

Morgan County Board of Education Regular Meeting

March 17, 2026, 6:30 PM

Please note that, as authorized under KRS 61.823 and KRS 61.826, the Morgan County Board of Education, located at 155 University Drive, West Liberty, KY 41472, will hold a Regular Meeting via videoconference on March 17, 2026, at 6:30 PM. This same site will be the primary location where the public can attend and observe the meeting, and all members of the board can be seen and heard, including those attending by videoconference.

1. OPENING CEREMONIES

a. Welcome

The welcome was given by Mr. Jesse Clinger.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Morgan County Students.

2. ROLL CALL

Attendance Taken at: 6:30 P.M.

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Esther Cain-Videoconference

Mr. Jesse Clinger

Mr. Micheal Gevedon

Mr. James Lane

Mr. Ricky Pennington

Mrs. Rebecca McCoy-Board Attorney-Present

Ms. Ella Henderson-Student Representative-Absent

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Order #9988. - Motion Passed: Adopted agenda as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Ricky Pennington and a second by Mr. James Lane.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

4. REPORTS AND INFORMATION

a. Allen & Associates

I. 2024-25 Audit Presentation

Mr. Shad Allen with Allen & Associates presented the 2024-25 Morgan County Schools Audit via videoconference.

b. Creative Digital Arts Student Recognition

Mrs. Amanda Lee presented the Creative Digital Arts Students Participation Certificates.

c. Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) Recognition

Mrs. Amanda Lee presented the Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) Participation Certificates.

d. All District Honor Band Recognition

Dr. Hamilton presented the All-District Honor Band Certificates.

e. MSU Honor Band Recognition

Dr. Hamilton presented the MSU Honor Band Certificates.

f. Student Representative

Ms. Ella Henderson-Student Representative-Absent

g. Facilities Update

Mr. Joe Gamble presented the Facilities Update.

h. Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Lori Stamper presented the Treasurer's report.

i. Personnel Actions

Please see the attachment.

j. School-Based Decision Making Minutes

Please see the attachments.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements.

6. DISCUSSION FROM THE FLOOR

No Discussion from the floor.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. February 17, 2026, Regular Called Board Meeting Minutes

Order #9989. - Motion Passed: Approved the February 17, 2026, Regular Called Board Meeting Minutes passed with a motion by Mr. Ricky Pennington and a second by Mr. James Lane.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

8. ACTION ITEMS

a. Morgan County Schools Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract (GESc) Multiple Facilities BG4

Order #9990. - Motion Passed: Approved the Morgan County Schools Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract (GESc) Multiple Facilities BG4 passed with a motion by Mr. Ricky Pennington and a second by Mr. James Lane.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

b. Morgan County Middle School Gym Sound System BG4

Order #9991. - Motion Passed: Approved the Morgan County Middle School Gym Sound System BG4 passed with a motion by Mr. Ricky Pennington and a second by Mr. Michael Gevedon.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

c. Ezel Elementary School Roof Repair BG4

Order #9992. - Motion Passed: Approved the Ezel Elementary School Roof Repair BG4 passed with a motion by Mr. James Lane and a second by Mr. Jesse Clinger.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

d. New Tennis Courts BG4

Order #9993. - Motion Passed: Approved the New Tennis Courts BG4 passed with a motion by Mr. Jesse Clinger and a second by Mr. James Lane.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

e. 2026-27 School-Based Decision Making Final Allocations

Order #9994. - Motion Passed: Approved the 2026-27 School-Based Decision Making Final Allocations passed with a motion by Mr. Jesse Clinger and a second by Mr. Ricky Pennington.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

f. 2026-27 District Finance Auditing Services

Order #9995. - Motion Passed: Approved Artie White with White and Associates for the FY26 District Finance Auditing Services passed with a motion by Mr. Ricky Pennington and a second by Mr. James Lane.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

g. 2026-27 Morgan County Schools Technology Plan

Order #9996. - Motion Passed: Approved the 2026-27 Morgan County Schools Technology Plan passed with a motion by Mr. Ricky Pennington and a second by Mr. James Lane.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

h. Board Policy 03.1234 Administrative Procedure 2 Certified Extended Disability Leave Form

