

Board Update

Board Members

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

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Board Meeting
November 19, 2013

Regular Session

The Morgan County Board of Education met in a regular session on Tuesday, November 19, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at Morgan County Board of Education located at 247 Harrison Avenue, Berkeley Springs, 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. Directors - Kristen Tuttle and Tom Shade. Others - Pete Gordon, Margaret Gordon, Jeff Hankey, Stephanie Hankey, Ryan Fincham, Larry Springer, Brooks McCumbee, Ann Bell, Dianne Hale, Nolan Heironimus, Dale Heironimus, Abby Heironimus, Phyllis Heironimus, Rick Vanorsdale, Dorothy Benson, Calvin Heironimus, Amber Thompson, Scott Lykins, Mary Ellen Largent, Thomas Hill, Josh Biser, Matt Puffenberger, Janice Didawick, George Didawick, Barbara Miller, Herb Stevens, Jeanne Lynch, Michael Webster, Jeromy Duelly, Katelyn Zakrzewski, Gavin Adams, Nicholas Colvin, Rusti Bingaman, Vickie Hott, John Shepherd, Anna McClintock, Fred McClintock, Brad Close, Kelsea Schwartz, Matthew Tolliver, Tricia Strader, Vivian Strader, Dennis Jackman, John Lynch, Summer McClintock, Tammy Unger, Tally Reed, Michael Wilder, Gina Mellott, Brad Michael, Holly Yost, William Harmison, Rhett Beckman, Vanessa Fox, Lauren Beichner and Betsy Buser. Media – Kate Evans, *Morgan Messenger*.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Ambrose 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. Reports/Communications

A. President of the Board

B. Board of Education Members

NOTE: Mr. Close noted that a Parks and Recreation meeting will be held Wednesday, November 20, 2013.

C. Superintendent

VI. Public Comments:

Various individuals addressed the board about the following: concerns regarding the levy, support of keeping Greenwood open and support for the levy.

VII. Consent Agenda (Action)

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

- A. Minutes of the November 5, 2013, Regular Meeting
- B. Payment of Bills
- C. Volunteers (Widmyer Elementary, Warm Springs Intermediate, Warm Springs Middle and Berkeley Springs High School)
- D. Budget Adjustments (if necessary)

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

VIII. Personnel

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

A. Professional Personnel

- Employment
 1. Jessica Emmons, Substitute Teacher, County, effective beginning with November 20, 2013, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.
 2. Gail Bottomley, Substitute Teacher, County, effective beginning with November 20, 2013, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.

B. Service Personnel

- Additional Position
 1. Approve supplemental bus run from Berkeley Springs High School to Eastridge two days a week, effective with the beginning of December, 2013 for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year. (Funding source – Federal Special Education Acuity Grant)
- Employment
 1. Patrick Shane Peck, Substitute Bus Operator, Transportation, effective beginning with November 20, 2013, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.

C. Extracurricular/Extra Duty Assignment

- Employment
 1. Shawn Diehl, Unpaid Assistant Volunteer Wrestling Coach, Warm Springs Middle School, effective for the 2013-2014 school year, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.
 2. Kyle Hine, Technology Integration Specialist, County, effective beginning July 9, 2013, through the end of the day on June 30, 2014.

3. Linda Steinkamp, Technology Integration Specialist, Widmyer Elementary, effective beginning July 7, 2013, through the end of the day on June 30, 2014.
4. Scott Lykins, After School Detention, Warm Springs Middle School, effective for the 2013-2014 school year, on an as/if needed basis.
5. Bill Reedy, Unpaid Assistant Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective for the 2013-2014 school year, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.
6. Rich Ellis, Unpaid Assistant Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective for the 2013-2014 school year, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.
7. Emily Emerick, Unpaid Assistant Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective for the 2013-2014 school year, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.
8. Mark Mills, Unpaid Assistant Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective for the 2013-2014 school year, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.
9. Randy Waugh, Assistant Wrestling Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective for the 2013-2014 school year, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.

D. Professional Staff Development

1. Compensate Margaret Hill for staff development prep on writing instruction at WSIS for one hour on October 30, 2013 – Funding Source Title II.

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

IX. Budget/Finance

A. Approve date for the Special Levy Election

The board approved May 13, 2014 as the date for the special election for the excess levy.

B. Approve tentatively the purpose, rate and duration of Excess Levy

A motion was made by Mr. Close for a levy rate at 63% with the duration at three years, the motion died for lack of a second.

The board by a vote of 4 to 1 approved tentatively the purpose of the levy, which is to maintain employee salary and benefits, support for critical educational programs, maintenance of facilities, technology for schools and instruction materials; the levy rate at 70%, and the duration at five years.

X. Program Planning

- A. Request approval for scheduling a public hearing, with the associated notice and all attendant documents, regarding proposed closure of Greenwood Elementary School, to be held on December 19, 2013, with notice and hearing to comply with all requirements of West Virginia Board of Education Policy 6204.

The motion failed with a vote of 4 to 1 against scheduling a public hearing.

XI. Calendar of Events

November 19	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break	
December 3	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
December 17	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
December 20	No School for Students, ISE Day	
Dec. 23 – Jan. 1	Christmas Break	
January 7	Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LSIC – Paw Paw	Paw Paw
January 21	Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LSIC – Greenwood	Greenwood
February 4	Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LSIC – Warm Springs Intermediate	WSIS
February 18	Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LSIC – Warm Springs Middle	WSMS

XII. Adjournment

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