

Board Update

Board Members

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

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Board Meeting
May 5, 2015

Regular Meeting

The Morgan County Board of Education met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Offices located at 247 Harrison Avenue, 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 – Joan Willard, Assistant Superintendent. Treasurer – Ann Bell. Others – Sandra Strunk, Heather Kesner, Linda Steinkamp, Ashley Rudolph, Dawn Beal, Colleen Stotler, Debbie Haines, Becky Davisson, Pete Gordon, Lisa Unger and Betsy Buser. Media – Kate Evans, *Morgan Messenger*.

I. Call to Order

President Ambrose called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Public Hearing – Proposed Budget for 2015-2016 (as required by WV Code 18-5-4)

NOTE: The budget was made available for public inspection by a Notice of Public Hearing published as Class I legal advertisement in the Morgan Messenger.

VI. Reports/Communications

A. President of the Board

B. Board of Education Members

NOTE: Mr. Rowland and Mrs. Smith attended the Principals Honors Banquet.

C. Superintendent

NOTE: Superintendent Banks announced that Widmyer Elementary received a \$40,000 grant from Dollar General to be used for promoting early literacy.

VII. Public Comments:

Widmyer Elementary Parents and Staff addressed the board regarding the FLEX position at the school.

VIII. Consent Agenda (Action)

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

- A. Minutes of the April 21, 2015 Regular Meeting & Reconvened March 17, 2015 Special Meeting
- B. Payment of Bills
- C. Budget Adjustments (if necessary)
- D. Volunteers (GES, PVE, WSIS & WSMS)
- E. Exception to Attendance Requirement (Early Graduation Request)

The board approved Agenda Item VIII.A-E – Consent Agenda.

IX. Personnel

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

A. Professional Personnel

- Employment

- 1. Chelsea Hessler, Itinerant Long Term Substitute Teacher/Facilitator, County, effective beginning May 6, 2015 for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school term.(015-201)
- 2. Rehire as substitute teacher effective for the 2015-2016 school year:

Kirk, Lexa

- Resignation

- 1. Cathy Waugh, Substitute Teacher, County, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school term.
- 2. Mary Hott, Substitute Teacher, County, effective at the end of the day on March 31, 2015.
- 3. Shirley Hovermale, Substitute Teacher, County, effective at the end of the day on May 5, 2015.
- 4. Katie Close, Substitute Teacher, County, effective at the end of the day on May 1, 2015.
- 5. Stacey Crespo, Substitute Teacher, County, effective at the end of the day on May 1, 2015.
- 6. Nancy Jones, Substitute Teacher, County, effective at the end of the day on April 30, 2015.
- 7. Robert Schwaner, Substitute Teacher, County, effective at the end of the day on May 1, 2015.
- 8. Howard Shouffler, Substitute Teacher, County, effective at the end of the day on May 5, 2015.

B. Service Personnel

- Employment

- 1. Michael Webster, Substitute Aide and Substitute Custodian, County, effective for the 2015-2016 school year.

- Rescind Transfer and Reassign
 1. Scott Waugh, Bus Operator assigned to Transportation, rescind transfer and reassign to Transportation as Bus Operator – Bus 197 with route changes, effective at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.
 2. Raymond Steiner, Bus Operator assigned to Transportation, rescind transfer and reassign to Transportation as Bus Operator – Bus 174 with route changes, effective at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.
 3. Josh Place, Bus Operator assigned to Transportation, rescind transfer and reassign to Transportation as Bus Operator – Bus 14-07 with route changes, effective at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.
 4. Curtis Perry, Bus Operator assigned to Transportation, rescind transfer and reassign to Transportation as Bus Operator – Bus 181 with route changes, effective at the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

- Resignation
 1. Connie Payne, Aide, Pleasant View Elementary, effective at the end of the day on May 3, 2015.
 2. Deborah Wilson, Cook III/Cafeteria Manager, Warm Springs Middle School, effective at the end of the day May 1, 2015.
 3. Lawrence Ashton, Bus Operator, County, effective at the end of the day on April 23, 2015.
 4. Garland Miller, Substitute Custodian, County, effective at the end of the day on April 23, 2015.

C. Extracurricular/Extra Duty Assignment

- Employment

1. Ian Helmick, Unpaid Volunteer Baseball Coach, Paw Paw Schools, effective for the 2014-2015 school year.

D. Professional Staff Development

The board approved Agenda Item IX.A-D – Personnel.

X. Out-of-State Travel

- A. Paw Paw Elementary 2nd and 3rd Graders (approximately 30 students) to the National Aquarium in Baltimore, MD on June 2, 2015. – Funding Source – Class Funds (Pending clearance from Superintendent due to recent events in Baltimore.)

The board approved Agenda Item X.A.

XI. Finance/Budget

- A. Adopt Morgan County’s proposed budget for 2015-2016, pending approval by the State Board of Education – Ann Bell

The board passed by a 4-1 vote to approve Agenda Item XI.A.

- B. Approve remainder of Step 7 Plan for 2015-2016 – Ann Bell

The board approved Agenda Item XI.B.

- C. Approve registration, travel, and lodging for Mr. Ambrose and registration and travel for Mrs. Smith to attend the May 16, 2015 West Virginia School Board Association conference in Flatwoods, WV.

The board approved Agenda Item XI.C. Mr. Ambrose and Mrs. Smith recused themselves from the vote.

- D. Award tile contract for Morgan County Schools to Shenandoah Floors & Interiors.

The board approved Agenda Item XI.D. Mr. Close recused himself from the vote.

XII. Calendar of Events

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.	Board Office
June 16	Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ice Cream Social, 6:30• Spring Student Awards (Academic & Athletic)	BSHS Auditorium

XIII. Adjournment

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