

Board Update

Board Members

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

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Board Meeting
March 6, 2018

The Morgan County Board of Education met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Widmyer Elementary School located at 128 Widmyer Circle, Berkeley Springs, WV.

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

Present were: Treasurer, Ann Bell; Directors – Russell Penner, Jamie Harris, Kandy Kulus. Others- Pam Ryan, Rebecca Lindsey, Ginnie Molnar, Peggy Molnar, Pam Mason, Sabrina Miller, Dawn Beal, Gray Jones, Hannah Stewart, Christen Ambrose, Trista Crawford, Jamie Waugh, Robin Thompson, Krista Shives, Rochelle Price, Lisa Unger, Sally Unger, Serenity Wise, Tama Hiles, Amy Penner, Betsy Smailes, Janet Hill, Rhett Beckman 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 except Aaron Close.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The board approved the Agenda.

V. Presentations

A. LSIC – Widmyer Elementary School

Representing Widmyer Elementary School was Rhett Beckman, Ginnie Molnar and Dawn Beal. 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 thanked all of the professional and service staff and community members who took care of our kids during the work stoppage. Also to Mr. May for leadership and hard work. Happy we are back in business. Mr. Rowland and Mrs. Smith agreed with Mr. Gordon's statement wholeheartedly.

- C. Superintendent
 - Mid-Year Financial Report – Ann Bell

NOTE: Superintendent May stated that he was grateful to our county union leadership, Amy Penner, Tony McDonald, Roger Steiner, Holly Palmer & Rebecca Lindsey. He also thanked the faculty and staff for patience and support, the babysitters for covering childcare and the work from our Governor and local legislators Daryl Cowles and Charles Trump.

- D. Committee – Athletic

VII. Public Comments

Amy Penner thanked the board on behalf of WVEA, AFT and WVSSP for their support and Mr. May for his leadership. Morgan County is a great place to work and our teachers and staff are looking forward to getting back to working with their kids.

VIII. Consent Agenda

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

- A. Minutes of the February 20, 2018 Regular Meeting and February 28, 2018 Emergency Meeting
- B. Payment of Bills
- C. Budget Adjustments (if necessary)

The board approved the Consent Agenda.

IX. Personnel

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

- A. Professional Personnel
- B. Service Personnel
 - Resignation
 - 1. Aaron Wilford, General Maintenance/Electrician II, County, effective at the end of the day on March 6, 2018
- C. Extracurricular/Extra Duty Assignment
- D. Professional Staff Development

The board approved the Personnel Agenda.

X. Program Planning

- A. Approval of a resolution of Eastern Panhandle Instructional Cooperative to accept the transfer of all property, equipment and records held and/or used by Regional Education Service Agency VIII to the Eastern Panhandle Instructional Cooperative effective July 1, 2018.

The board approved Agenda Item X.A.

XI. Calendar of Events

March 20	Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m. • LSIC – Pleasant View Elementary	Pleasant View Elem.
March 20	Special Meeting (Immediately following regular meeting) • Set Proposed Levy Rates	
April 10	Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m. • Hearing on RIF's and Transfers (if necessary) • Action on RIF's and Transfers	Board Office
April 12	Special Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Tentative) • Hearings on RIF's and Transfers (if necessary) • Action on RIF's and Transfers (if necessary)	Board Office
April 17	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m. • Action on rehiring probationary service and professional personnel • Calendar Hearing #1	Board Office
April 17	Reconvened Regular Meeting (Immediately following regular meeting) (March 20, 2018) • Adopt Levy Rates	Board Office
May 1	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m. • Budget Work Session • Calendar Hearing #2 • Calendar Approval	Board Office
May 10	Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m. • Approve Budget for Publication	Board Office
May 22	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m. • Budget Hearing • Adopt Budget	Board Office
May 23	Graduation, Alternative Education Program, 6:30 p.m.	
May 24	Graduation, Berkeley Springs High School, 5:30 p.m.	
May 25	Graduation, Paw Paw High School, 7:00 p.m.	
June 5	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m. • Spring Student Awards, 6:30 p.m. - Ice Cream Social, 6:00 p.m. • Employee Recognition 6:30 p.m.	BSHS
June 7	Retirement Celebration, 6:00 p.m.	Cacapon
June 19	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office

XII. Executive Session

The board entered into executive session pursuant to West Virginia Code 6-9A-4(6) to discuss a student's privacy at 7:53 p.m. President Ambrose reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:17 p.m.

XIII. Adjournment

The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:18 p.m.