

MINUTES

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at the District Office at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Board Members:

Board President Gaylene Adams – present
Kelly Preece - present
Mandy Wallace – present
Andrea Brooks – present
Angie Trease - present
Halle Titus - present

District Staff:

Superintendent Andy Jensen - present
Business Administrator Scott McMillan – present
Secretary Jana Brown - present

Other Staff and Patrons: Ramona Martin, Trina Wilkinson, Michelle Morrell, Luke Thomas, Steve Wood, Bill Long, Brittany Budd, Josh Sargent, Gwen Romero, Kade Morrell, Crae Wilson, Destiny Field, Bobbi Eddy, Raelene Blocker, Cheryle Allen

Welcome: President Gaylene Adams opened the meeting.

Prayer/Pledge: Board Member Wallace

Consent Agenda:

President Adams asked if there were any changes to the consent agenda. She stated that if there are no corrections, the consent agenda, including the following, is adopted:

- a. Public Notice
- b. Minutes of the January 21, 2025, meeting
- c. Personnel Updates
- d. Budget Report
- e. Payment of claims for January in the amount of \$5,303,765.18
- f. January School Reconciliation Reports

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Superintendent's Report:Introduction of new Morgan County Commission Members

Superintendent Jensen introduced and welcomed new Morgan County Commissioner Raelene Blocker. Raelene stated that she is excited about the opportunity of working with the School Board. She reported that she is interested in creating a youth county commission where students have the opportunity to be exposed to how government entities function. She will keep the board updated on this matter.

Special Education Report

Special Education Director Steve Wood presented the annual Special Education Department report. He thanked the Board for their continued support.

Class Size

Superintendent Jensen presented the current class sizes and compared them to those of the past few years. He reported that the Board has worked tirelessly to reduce class sizes; however, if enrollment continues to decline in the next few years, it may be necessary to do a reduction in force.

Business Administrator Report:

Business Administrator Scott McMillan presented the budget report for January. He discussed the report as well as the capital projects that are currently underway and those that will begin in the future.

Trust Land Update

Business Administrator Scott McMillan informed the Board that the district has carryover amounts in Trust Lands for FY24. As a result, the district is now required to create a corrective action plan. He stated that the principals are currently working on their plans. This report is necessitated, as negative carryover amounts require board approval.

Discussion Items:Learning Materials Policy

Superintendent Jensen reported that this policy was created to combine EEE, EEEB, and EEEEC policies. He stated that the Policy Committee recommended that the review committee consist of seven parent members and six staff members.

Library Materials Policy

Superintendent Jensen reported that this policy is replacing EEEA. He noted that the Policy Committee also recommended the same change to the review committee. He informed the Board that to date, there have not been any challenges regarding books.

Action Items:

Board Goals

MOTION: Board Member Preece moved to approve the Board Goals.

SECOND: Board Member Wallace

DISCUSSION: President Adams reviewed the four goals that correspond with each category in the district strategic plan. It was noted that these goals are for the 2025-26 school year.

MOTION: Board Member Preece retracted the original motion and moved to approve the Board Goals for the 2025-2026 school year.

SECOND: Board Member Wallace

DISCUSSION: There was no further discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

District Calendar

MOTION: President Adams moved to approve the District Calendar.

SECOND: Board Member Preece

DISCUSSION: Board Member Trease asked about the change that was made to the calendar.

Superintendent Jensen reminded the Board that on the 2026-2027 calendar Fall Break was changed to a week later in October and the Parent/Teacher Conferences were moved to Wednesday and Thursday.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Board Member Brooks moved to approve the Resolution: Professional Learning Communities.

SECOND: Board Member Trease

DISCUSSION: President Adams reported that this resolution has been a great additional to help assure that we are all on the same page. Board Member Wallace added that she has had several staff members express that this resolution has been very helpful.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Home School Affidavits

MOTION: President Adams moved to approve the Home School Affidavits.

SECOND: Board Member Wallace

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Board Member Committee/School Visit Reports:

The Board members gave updates on their school visits and committee assignments.

Advanced Planning for Upcoming Events:

- a. DTC Luncheon February 24, 2025, 12:00 noon

b. Next Meeting March 11, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

MOTION: Board Member Wallace moved to close the regular Board meeting and move to Public Hearing for school fees.

SECOND: Board Member Trease

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing School Fees

Business Administrator Scott McMillan presented the proposed school fee schedules for the next school year. He discussed what changes have been made as well as new fees that will be collected. He informed the Board members that the fee for Driver's Education will need to increase next year. President Adams reminded the Board that if a student qualifies for a fee waiver, the Board is responsible for covering those fees.

President Adams asked if there were any public comments. There were no public comments.

MOTION: Board Member Preece moved to close the Public Hearing and move back to the regular Board meeting.

SECOND: President Adams

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Business Administrator, Scott McMillan