

MINUTES

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 10, 2026, 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, Kade Morrell, Steve Wood, Crae Wilson, Gwen Romero, Michele Wilkinson, Mylynn Felt, Cheryle Allen, Heather Nielsen, Katie Tilby

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. President Adams reported that a couple of the travel requests are for travel before the next Board meeting; therefore, she asked to add those travel requests to the agenda as an approval item. The Board members unanimously approved this addition to the agenda. She stated that if there are no additional corrections, the consent agenda, including the following, is adopted:

- a. Public Notice
- b. Minutes of the February 10, 2026, meeting
- c. Personnel Updates
- d. Budget Report
- e. Payment of claims for February in the amount of \$3,919,487.38
- f. February School Reconciliation Reports

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Superintendent's Report:

Information Technology Report

Superintendent Jensen excused IT Director Terry Allen for a family emergency. He noted that he will give the IT report at the next meeting.

Superintendent Jensen reported that the high school recently distributed the mac books to the juniors in preparation for the ACT. He noted that it went well and the students were very happy with these new devices.

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. Scott also gave an update on the legislative session. He discussed the bills that were approved and how they will affect the district.

Discussion Items:

Library Materials Policy

Superintendent Jensen reported that the Policy Committee has reviewed this policy. He noted that this will be discussed again by the Policy Committee prior to the next meeting. He noted that he will present the Learning Materials Policy at the next meeting as well.

Travel Requests

President Adams reported that she feels the process for reviewing travel requests needs to be revised. She noted that there are two requests that are scheduled to travel before they will be approved at the next meeting. She feels that the Board should review them earlier. She recommended that the requests be submitted to Jana Brown to assure that they are complete and on schedule prior to the Board reviewing them. She asked that the Volleyball trip request be completed on the correct form and reviewed again at the next meeting.

Action Items:

Bell Schedules

MOTION: Board Member Preece moved to approve the Bell Schedules.

SECOND: Board Member Brooks

DISCUSSION: Board Member Preece reported that he has discussed the 5-period schedule with many of his constituents, with overwhelming positive comments. He feels that the students have more opportunities to save money by taking college courses in high school.

Board Member Brooks reported that she was able to speak with 65 of her constituents regarding the schedule. She stated that 70% were in favor of the schedule. She stated that she attended the parent meeting as well as discussions with administration. She added that she feels this provides more opportunities to the students, and she feels confident moving ahead with the schedule.

Board Member Wallace reported that one of the biggest concerns was obtaining parental feedback. She noted that she spoke with 50 parents, of which 11 had concerns. She stated that Principal Thomas has offered numerous opportunities to meet with him one-on-one to discuss their concerns. She feels that this schedule works well for the majority of students.

Board Member Trease reported that she got a lot of constituent feedback. She stated that there was positive and negative feedback. She discussed some of the comments she received. She has concerns that this schedule will hurt the art programs. She noted that because of her concerns, she cannot support it.

President Adams reported that the high school administration has been good about reaching out to those parents that have concerns. She noted that she has been in the Morgan School District since she was a young child and there have been numerous different schedules that were best for the students at that time. She stated that the Board works hard to hire the best administrators and educators. She feels that they have the best interests of the students, and the Board should support them in their decisions. She reported that she has spoken with many parents and educators with overwhelming support of the schedule. Board Members Wallace and Brooks stated that they also had overwhelming teacher support. President Adams added her support in favor of the 5-period schedule.

APPROVAL: President Adams, Board Members Preece, Wallace, and Brooks voted in favor of the motion. Board Member Trease voted against the motion. The motion passed.

Travel Requests

MOTION: President Adams moved to approve the Choir, Orchestra, and Band travel requests.

SECOND: Board Member Preece

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Hotline Policy

MOTION: Board Member Preece moved to not approve the Hotline Policy

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. USBA Spring Regional Meeting March 12 – 6:00 pm @ Timbermine
- b. Next Meeting April 14, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Work Meeting 4:00 p.m.

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Business Administrator, Scott McMillan