

Board Update

Board Members

David Ambrose, President
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Board Meeting
October 15, 2013

Regular Session

The Morgan County Board of Education met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 15, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. at Morgan County Board of Education located at 247 Harrison Avenue, Berkeley Springs, WV.

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

Present were: Administrators – Joan Willard, Assistant Superintendent and Nancy White, Treasurer. Directors - Terry Riley, Kristen Tuttle and Tom Shade. Others - Pete Gordon, Margaret Gordon, Jeff Hankey, Stephanie Hankey, Ryan Fincham, Teresa Veara, Elizabeth Spring, Lance Fox, Rick Vanorsdale, Jamie Harris, Lauren Beichner, Staci Smith, Heather Lorigan, Michael Webster, Sam Hopkins, Rachel Hopkins, Scott Lynch and Betsy Buser. Media – Kate Evans, *Morgan Messenger*.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Ambrose 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. Presentations

A. Morgan County Schools Strategic Plan

Superintendent Banks and Kristen Tuttle gave a power point presentation on the Morgan County Strategic Plan, whose goals include all students achieving proficiency in reading and math.

VI. Reports/Communications

A. President of the Board

NOTE: President Ambrose stated that any feedback concerning the closure of Greenwood would be appreciated by the board.

B. Board of Education Members

NOTE: Mr. Rowland commented on attending the 4H awards dinner. He was impressed by the positive, affirming and supportive atmosphere.

NOTE: Mr. Close stated that the Morgan County Parks and Recreation would be requesting to use our facilities for Bidly Buddy Basketball.

C. Superintendent

NOTE: Superintendent Banks gave a review of his draft of recommended budget cut considerations for next school year. This was based as if no levy exists.

D. Committee

The agenda from the October 11th Building and Grounds Committee meeting was distributed. Proposals for the Morgan County Soccer fields were reviewed and the award was granted to Triad. A plan for air quality testing across the county was formed.

VII. Public Comments

The following individuals addressed the board in support of our schools and the levy:

Scott Lynch
Margaret Gordon
Lance Fox

Mr. Ryan Fincham, representing the Concerned Citizens for Greenwood School, addressed the board in support of Greenwood Elementary.

VIII. Consent Agenda (Action)

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

- A. Minutes of the October 1, 2013, regular meeting
- B. Payment of Bills
- C. Volunteers (Widmyer, Pleasant View Elementary and Warm Springs Intermediate)
- D. Budget Adjustments (if necessary)

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

IX. Personnel

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

A. Professional Personnel

- Employment
 1. Katherine Cooper, Substitute Teacher, County, effective beginning with October 16, 2013, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.
 2. Katie Close, Substitute Teacher, County, effective beginning with October 16, 2013, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.
 3. Sabra Maguire, Title I Interventionist/Counselor, Paw Paw Schools, effective beginning October 16, 2013.(014-179)
- Resignation
 1. Michael Rozalski, Substitute Teacher, County, effective at the end of the day October 7, 2013.

B. Service Personnel

- Employment

1. Cheryl Straight, Substitute Bus Operator, Transportation, effective beginning with October 16, 2013, contingent upon meeting employment requisites.

C. Extracurricular/Extra Duty Assignment

- Employment

1. Anthony McDonald, Head Track Coach, Warm Springs Middle School, effective beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.(014-176)
2. Lori Edwards, Greenwood Elementary, Support Staff for After School Academic Events – Science Fair, effective for the 2013-2014 school year.(014-174)
3. Lori Edwards, Greenwood Elementary, Support Staff for After School Academic Events – Math Field Day, effective for the 2013-2014 school year.(014-175)
4. Lyne Keenan, Mentor Teacher, Greenwood Elementary, effective for the 2013-2014 school year.(014-117)
5. Approve the following individuals for After-School Program, Warm Springs Middle School, effective for the 2013-2014 school year:

Sean Beresford

Tracy Easton

Sherry Hartman

Josh Rider

Kate Boyce

Tim Smailes

Chuck Jones

Julia Antolik

Amy Glasscock

Rachel Brown-Wilson

Debby Wachter

Keri King

6. Roger Steiner, After School Bus Operator, Transportation, effective beginning with October 16, 2013.(014-178)
7. David Munday, Head Wrestling Coach, Berkeley Springs High School, effective beginning with the 2013-2014 school year.(014-144)

D. Professional Staff Development

1. Compensate the following individuals for Home Visits Training on October 1, 2013, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Funding Source – Title I
Nicole Surface
Dudley Cable
2. Compensate Robert Palmer for attendance at a Special Education Summer Math Academy on July 22-26, 2013. Funding Source – Special Education Grant for Summer Academies (61.43232.22213.114)
3. Compensate Robert Palmer for attendance at a Special Education Summer Academy on July 16-18, 2013. Funding Source – Special Education Grant for Summer Academies (61.43232.22213.114)
4. Compensate the following individuals for attendance at a Special Education Teacher Update staff development on September 24, 2013 from 4:00-5:00. Funding Source – IDEA Funds 61.43410.22213.581

Gena Giumarro

Charles Jones

Pamela Howard

Kathleen Brunner

Jennifer Michael

David Michael

Robin Thompson
Debra Gates
Betsy Wagner
Amber Guthrie

Christina Rose
Linda Cain
Richard Soos

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

X. Calendar of Events

October 15	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
November 5	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
November 11	No School, Veteran's Day	
November 19	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break	
December 3	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
December 17	Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.	Board Office
December 20	No School for Students, ISE Day	
Dec. 23 – Jan. 1	Christmas Break	

XI. Adjournment

The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

If you need additional information related to any item(s) acted upon, contact the superintendent of schools or his secretary to view any specific item(s) of information.