Order #9997. - Motion Passed: Approved Board Policy 03.1234 Administrative Procedure 2 Certified Extended Disability Leave Form passed with a motion by Mr. James Lane and a second by Mr. Michael Gevedon.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

i. Board Policy 03.2234 Administrative Procedure 2 Classified Extended Disability Leave Form

Order #9998. - Motion Passed: Approved Board Policy 03.2234 Administrative Procedure 2 Classified Extended Disability Leave Form passed with a motion by Mr. Jesse Clinger and a second by Mr. James Lane.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

j. Bids for Asphalt Paving

Order #9999. - Motion Passed: Approved Standafer Builders Bid for Asphalt Paving at \$130.00 per ton, passed with a motion by Mr. Ricky Pennington and a second by Mr. James Lane.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

k. Bids for Asphalt Sealing

Order #10000. - Motion Passed: Approved Barnes Sealing and Coating, LLC Bid for Asphalt Sealing at \$1.00 per sq yard (1 coat), \$1.25 per sq yard (2 coats), and \$.75 per foot (Layout Striping), passed with a motion by Mr. Ricky Pennington and a second by Mr. Jesse Clinger.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

l. Bids for Propane

Order #10001. - Motion Passed: Approved Caney Valley Propane for \$1.99 per gallon passed with a motion by Mr. Jesse Clinger and a second by Mr. Michael Gevedon.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

m. Bids for Snow/Ice Removal

Order #10002. - Motion Passed: Approved Standafer Builders Bid for Snow/Ice Removal at \$85.00 hour for Skid Steer, \$145.00 hour for Big Grader-12, and \$115.00 hour for Small Grader-10, passed with a motion by Mr. Ricky Pennington and a second by Mr. James Lane.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Order #10003. - Motion Passed: Approved the consent agenda as presented passed with a motion by Mr. Michael Gevedon and a second by Mr. Ricky Pennington.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

a. Approved the Orders of the Treasurer

b. Approved the Morgan County Board of Education Year-to-Date Financial Report

c. Approved the Morgan County Board of Education General Fund Account Report

d. Approved the Monthly Financial Reports

e. Approved the Credit Card Report

f. Approved the 2026-27 Memorandum of Understanding with Morgan County High School and Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)

g. Approved the 2026-27 Memorandum of Understanding with Pathways, Inc.

h. Approved the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) National Student Leadership Academy (NSLA) to Salt Lake City, Utah

i. Approved the 2026-27 Strawbridge Studios Inc. Photography Service Agreements

j. Approved the Morgan County High School Student Council trip to Kings Island

k. Approved the Morgan County High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Class to Kings Island

l. Approved the Family Resource & Youth Service Centers to Milton Hershey School Tour in Hershey, Pennsylvania

m. Ratified the 2026 Scholastic Team Chess Tournament

n. Approved the Extended Disability Leave

o. Approved the Superintendent Travel and Expenses

10. RECESS

Order #10004. - Motion Passed: Approved a 5-minute recess at 7:25 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Jesse Clinger and a second by Mr. Ricky Pennington.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

11. ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

a. Enter into Closed Session per KRS 61.810(1)(c) "Discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency".

Order #10005. - Motion Passed: Approved to Enter into Closed Session at 7:25 p.m. per KRS 61.810(1)(c) "Discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency" passed with a motion by Mr. Jesse Clinger and a second by Mr. Ricky Pennington.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

12. EXIT CLOSED SESSION

Order #10006. - Motion Passed: Approved to Exit Closed Session at 9:02 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Jesse Clinger and a second by Mr. James Lane.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

13. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Additional Class Size Reduction Teachers

Order #10007. - Motion Passed: Create One Class Size Reduction Teacher at East Valley Elementary School, Ezel Elementary School, and Wrigley Elementary School, and Two Class Size Reduction Teachers at Morgan Central Elementary School, and Morgan County High School, utilizing federal funds for the 2026-27 school year passed with a motion by Mr. Jesse Clinger and a second by Mr. Ricky Pennington.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

14. ADJOURNMENT

Order #10008. - Motion Passed: Approved adjournment at 9:12 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Jesse Clinger and a second by Mr. James Lane.

Mrs. Esther Cain	Yes
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Mr. Jesse Clinger	Yes
Mr. Michael Gevedon	Yes
Mr. James Lane	Yes
Mr. Ricky Pennington	Yes

Gene G.

Board Chairman

Robert T., Ed.D.

Secretary