

Board Update

Board Members

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

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Board Meeting
January 5, 2016

The Morgan County Board of Education met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Offices located at 247 Harrison Avenue, Berkeley Springs, WV.

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

Present were: Administrators – Kristen Tuttle, Assistant Superintendent; Ann Bell, Treasurer. Directors –Kandy Kulus and Pam Abston. Others – Keri Chilcote, Bridget Christie, Emma Christie, Melinda Kasekamp, Dudley Cable, Kyle Hine, Pete Gordon, Robert Stotler, Michael Moss and Betsy Buser. Media – Kate Evans, *Morgan Messenger*.

I. Call to Order

President Ambrose called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 except Aaron Close.

IV. Approval of Agenda and Addenda

The board approved the Agenda and Addenda.

V. Instructional Workshop - David Banks, Kandy Kulus, Melinda Kasekamp, Dudley Cable, Bridget Christie

Superintendent Banks reviewed Engrade and Bright Bytes, 2 tech tools Morgan County uses to monitor instruction and student improvement. Kandy Kulus, Elementary Director; Mr. Cable, and Mrs. Kasekamp reviewed how they use data, discussions, and observations to monitor instruction. Bridget Christie described how the grade level teams review student progress and instructional practices. To finish the workshop, Pam Abston, Special Ed director reviewed the WVGS.

VI. Reports/Communications

A. President of the Board

NOTE: Mr. Ambrose has spoken with Howard O’Cull regarding the class action lawsuit. Mr. O’Cull was not aware of any interest from other counties in pursuing a lawsuit.

B. Board of Education Members

C. Superintendent

VII. Public Comments: NONE

VIII. Consent Agenda (Action)

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

A. Minutes of the December 15, 2015 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. Rita Fortney, Speech Pathologist, County, effective on January 12, 2016, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.(016-206)

2. Chelsea Neatrou, Speech Pathologist, County, effective on January 12, 2016, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.(016-206)

- Retirement

1. Nancy Harmison, Music Teacher, Warm Springs Intermediate School, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2016.

2. Nancy Leigh Jenkins, Science Teacher, Berkeley Springs High School, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2016.

3. Robert Lindsey, Social Studies Teacher, Berkeley Springs High School, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2016.

- Unpaid Leave of Absence

1. Megan Lord, Teacher, Health, PE, Widmyer Elementary School from February 1, 2016 to March 11, 2016 for maternity leave.

B. Service Personnel

- Employment

1. Approve the following individuals as Substitute Custodians, County, effective beginning January 6, 2016, contingent upon meeting employment requisites:(016-170)

Mohamed Abdelaal
John Marra
Mark Walters

Sue Brady
David Scriever
Kim Weaver

2. Approve the following individuals as Substitute Aides, County, effective beginning January 6, 2016, contingent upon meeting employment requisites:(016-169)

Chasity Albanese
Letitia McCusker
Stacy Wilhelm

Jennifer Marie Jones
Heather Roling
Kathy Zeigler

3. Arthur Bishop, Substitute Custodian, County, effective for the 2016-17 school year.
4. Anna McClintock, Substitute Aide, County, effective for the 2016-17 school year.
5. Mary Darlene McClintock, Substitute Clerk and Substitute Aide, effective for the 2016-17 school year.

- Temporary Assignment

1. Assignment of David Bohrer as custodian for Jeff Miller, custodian, Paw Paw Schools, who is on a board approved leave of absence which is expected to extend beyond 30 working days with an expected end date of March 1, 2016.

- Resignation

1. Arthur Bishop, Custodian III, Widmyer Elementary/Greenwood Elementary School, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2016.

- Retirement

1. Mary Collins, Aide/Autism Mentor, Warm Spring Middle School, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2016.
2. Jay DuVall, Bus Operator, Transportation, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2016.
3. Debra Gallion, Cook II, Widmyer Elementary School, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2016.
4. Anna McClintock, ECCAT/Aide, Greenwood Elementary School, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2016.
5. Mary Darlene McClintock, Clerk II, Berkeley Springs High School, effective at the end of day on June 30, 2016.
6. Darrell Miller, Bus Operator, Transportation, effective at the end of the day on June 30, 2016.

C. Extracurricular/Extra Duty Assignment

- Resignation

1. Ron Bohrer, Assistant Boys Basketball 6-8 Coach, Paw Paw Schools, effective at the end of the day on December 22, 2015.

D. Professional Staff Development

The board approved Agenda Item IX.A-D.

X. Budget/Finance

- A. Approve purchase of a 2001 Ford F350 automatic diesel dump truck with 92,909 miles at a price of \$13,800 or less. Funding Source – Maintenance Funds

The board approved Agenda Item X.A.

XI. Calendar of Events

January 19	Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LSIC – Berkeley Springs High School• Fall Student Awards	BSHS
February 2	Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LSIC – Greenwood Elementary• Conduct Hearings on Reduction in Force (if necessary)	Greenwood Elementary
February 4	Special Meeting, 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct Hearings on Reduction in Force (if necessary)	Board Office
February 16	Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LSIC – Warm Springs Middle• Action on Reduction in Force (if necessary)	Warm Springs Middle

XII. Adjournment

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