update on changes to the school calendar which will take effect with the 2014-2015 school year.

VII. Public Comments: None

VIII. Consent Agenda (Action)

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

- A. Minutes of the December 17, 2013, Regular Meeting
- B. Payment of Bills
- C. Budget Adjustments (if necessary)
- D. Out of County Transfer

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 Personnel

- Employment
 1. Matthew Griffith, Substitute Teacher, County, effective January 2, 2014, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.
 2. Michael Powell, School Psychologist, County, effective beginning July 1, 2014.(014-189)
 3. Robert Dugan, Substitute Teacher, County, effective beginning January 14, 2014, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.
 4. Dennis Sieglaff, Substitute Teacher, County, effective beginning January 14, 2014, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.
 5. Jessica Taylor, Substitute Teacher, County, effective beginning January 14, 2014, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.

- Retirement
 1. Pete Gordon, Math Teacher, Berkeley Springs High School, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2014.
 2. Terry Linn, Math Teacher, Berkeley Springs High School, effective at the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year.
 3. Richard Trainor, Physical Education Teacher, Widmyer Elementary/Pleasant View Elementary, effective at the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year.
 4. Richard Weber, Principal, Widmyer Elementary School, effective at the end of the day June 30, 2014.
- Resignation
 1. Barbara Douglas, 3rd Grade Teacher, Warm Springs Intermediate School, effective at the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year.

B. Service Personnel

- Employment
 1. Approve the following individuals as Substitute Mechanics, effective January 7, 2014, contingent upon meeting employment requisites:(014-164)
 - Marshall Stotler
 - David Szaloki
 - Tom Curtis
 2. Approve the following individuals as Substitute Clerks, effective January 7, 2014, contingent upon meeting employment requisites:(014-090)

Diane Clark	Laura Garland
Lexa Kirk	Rebecca Pracht
Jamie Ryan	Scarlett Ward
- Abolish the following position effective January 14, 2014:
 - 1.0 Secretary, Paw Paw Schools
- Additional Position effective January 14, 2014:
 - .5 Secretary, Paw Paw Schools
- Unpaid Leave of Absence
 1. Staci Jenkins, Cook, Warm Springs Middle School, from October 21, 2013 to December 11, 2013 for family illness.
- Retirement
 1. Chris Bosley, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective at the end of the day on July 14, 2014.
 2. Lucretia Eaves, Secretary, Warm Springs Intermediate School, effective at the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year.
 3. Linda Hovermale, Aide, Widmyer Elementary, effective at the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year.
 4. Larry Sarti, Bus Driver, Transportation, effective at the conclusion of the 2013-2014 school year.

C. Extracurricular/Extra Duty Assignment

• Employment

1. Employ the following individual to perform Specialized Health Care Procedures, effective for the 2013-2014 school year:
Dudley Cable
2. Matt Puffenberger, Assistant Boys Basketball Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective beginning with November 1, 2013.(014-185)
3. Melissa Unger, Title I Interventionists, Greenwood Elementary, effective January 8, 2014 for the 2013-2014 school year.(014-191)
4. Employ the following individuals as Title I Interventionists, Widmyer Elementary, effective January 15, 2014 for the 2013-2014 school year: (014-194)
Ann Potter
Cheryl Fox
Cathy Waugh
Janice Golden
5. Vanessa Fox, Senior Portfolio, Berkeley Springs High School, effective for the 2013-2014 school year.(014-197)
6. Marcy Fleeharty, Adult and Community Education Instructor, effective January 15, 2014 for the 2013-2014 school year.
7. Lyne Keenan, Title I Interventionists, Greenwood Elementary, effective January 15, 2014 for the 2013-2014 school year.(014-191)

D. Professional Staff Development

1. Compensate Anne Helmick for attendance at a Science Fair Coordinators Training on November 7, 2013 from 3:30-4:00 p.m. – Funding Source Step VII

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

X. Budget/Finance

- A. Adopt Levy Election Order for the continuation of the excess levy for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019.

The board approved Agenda Item X.A. – Levy Election Order.

XI. Calendar of Events

January 21	Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LSIC – Greenwood	Greenwood
February 4	Board Meeting 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LSIC – Warm Springs Intermediate• Conduct Hearings on Reduction in Force	WSIS
February 5	Special Meeting 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct Hearings on Reduction in Force	Board Office
February 18	Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LSIC – Warm Springs Middle• Action on Reduction in Force	WSMS
March 4	Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	BSHS

March 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSIC – Berkeley Springs High School • Conduct Hearings on Transfers Special Meeting 6:00 p.m.	Board Office
March 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct Hearings on Transfers Regular Meeting 6:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSIC – Widmyer Elementary • Action on Transfers 	Widmyer
March 25	Special Meeting 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Work Session 	Board Office

XII. Adjournment

The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:30 p.m.