

Board Update

Board Members

Aaron Close, President

Pete Gordon, Vice President

Eric Lyda

John Rowland

Laura Smith

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Board Meeting

July 17, 2018

The Morgan County Board of Education met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 17, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office located at 247 Harrison Avenue, Berkeley Springs, WV.

Aaron Close, Board President, presided. Pete Gordon, Eric Lyda, Laura Smith, and John Rowland, Members, were present.

Present were: Superintendent Erich May. Directors – Jamie Harris and Russell Penner. Others- Richard Gay, Dale Heironimus, Abby Heironimus, Herb Stevens, Brad A. Michael, Reverend Lloyd B. McCanna, Mary Ellen Largent, Nolan Heironimus, Ryan Fincham, J. Thomas Hill. Media – Kate Evans, *Morgan Messenger*.

I. Call to Order

President Close called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Close 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. Reports/Communications

A. President of the Board

NOTE: Mr. Close asked members for ideas to bring to a School Board Association meeting regarding “what major issues do you see facing your board?”

NOTE: Mr. Close noted that he has asked Dr. May to contact Williams and Shriver regarding surveying for placement and costs of tennis courts at Warm Springs Middle School beside the soccer fields.

B. Board of Education Members

C. Superintendent

NOTE: Dr. May shared the great work being done by Matt Pennington and others involved in the flood control project through the Wetlands Improvement Project.

NOTE: Dr. May noted that Camp MOCO is going well and thanked everyone involved.

NOTE: Dr. May provided a draft copy of tentative plans for the beginning of the school year, including dates and times he will meet with various staff members. Board members are welcome to participate.

NOTE: Dr. May is pushing for completion of the Building D renovations at Berkeley Springs High School by August 20. The gym will not be ready by then, but he hopes to have the locker rooms completed before the first home football game on August 24.

VI. Public Comments: None

VII. Consent Agenda (Action)

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

- A. Minutes of the July 2, 2018 Regular Meeting
- B. Payment of Bills
- C. Budget Adjustments (if necessary)
- D. Transfers Into/Out of County
- E. Volunteers

The board approved Agenda Item VII. A-E – Consent Agenda.

VIII. Personnel

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

A. Professional Personnel

1. Resignation

- 1. Rhonda McPherson, Special Education Multi-Categorical w/Autism and Math Teacher, Berkeley Springs High School, effective at the end of the day on July 5, 2018.
- 2. Jeromy Duellley, .75 Assistant Principal/.25 CTE Program Director, Berkeley Springs High School, effective the end of the day on July 9, 2018.
- 3. Christopher Poniris, Technology Education/STEM Teacher, Paw Paw High School, effective at the end of the day on July 14, 2018.

2. Abolish and Replace Position

- Abolish Technology Education/STEM Position at Paw Paw Schools effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Create Agriculture Education position at Paw Paw Schools effective beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

NOTE: A discussion was held regarding replacing the Technology/STEM position with Agriculture Education. Dr. May explained that the abolished position was no longer funded by the state CTE program and the pathway was no longer state approved. Low participant and completion numbers were also a factor. An agriculture program has the additional benefit of involving younger grades and including FFA. This program change was recommended by Principal Melinda Kasekamp, noted Dr. May.

3. Employment

1. John Sheranko, Science Teacher, Warm Springs Middle School, effective beginning with the 2018-2019 school year, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.(019-022)

B. Service Personnel

1. Resignation

- a. Suzanne Moreland, Secretary, Paw Paw Schools, effective at the end of the day on July 10, 2018.

2. Rescind RIF and Transfer

- a. Deadrah Martin, Itinerant Special Education Aide, Widmyer Elementary School rescind RIF and transfer to Kindergarten Aide/ECCAT, Widmyer Elementary School, effective beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.(019-090)

3. Remove from Preferred Recall and Assign

- a. Shawn Martin, Itinerant Special Education Aide w/Autism, Widmyer Elementary School, effective beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.(019-084)

4. Transfers

- a. Misty Clark, Itinerant Special Education Aide/Autism Mentor, Warm Springs Middle School to Itinerant Special Education Aide/Autism Mentor, Warm Springs Intermediate School, effective beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.(019-083)
- b. Anna Peck, Itinerant Special Education Aide/Autism Mentor, Pleasant View Elementary School to Itinerant Special Education Aide/Autism Mentor, Berkeley Springs High School, effective beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.(019-082)
- c. Mike Weaver, Bus Operator – Transportation, Bus 179, to Bus Operator – Bus 185, effective beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.(019-091)

5. Restructure Position

- a. .5 Secretary, Paw Paw Schools/.5 Secretary, Paw Paw Schools to 1.0 Secretary, Paw Paw Schools

6. Employment

- a. Chasity Albanese, .5 Cook II, Warm Springs Intermediate School, effective beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.(019-086)

C. Extra-Duty/Extracurricular Assignment

1. Michael Gurson, Assistant Football Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective for the 2018-2019 season, contingent upon having enough athletes to field a team (019-071).
2. Kevin Bernhard, Assistant Football Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective for the 2018-2019 season, contingent upon having enough student athletes to field a team (019-071).

3. Logan Sherwood, Assistant Football Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective for the 2018-2019 season, contingent upon having enough student athletes to field a team (019-071).

D. Professional Staff Development

1. Compensate the following individual for attending a staff development reading conference from Tuesday, June 26 through Friday June 29, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Summer McClintock

E. Summer Programs

1. Employ the following individuals as MC After3 Summer Camp Teachers, County, effective beginning July 23 – August 3, 2018 plus 1 planning day, from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (019-067)

Tammy Bittorf
Doug Boyles

Josh Oster
Tia Myers

The board approved Agenda Item VIII. A-E - Personnel

IX. Program Planning

- A. Approve bus routes for the 2018-2019 school year.

The board approved Agenda Item IX.A – Bus Routes

- B. First Reading (Revised)

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NOTE: Mr. Close noted that Strategic Planning was replacing Community Relations. Mr. Rowland stated the goal was for the committees to meet quarterly.

X. Program Development

- A. Approve two-hour early dismissals on the following dates for Faculty Senate.

- October 5, 2018
- December 21, 2018
- February 15, 2019
- April 12, 2019

The board approved Agenda Item X.A. – Program Development

XI. Finance/Budget

- A. Consideration of proposal to convey former Greenwood Elementary School and surrounding real property totaling 5.74 acres to Greenwood United Methodist Church or an organization representing Greenwood United Methodist Church, pursuant to WV Code 18-5-7b, for nominal

consideration, and authorization to the Board President to negotiate real estate purchase agreement and execute deed.

NOTE: Brad Michael spoke on behalf of Greenwood United Methodist Church. He thanked the Board, as well as Dr. May and Mr. Harris, for their patience and generosity. He stated that the property will become a community center offering camps, read aloud, movie nights etc. All board members and community leaders are excited about the transition. Mr. Close requested that Dr. May write Kevin Boles of the Observatory outlining the change.

The board approved Agenda Item XI.A. – Conveyance of Greenwood Elementary School to Greenwood United Methodist Church

XII. Calendar of Events

July 31	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
August 1	Administrators Academy	Board Office
August 13	New Teacher Academy	Annex
August 17	Regular Meeting, 8:00 a.m.	Board Office
August 21	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
September 4	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
September 18	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
October 2	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
October 16	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
November 13	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
December 4	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
December 18	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office

XIV. Adjournment

The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:05 p.m.