

Board Update

Board Members

David Ambrose, President
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Board Meeting
December 30, 2015

The Morgan County Board of Education met in a special session on Wednesday, December 30, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at Greenwood Elementary School located at 8989 Winchester Grade Road, Berkeley Springs, WV, to conduct a public hearing on the proposed closure of Greenwood Elementary (and on December 31st, if necessary). If it is determined that the meeting facility is of insufficient size, the location of the public hearing shall be subject to change once the hearing is called to order. A notice reflecting any change in public hearing location shall be posted at the original meeting location.

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

Present were: Administrators – Kristen Tuttle, Assistant Superintendent; Ann Bell, Treasurer. Directors –Tom Shade and Joyce White. Others –Barbara Miller, Donna Meyer, Brad Michael, Malinda Ayers, Rhett Beddow, Darin Beddow, Angela Beddow, Debra Wachter, Jack Wachter, Ariel Rich Eston Bonner, Sue Bonner, Tiffany Hendershot, Gillian Anderson, Rebecca Unger, Melissa Unger, Beth Michael, Wayne Sherrard, Reeva Sherrard, Debbie Gallion, Anthony Taylor, Remington Yost, Gloria Roach, Holly Yost, Robert Yost, Daniel Rossbach, Robert Spring, Elizabeth Spring, Haden Fincham, Vivian Strader, Laura Unger, Derek Unger, Michelle Sirbaugh, Carol Sue Fox, Joan Willard, Pete Gordon, Dianne Hale, Randy Waugh, Heather Decker, Cory Decker, Renee Fincham, Macey Fincham, Ryan Fincham, Pam Hessler, Philip Harmison, Kody Harmison, Jean Stewart, Gary Stewart, Norina Kay Miller, Gary Miller, Sr., Gary Miller, John Carpenter, Kyle Unger, Erica Unger, Anya Hawk, Brandy Smith, Karleen Spielman, Mary Ellen Largent, Herbert Stevens, MeganShoemaker, Dixie Shoemaker, Tara Heironimus, Jennifer Miller, Robert Heironimus, Daniel S. Unger, Sr., Scott Swaim, Lloyd McCanna, Dorothy Benson, Teresa Veara, Samantha Veara, R. Dallas Luttrell, Dionis Luttrell-Platt, Cynthia Largent-Hill, Clarissa Householder, Sandra Sue Clark, Angelia Riddell, Jacob Stepp, Sierra Platt, Joey Luttrell, Brigitte Luttrell, Shauna Riddell, Andrew Harris, Jacob Riddell, Darlene Bane, Saydee Riddell, Summer Riddell, Skye Riddell, Carl Cooley, Cleveland Yost, Lori Kitchen, Loretta Brown, Anna McClintock, Lori Edwards, Brian McKinney, C. Ambrose, Gay Rogers, Amy McCoy, Debbie Cure, Kim McCoy, Brenda Yost, Sonya Householder, Frank Hess II, Dennis Graham, Lynda Bradley, Leslie Swink, Larry Bradley, Morgan Higgs, Corey Bradley, Bobby Unger, Andrew O’Dell, Kathleen Fisher, Angela McKinney, Andrea O’Dell, John Unger, Anna Ruby, Hayle, Addison and Betsy Buser. Media – Kate Evans, *Morgan Messenger*, Tricia Strader, *Martinsburg Journal*.

I. Call to Order

President Ambrose called the meeting to order at 6:00 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
The board approved the Agenda.

V. Recess
A recess was called until 6:10 p.m. During this time the public participation sign-in was left open to allow those arriving late due to parking to have the option to sign up. The meeting was reconvened at 6:10 p.m.

VI. Public Hearing – Proposed Closing of Greenwood Elementary School and Consolidation with Widmyer Elementary and Warm Springs Intermediate School

NOTE: The reasons and supporting data in relation to the proposed closure of Greenwood Elementary School and its consolidation with Widmyer Elementary School and Warm Springs Intermediate School was made available for public inspection by a Notice of Public Hearing published as Class III legal advertisement in the Morgan Messenger in compliance with WVDE Policy 6204.

As set forth in the terms of the Notice of Public Hearing, members of the public who desire to submit statements and testimony or to question county school officials (not board members) shall be afforded with an opportunity to register beginning one hour prior to the start of the public hearing and ending at the start of the hearing being called to order.

Jason Long, Morgan County School's legal counsel, gave procedural information and guidelines regarding the hearing process.

VII. Public Comments: The following individuals spoke regarding the closing of Greenwood Elementary School: Wayne Sherrard, Jr., Jean Stewart, Cindy Largent-Hill, Philip Harmison, Donna Meyer, Amy Rowland, Pam Hessler, John Carpenter, Beth Michael, Loretta Brown, Ryan Fincham, Andrew O'Dell, Angela Beddow, Pete Gordon, Renee Fincham, Remington Yost, Brad Michael, Debra Wachter, Lloyd McCanna and Barbara Miller.

VIII. Program Planning

A. Approve the Summary of Reasons and Supporting Data with consideration given to all testimony and written statements regarding the closure of Greenwood Elementary School and Consolidation with Widmyer Elementary and Warm Springs Intermediate School.

The board passed by a 4-1 vote to approve Agenda Item VIII.A.

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:49 p.m.