

MINUTES

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 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, Robert Kilmer, Crae Wilson, Destiny Field, Cheryle Allen, Jaque Johansen, Kate Becker, Vaughn Nickerson, Tiara Auxier, Michelle Stocking, Jani Hart, Christina Evans, Ammon Redd, Jennie Earl

Welcome: President Gaylene Adams opened the meeting.

Prayer/Pledge: Board Member Brooks

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 February 11, 2025, meeting
- c. Personnel Updates
- d. Budget Report
- e. Payment of claims for February in the amount of \$3,639,065.85
- f. February School Reconciliation Reports

Public Comment:

Cheryle Allen, Christina Evans, and Ammon Redd discussed their concerns with the MHS Bell Schedule.

Superintendent's Report:Introduction of new Morgan County Commission Member Vaugh Nickerson

Morgan County Manager Kate Becker introduced the new County Commissioner Vaugh Nickerson. Vaughn reported that he is a teacher in the Granite School District and is excited about the opportunity to work with the School Board.

Legislative Update

Superintendent Jensen updated the Board on the bills that were approved by the legislature and how they will affect the district. He reported that he and Scott will attend the USSA Conference in St. George next month where they will receive more information on these bills.

Student Services Report

Student Intervention Services Director Destiny Field presented her annual report. She discussed her responsibilities which includes the RISE Center. She stated that they are seeing great results with these students.

Teacher Merit Pay Discussion

Business Administrator Scott McMillan reported that the Morgan School District has signed up to pilot the Teacher Merit Pay program. He noted that this presentation is being given in all the school faculty meetings. Following those presentations, a survey will be sent to the teachers to determine whether they would like to participate in this pilot program. Scott stated that he will give an update on this at the next meeting.

Business Administrator Report:

Business Administrator Scott McMillan presented the budget report for February. He discussed the report as well as the capital projects that are currently underway and those that will begin in the future. He also discussed the 10-year capital project list.

Discussion Items:Bell Schedules

Board Member Angie Trease reported that she had several concerns from community members regarding the proposed changes to the MHS Bell Schedule and she asked for clarification. Board Member Mandy Wallace asked that Principal Luke Thomas discuss his reasoning for the proposed changes.

MOTION: Board Member Preece moved that the Board leave the regular meeting and go into Public Hearing for School Fees.

SECOND: Board Member Brooks

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

APPROVED: The motion passed unanimously.

6:00 p.m. – PUBLIC HEARING FOR SCHOOL FEES

President Adams asked if there were public comments regarding school fees.

Kate Becker discussed the importance of the arts and asked if there was a way to donate to these programs.

President Adams noted that the school fees will be approved in the regular meeting.

MOTION: Board Member Preece moved to leave the Public Hearing for School Fees and return to the regular Board meeting.

SECOND: Board Member Wallace

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

APPROVED: The motion passed unanimously.

Bell Schedules

MHS Principal Luke Thomas reported that his #1 priority is the students and their growth. He discussed his reasoning for the proposed changes to the bell schedule. He feels that the new schedule will offer more opportunities for students. He noted that 91% of the current senior class has a 4-period class schedule. He answered the questions that were raised and informed the Board and the parents that he is available to meet with them and discuss this further. Principal Thomas then reported that he attended the Sterling Scholar Competition and reported the following results:

Winners:

Jaqsyn Rudd - Speech/Theater Arts/Debate

Lilly Anne Newton - Family and Consumer Sciences

Runners Up:

Emma Nielsen - Dance

PJ Williams - Skilled and Technical Sciences Education

Alyssia Spagnuolo - Vocal Performance

Electronic Device Policy

Board Member Preece reported that the Policy Committee reviewed this policy and recommends it for approval by the Board.

Outside Agency Access Policy

Board Member Preece reported that the Policy Committee reviewed this policy as well and recommends it for approval by the Board.

Travel Requests

Superintendent Jensen reported that there may be a few trip requests that will need approval during the summer, but the students must first qualify to attend the competitions. These include FCCLA, FBLA, and HOSA.

Action Items:

Learning Materials Policy

MOTION: Board Member Preece moved to approve the Learning Materials Policy.

SECOND: Board Member Trease

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Library Materials Policy

MOTION: Board Member Brooks moved to approve the Library Materials Policy.

SECOND: Board Member Preece

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Home School Affidavits

There were no home school affidavits this month.

School Fees

MOTION: Board Member Wallace moved to approve the school fees for the 2025-26 school year.

SECOND: President Adams

DISCUSSION: Board Member Trease clarified that the drill fee increased this year due to their national's trip. Scott McMillan reported that this is included in the MHS Spend Plan.

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. USBA Regional Meeting March 12, 2025, 6:00 p.m. @ the Timberline
- b. Next Meeting April 8, 2025, 5:00 p.m.

The Board meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.