

MINUTES

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 9, 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
Student Member Jackson Farmer - present

District Staff:

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

Other Staff and Patrons: Tara Jarvie, Trina Wilkinson, Ramona Martin, Michelle Morrell, Luke Thomas, Josh Sargent, Destiny Field, Steve Wood, Crae Wilson, Gwen Romero, Michele Wilkinson, Brittany Budd, Ross Wilkinson, Ovation Choir Members, Cory Stark, Ty Martin, Jaque Johansen, Kate Becker

Welcome: President Gaylene Adams opened the meeting.

Prayer/Pledge: President Adams

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 November 11, 2025, meeting
- c. Personnel Updates
- d. Budget Report
- e. Payment of claims for November in the amount of \$3,335,653.78
- f. November School Reconciliation Reports

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Superintendent's Report:Introduction of New SRO

Morgan County Sheriff Corey Stark introduced Ty Martin as the new MMS/MES School Resource Officer (SRO). He reported that he is replacing Meg Bartlett, who accepted a position with another department.

MHS Ovation Choir

Superintendent Jensen welcomed the MHS Ovation Choir and turned the time over to them to perform a few Christmas songs.

Interlocal Recreation Agreement

Superintendent Jensen reported that he received additional changes today from the county on the Interlocal Recreation Agreement. He noted that this is a discussion item tonight. He will make the revisions prior to the next meeting.

Business Administrator Report:

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

Scott also presented the Fraud Risk Assessment. He discussed the assessment and reported that this is reviewed on an annual basis.

Discussion Items:Apple Lease Purchase Agreement

MHS Principal Luke Thomas reported that this proposal is to replace the chrome books with Apple Mac Books for the students to use throughout their high school years. He noted that there will also be a service agreement so that they will last longer and have fewer issues. He stated that each student would be required to pay a \$75 fee per year for this service plan. Business Administrator Scott McMillan then explained the budget for this proposal.

Board Schedule/Assignments

Superintendent Jensen presented the Board meeting schedule and assignments for next year. He noted that there will be additional work meetings for the data dives. He reported that the principals are requesting that the Trustland/TSSA plans deadline be pushed back for the Board to review in June and approve in August. They are also requesting that the school community council elections be held in the spring in an effort to have their members in place for the start of the next school year. Board Member Trease asked that the May Board meeting be held on May 5th rather than May 12th due to the end-of-year

athletic conflicts. Board Member Brooks asked for additional committee assignments that are working directly with district staff. President Adams added the Risk Assessment Committee to Board Member Brooks' assignments. Superintendent Jensen will make these changes prior to the next meeting where this will be approved.

Facility Usage Agreement

Superintendent Jensen discussed the revisions that were made to the Facility Usage Agreement. President Adams asked the Board members for their thoughts on these revisions. It was suggested that civic caucuses be added to reflect that these groups are not charged for use of the facilities. Superintendent Jensen reported that he will make these changes prior to the next meeting.

Interlocal Recreation Agreement

Superintendent Jensen reported that he received additional changes from the county today. He indicated that he will make these changes and will send it out to the Board members in his Friday message. President Adams asked them to email the superintendent prior to the next meeting if they have additional revisions.

Action Items:

Full-Day Kindergarten Policy

MOTION: Board Member Preece moved to approve the Full-Day Kindergarten Policy.

SECOND: Board Member Brooks

DISCUSSION: President Adams thanked the Policy Committee for their time in reviewing these policies.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Rights and Responsibilities Policy

MOTION: Board Member Wallace moved to approve the Rights and Responsibilities Policy.

SECOND: President Adams

DISCUSSION: President Adams recommended a few grammatical changes.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Safe Schools Policy

MOTION: Board Member Brooks moved to approve the Safe Schools Policy.

SECOND: Board Member Trease

DISCUSSION: President Adams recommended a few grammatical changes.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Wellness Policy

MOTION: Board Member Trease moved to approve the Wellness Policy.

SECOND: Board Member Wallace

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

LEA-Specific License

MOTION: President Adams moved to approve the LEA-Specific License of Steven Ellsworth at MHS to teach Business Communications in 3rd trimester.

SECOND: Board Member Brooks

DISCUSSION: Crae Wilson clarified that this is to approve an endorsement for Steven Ellsworth rather than license.

MOTION: Board Member Wallace moved to amend the motion to approve the LEA-Specific Endorsement of Steven Ellsworth at MHS to teach Business Communications in 3rd trimester.

SECOND: President Adams

DISCUSSION: There was no additional discussion.

APPROVAL: The amendment to the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL: The original 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. Legislative Breakfast December 18 – 7:00 am; Meeting – 7:30 am
- b. USBE Conference – January 8, 9, 10 – Little America
- c. Next Meeting January 13, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Work Meeting 4:00 p.m.

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Business Administrator, Scott McMillan