

Board Update

Board Members

David Ambrose, President
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John Rowland
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Board Meeting
February 18, 2016

The Morgan County Board of Education met in a special session on Thursday, February 18, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at Warm Springs Middle School located at 271 Warm Springs Way, Berkeley Springs, WV.

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

Present were: Administrators – Kristen Tuttle, Assistant Superintendent; Ann Bell, Treasurer. Others – Pete Gordon, Gene Brock. Vanessa Fox, Kate Boyce, Beth Golden, Gena Giumarro, Patricia Byrne, Amanda Henry, Hynnja Dietrich, Crissalee Dietrich-McGinnis, Brendan Byrne, Debra Gates, Elizabeth Given, Lisa Ambrose, Kari King, Susan Clark, Rachel Brown-Wilson, Michael Dietrich-McGinnis, Braeden Luciano, Hazel Morton, Aaliyah Bingaman, Chris Chapman, Amy Bryan-Chapman, Erica Hageny, Aleah Hageny, Chasity Albanese, Trevor Albanese, Isabella Albanese, Brandy Stotler, Taylor Stotler, Garrett Stotler, Marlene Spielman, Liza Diffenderfer and Betsy Buser. Media – Kate Evans, *Morgan Messenger*.

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 and Addenda

The board approved the Agenda and Addenda.

V. Presentations

A. LSIC – Warm Springs Middle School

Representing Warm Springs Middle School were Gene Brock, Vanessa Fox, Kate Boyce, Beth Golden, Gena Giumarro, Patricia Byrne, Amanda Henry, Hynnja Dietrich, Crissalee Dietrich-McGinnis, Brendan Byrne, Debra Gates, Elizabeth Given, Lisa Ambrose and Kari King. A report

was provided addressing the following areas: school performance, curriculum, strategic plan, school climate, communication and facilities/maintenance.

VI. Reports/Communications

A. President of the Board

B. Board of Education Members

NOTE: Mr. Close noted that there will be a meeting to give an EPA Grant update on Monday, February 22nd.

C. Superintendent

NOTE: Superintendent Banks outlined the personnel reduction process.

NOTE: Superintendent Banks noted that the official OEPA visit for Morgan County will be March 22nd & March 23rd.

NOTE: Superintendent Banks stated that both Paw Paw High School and Berkeley Springs High School will be recognized on Friday, February 26th in Charleston for their high graduation rates.

NOTE: Superintendent Banks updated the board on the transition process for Greenwood Elementary School.

VII. Public Comments: NONE

VIII. Consent Agenda (Action)

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

A. Minutes of the February 2, 2016 Regular Meeting

B. Payment of Bills

C. Budget Adjustments (if necessary)

D. Volunteers

The board approved the Consent Agenda.

IX. Personnel

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

A. Professional Personnel

- Employment

1. Meghan Smith-Powell, Substitute Teacher, County, effective beginning February 19, 2016, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.

- Resignation

1. Tracey Grassi, Substitute Teacher, County, effective at the end of the day on February 4, 2016.
2. Tiffany Mosser, Health Teacher, Berkeley Springs High School, effective at the end of the day on March 18, 2016.

- Terminate employment contract of the following individuals and place on Preferred Recall List, effective at the end of the 2015-2016 employment term:

1. Casey Munson, Kindergarten Teacher, Pleasant View Elementary School

2. Harley Burcker, 4th Grade Teacher, Warm Springs Intermediate School
3. Crystal Boyles, 5th Grade Teacher, Warm Springs Intermediate School
4. Lesa Rodrigues, 6th Grade Teacher, Warm Springs Middle School
5. Ashley Hampshire, Special Education Multi-Categorical/ Autism and Science or Social Studies, Berkeley Springs High School
6. Tammy Youngblood, School Nurse, County
7. Lori Edwards, 4th Grade/5th Grade Teacher, Greenwood Elementary School
8. Jennifer Hitchcock, Itinerant Teacher – Special Education Multi-Categorical w/Autism, County
9. Nathan Foltz, .5 Itinerant Pre-School Special Needs/Homebound Teacher, County

- Unpaid Leave of Absence

1. Barbara Hopkin, School Nurse, County (assigned to Warm Springs Middle School), from February 16, 2016 to March 15, 2016 for medical reasons.

B. Service Personnel

- Terminate employment contract of the following individuals and place on Preferred Recall List, effective at the end of the 2015-2016 employment term:

1. Maria Ruleman, Secretary, Pleasant View Elementary School
2. Betty Ruppenthal, Itinerant Special Education Aide, Warm Springs Intermediate School
3. Brandy Stotler, Itinerant Special Education Aide/ Autism Mentor, Warm Springs Intermediate School
4. Deadrah Martin, Itinerant Special Education Aide/Autism Mentor, Warm Springs Middle School
5. Anna Peck, Itinerant Special Education Aide/Autism Mentor, Berkeley Springs High School
6. Misty Clark, Itinerant Special Education Aide/Autism Mentor, Pleasant View Elementary School
7. Shawn Martin, Itinerant Special Education Aide/Autism Mentor, Paw Paw Schools

- Remove ECCAT Title Classification from the current contract of ECCAT/Aide at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

1. Carrie Polliard, Pleasant View Elementary
2. Cheryl Will, Widmyer Elementary

C. Extracurricular/Extra Duty Assignment

- Employment

1. Matthew Butts, Assistant Baseball Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective beginning February 19, 2016 for the 2015-2016 school year, contingent upon having enough athletes to field a team.
2. Randy Stotler, Assistant Baseball Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective beginning February 19, 2016 for the 2015-2016 school year, contingent upon having enough athletes to field a team.
3. Fred Sirbaugh, Assistant Softball Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective beginning February 19, 2016 for the 2015-2016 season.(016-221)
4. Kevin Benson, Assistant Baseball Coach, Paw Paw School, effective beginning February 19, 2016 for the 2015-2016 season.(016-214)

D. Professional Staff Development

1. Compensate the following individuals for attending staff development on January 9, 2016 from 8:00 – 3:00 – Funding Source – Paw Paw Allocation

Cortney Kile	Beth Delawder
Talia Fravel	Shanna Poniris
Gillian Anderson	Anne Helmick

The board approved Agenda Item IX.A-D.

X. Budget/Finance

- A. Award Paw Paw Schools Flashing Lights contract for Morgan County Schools to West Virginia Signal & Light. Funding Source – 100% reimbursable – WV DOH Grant

The board approved Agenda Item X.A.

XI. Calendar of Events

March 1	Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LSIC – Widmyer Elementary School• Mid-Year Financial Review• Conduct Hearings on Transfers (if necessary)• Potential Action on Transfers	Widmyer Elementary
March 3	Special Meeting, 6:00 p.m. (if necessary) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct Hearings on Transfers (if necessary)• Potential Action on Transfers	Board Office
March 15	Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LSIC – Paw Paw Schools• Set Levy Proposed Rates• Calendar Hearing	Paw Paw Schools
March 28-April 1	Spring Break	
April 5	Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LSIC – Warm Springs Intermediate• Calendar Hearing• Action on rehiring probationary service and professional personnel	Warm Springs Intermediate
April 13	Special Meeting, 9:00 a.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget Work Session	Board Office
April 19	Rescheduled Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LSIC – Pleasant View Elementary• Adopt Levy Rates• Approve Budget for Publication	Pleasant View

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was duly adjourned at 7:58 p.m.