

# Board Update

## Board Members

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

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*Board Meeting*  
*March 3, 2015*

## Regular Meeting

The Morgan County Board of Education met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 3, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at Berkeley Springs High School located at 149 Concord Avenue, Berkeley Springs, WV.

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

Present were: Administrators – Joan Willard, Assistant Superintendent. Ann Bell, Treasurer. Directors – Kristen Tuttle, Jamie Harris, Pete Gordon, Jeff Hankey, Candice Pennington, Alena Sweigart, Aaron Sorg, Susan Caperton, Rusti Bingaman, Amber Guthrie, Ron Bittinger, Brittany Via, Courtney Close, Bradley Knotts, Shawn Roberts, Autumn Burton, Madison Higgs, Nicholas Mokhiber, Devin Myer, Kylea Hauser, Cody Laing, Logan Webster, Ian Helmick, Russell Penner, Linda Crawford, Raymond Steiner, Stephanie Hankey, Brice Williams, Michael Webster, Leigh Jenkins, David Aberegg, Dot Pingley, Helen Steiner, Charles Welch, Andrea Ewers, Tina Stotler and Betsy Buser. Media – Kate Evans, *Morgan Messenger*.

Band Director, Ian Helmick and the Berkeley Springs High School Pep Band provided music prior to the meeting. Those band members present were: Autumn Burton, Madison Higgs, Kylie Hauser, Logan Webster, Devin Myer, Cody Laing and Nicholas Mokhiber.

### I. Call to Order

Berkeley Springs High School FFA President Brittany Via called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Berkeley Springs High School FFA Officers demonstrated their opening ceremony procedures.

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

FFA President Brittany Via led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance after which she turned the meeting over to President Ambrose.

### 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 – Berkeley Springs High School

Representing Berkeley Springs High School were Kristen Tuttle, Jamie Harris, Pete Gordon, Jeff Hankey, Candice Pennington, Alena Sweigart, Aaron Sorg, Susan Caperton, Rusti Bingaman, Amber Guthrie, Ron Bittinger. A report was provided addressing the following areas: school performance, curriculum, strategic plan, school climate, communication and facilities/maintenance.

B. Extra Miler Awards

Extra Miler certificates were presented to the following individuals who serve Warm Springs Middle School. The Extra Miler award is presented to individuals who consistently go beyond job expectations and are a positive representative for the school/school system.

Tina Stotler  
Ron Bittinger

Mike Webster  
Jodi Bittinger

VI. Personnel Hearings

A. Personnel hearings were conducted pursuant to WV Code 18A-2-7 for employees who requested a hearing as a result of being recommended for transfer by the superintendent. No action was taken.

VII. Reports/Communications

A. President of the Board

B. Board of Education Members

C. Superintendent

NOTE: Superintendent Banks gave an update on the Next Gen Standards Bill

VIII. Public Comments: NONE

IX. Consent Agenda (Action)

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

A. Minutes of the February 3, 2015 Regular Meeting

B. Payment of Bills

C. Budget Adjustments (if necessary)

D. Volunteers

The board approved the Agenda Item IX.A-D – Consent Agenda.

X. Personnel

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

A. Professional Personnel

- Resignation
    1. Rachel Buser Hess, Substitute Teacher, County, effective at the end of the day on February 26, 2015.
- B. Service Personnel
- Employment
    1. Eugene Weaver, Long Term Substitute Custodian III during a leave of absence, Paw Paw Schools, effective March 9, 2015 on an as/if needed basis until regular employee returns to work.(015-196)
  - Resignation
    1. Dustin Paul, Substitute Bus Operator, County, effective at the end of the day on March 2, 2015.

C. Extracurricular/Extra Duty Assignment

- Employment
  1. Mike Rohm, Unpaid Assistant Softball Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective for the 2014-2015 school year, contingent upon having enough student athletes to field a team.

The board approved Agenda Item X.A-C - Personnel.

XI. Calendar of Events

March 17	Public Hearing on 2015-2016 School Calendar, 5:45 p.m.	Paw Paw Schools
March 17	Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action on transfers</li> <li>• LSIC – Paw Paw Schools</li> </ul>	Paw Paw Schools
March 17	Special Meeting (After Regular Meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set Levy Proposed Rates</li> </ul>	Paw Paw Schools
March 31	Special Meeting, 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget Work Session</li> </ul>	Board Office
April 3-10	Spring Break	
April 14	Public Hearing on 2015-2016 School Calendar, 5:45 p.m.	Widmyer Elementary
April 14	Rescheduled Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Action on rehiring probationary service and professional personnel</li> <li>• LSIC – Widmyer Elementary</li> </ul>	Widmyer Elementary
April 21	Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve Budget for Publication</li> <li>• Approve 2015-2016 School Calendar</li> <li>• LSIC – Pleasant View Elementary</li> </ul>	Pleasant View Elementary
April 21	Reconvened March 17, 2015 Special Meeting (After Regular Meeting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopt Levy Rates</li> </ul>	Pleasant View Elementary
May 5	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget Hearing and Formal Adoption</li> </ul>	Board Office
May 19	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
May 20	Graduation, Alternative Education Program, 6:30 p.m.	

May 21 Graduation, Berkeley Springs High School, 6:30 p.m.  
May 22 Graduation, Paw Paw High School, 7:00 p.m.  
June 2 Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
June 16 Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

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XII. Adjournment

The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:06 p.m.