

MINUTES

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 8, 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 School Board Member Irelynd Elmer - present

District Staff:

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

Other Staff and Patrons: Trina Wilkinson, Ramona Martin, Michelle Morrell, Jennie Durrant, Luke Thomas, Josh Sargent, Destiny Field, Holly Todd, Cory Sanders, Michele Wilkinson, Jaque Johansen, Becca Elmer

Welcome: President Gaylene Adams opened the meeting.

Prayer: Board Member Brooks

Consent Agenda:

President Adams asked if there were any changes to the consent agenda. She asked if the Code of Conduct Policy could be moved from an approval item to a discussion item. The Board members agreed. She stated that if there are no additional corrections, the consent agenda, including the following, is adopted:

- a. Public Notice
- b. Minutes of the August 11, 2026, meeting
- c. Personnel Updates
- d. Budget Report
- e. Payment of claims for August in the amount of \$2,310,011.95
- f. August School Reconciliation Reports

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Superintendent's Report:Adult Education Graduates

Student Services Director Destiny Field presented a diploma to the following Adult Education Graduate:

1. Alexis Gooch

Introduction of New Student School Board Member

Superintendent Jensen introduced and welcomed new student school board member Irelynd Elmer. She will serve as a student member for the 2026-27 school year.

Transportation Report

Transportation Director, Cory Sanders, reported that the #1 priority of the Transportation Department is safety. He noted that the department has three new trainers who will be conducting training sessions for the bus drivers. The department also purchased two new buses this year. Cory reported that the biggest concern for the department is people running the red-light arms on the buses. He noted that they have had at least one every day since school started. He noted that the photos of license plates are forwarded to law enforcement to be investigated.

Business Administrator Report:

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

Scott then presented tentative enrollment numbers. He noted that enrollment in MMS and MES is up, but it is down in the Mt. Green schools. He stated that the Board may need to discuss changing the boundary lines in the future if enrollment continues to decline. Overall, enrollment is down by approximately 50 students.

Discussion Items:Policy, High School Credits and Completion

Superintendent Jensen reported that the Policy Committee did not get through the entire policy. It will be reviewed again at the next meeting. He noted that this will be on the next agenda as a discussion item again.

Policy, Learner-Validated and Online Programs

Superintendent Jensen reported that this policy was tabled by the Policy Committee and will be reviewed again at the next meeting. Therefore, it will be on the next agenda as a discussion item again.

Resolution, Designation of the Official Compilation of Board Policies

Superintendent Jensen reported that the only thing that changed is the effective date of September 15, 2026.

Travel Request

President Adams presented the travel request for the FFA to attend the national competition. The question was raised regarding the group missing four days of school, which does not comply with the policy. It was felt that this is an exception as they have to qualify for this national competition and the parents have given their approval. The Board felt that the FFA group can move ahead with their plans and this will be formally approved at the next meeting.

Policy, Code of Conduct

Superintendent Jensen reported that this policy needs more review and discussion. It will be on the next agenda as a discussion item.

Action Items:

LEA-Specific Licenses

MOTION: Board Member Preece moved to approve the LEA-Specific Licenses.

SECOND: Board Member Brooks

DISCUSSION: There was no discussion.

APPROVAL: The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution, Designation of the Official Compilation of Board Policies

MOTION: Board Member Wallace moved to approve the Resolution, Designation of the Official Compilation of Board Policies with the September 15th date.

SECOND: President Adams

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. USBE Fall Regional Meeting September 29th 6:00 p.m.
- b. Next Meeting October 13, 2026, 5:00 p.m. Work Meeting 4:00 p.m.

The Board meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.