

# Board Update

## Board Members

David Ambrose, President  
Aaron Close, Vice President  
Pete Gordon  
John Rowland

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Board Meeting  
January 23, 2018

The Morgan County Board of Education met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Warm Springs Middle School located at 575 Warm Springs Way, Berkeley Springs, WV.

David Ambrose, President presided. Aaron Close, Laura Smith, Pete Gordon and John Rowland, Members, and Erich May, Superintendent, were present.

Present were: Treasurer, Ann Bell; Directors – Joan Willard, Kandy Kulus, Tom Shade, Russell Penner and Jamie Harris. Others- Gene Brock, Kate Boyce, Rita Fortney, Ian Helmick, Laura Harrington, Susan Clark, Cadence Widmeyer, Dawn Beal, Randy Beal, Vanessa Fox, Janice Didawick, Gina Mellott, Hannah Stewart, Jim Dupont, Dudley Cable, Alice Lantz, Amy Penner and Betsy Buser. Media – Kate Evans, *Morgan Messenger*.

## I. Call to Order

President Ambrose called the meeting to order 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 – Warm Springs Middle School

Representing Warm Springs Middle School was Gene Brock, Vanessa Fox, Kate Boyce, Dawn Beal and Cadence Widmeyer. 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. Gordon joined Paw Paw Schools for their Math Field Day. He commented that it was invigorating to see a room full of people excited about math.

NOTE: Mrs. Smith noted that the County Science Fair was last weekend and they she was very impressed with the projects.

NOTE: Mr. Rowland reminded the board members that the board had tabled a discussion regarding the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District.

C. Superintendent

NOTE: Superintendent May noted that both Berkeley Springs High School and Paw Paw High School were recognized last week in Charleston for their graduation rates.

VII. Public Comments: NONE

VIII. Consent Agenda

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

- A. Minutes of the January 9, 2018 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

- Resignation
  1. Pamela Howard, Special Education Teacher, Berkeley Springs High School, effective at the end of the day on January 22, 2018.
  2. Barbara Hopkins, School Nurse, County, effective at the end of the day on January 31, 2018.
- Employment
  1. Barbara J. Kline, Counselor Grades 3-5, Warm Springs Intermediate School, effective beginning January 24, 2018.(018-241)

B. Service Personnel

- Retirement
  1. J. C Fisher, Bus Operator – Bus 178, Transportation, effective at the end of the day on January 31, 2018.
- Transfer
  1. John Kuykendall, Bus Operator – Bus 196, Transportation to Bus Operator – Bus 189, Transportation, effective beginning January 24, 2018.(018-249)

- Employment
  1. Doug Munson, Bus Operator – Bus 16-10, Transportation, effective beginning with January 31, 2018.(018-248)

C. Extracurricular/Extra Duty Assignment

D. Professional Staff Development

1. Compensate the following individuals for delivering staff development on January 11, 2018, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. - Funding Source - Title II

Bridget Christie  
Christina Rose

Summer McClintock  
Shanahan Elmore

2. Compensate the following individuals for attending staff development on January 11, 2018, from 3:30-5:30 p.m. - Funding Source - Title II

Staci Hutchinson  
Talia Fravel  
Shanna Poniris  
Beth Delawder

Adam Keeling  
Myra Cockrum  
Anne Helmick

E. Suspension

1. Superintendent’s recommendation to suspend a service personnel employee.

The board approved Agenda Items IX.A-D. Item IX.E was discussed later in the meeting during an executive session.

X. Finance/Budget

- A. Approve date for the Special Levy Election – May, 8, 2018

The board approved Agenda Item X.A.

- B. Approve Levy Election Order for the continuation of the excess levy for the fiscal years beginning July 1, 2019; July 1, 2020; July 1, 2021; and July 1, 2022.

The board approved Agenda Item X.B.

XI. Buildings & Grounds

- A. Approve Comprehensive Educational Facilities Plan Application for Amendment. “Revise the scope of the existing Berkeley Springs High School Renovation and Addition Project to include replacement of the existing metal roofing currently installed on Building C –Gymnasium with new metal roofing.”

The board approved Agenda Item XI.A.

## XII. Calendar of Events

February 1	Special Meeting, 9:00 a.m.	Board Office
February 6	Regular Meeting, 6:30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LSIC – Paw Paw Schools</li></ul>	Paw Paw Schools
February 20	Regular Meeting, 6:30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LSIC – Berkeley Springs High</li></ul>	Berkeley Spring High
March 6	Regular Meeting, 6:30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LSIC – Widmyer Elementary</li></ul>	Widmyer Elementary
March 20	Regular Meeting, 6:30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LSIC – Pleasant View Elementary</li></ul>	Pleasant View Elementary

## XIII. Executive Session

The board entered into executive session at 7:24 p.m. pursuant to West Virginia Code 6-9A-4(2)(A) to discuss personnel. President Ambrose reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:18 p.m.

The board approved by those present to accept the Superintendent's recommendation, to suspend service personnel employee Diane M. Clark, Secretary, Warm Springs Middle School, without pay retroactive to January 2, 2018. (Agenda Item IX.E)

## XIV. Executive Session

The board entered into executive session at 8:19 p.m. pursuant to West Virginia Code 6-9A-4(6) to discuss a student's privacy. President Ambrose reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:55 p.m. No action was taken at this time.

## XV. Adjournment

The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:56 p.m.