

Maryville Board of Education

Minutes for April 10, 2017

The Board of Education met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., April 10, 2017, at Sam Houston Elementary School. Board members present were: Nick Black, Candy Morgan, Bethany Pope, Bob Proffitt, and Christi Sayles. Chairman Pope called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence followed by Jackson Miller, 1st grade student, leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

SCOPE PRESENTATION - Mike Drive, Sponsor

Sponsor Mike Driver introduced student participants Toly Siopsis, Ellie Johnson, Emily Morgan and Carter Hatch who shared their experiences at the Student Congress on Policies in Education (SCOPE) Conference held recently in Murfreesboro.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Pope welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for the adoption of the agenda after adding Agenda Item #8. Mrs. Morgan made the motion for the adoption of the agenda. Dr. Proffitt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 ayes – 0 nays

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comment from the public on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Black made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Sayles seconded the motion. Motion carried 5–0.

1. Approve Minutes of March 13, 2017, meeting and March 29, 2017, called meeting (Attachment)
2. Review Board Policy Manual Section 9.13 – Diplomas and High School Credit – Second Reading
3. Review Board Policy Manual Procedures and Guidelines 10.2.1.10 – Tuition Rates for Non-resident Students – Second Reading
4. Approve Certification of Adoption for textbooks (Attachment A1)
5. Approve Maryville High and Junior High School Summer School classes and dates (Attachment A2)
6. Approve Maryville High School Chorale Fall Retreat at Camp Ba-Yo-Ca in Sevierville (Attachment A3)
7. Approve surplus property of the Maryville High School portable building after it is vacated by Café LeReve and grant permission to Director of Schools to dispose of
8. Approve purchase of DyKnow subscription – Funding Source: Instructional Supplies and Materials \$13,500 (Attachment A4)
9. Approve purchase from PCS replacement parts for summer laptop repairs – Funding Source: Instructional Supplies and Materials \$24,130 (Attachment A5)
10. Approve annual license fee for Propel Wellness May 2017-April 2018 – Funding Source: Board of Education \$12,276.50 (Attachment A6)

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve purchase from Apple Inc. Education 270 iPads – Funding Source: Instructional Supplies and Materials \$79,380.00 (Attachment B1)

Mrs. Sayles made the motion to approve purchase from Apple Inc. Education 270 iPads. Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The iPads will replace first generation iPad minis for teachers in kindergarten through grade three as well as some student iPads.

2. Approve purchase from PCS for 70 Lenovo laptops – Funding Source: Instructional Supplies and Materials \$28,560.00 (Attachment B2)

Dr. Proffitt made the motion to approve purchase from PCS for 70 Lenovo laptops. Mrs. Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The laptops will be distributed to teachers so their Dell laptops can be deployed to students. Remaining teacher laptops will be replaced by the end of the calendar year with funds from next year's budget.

3. Approve purchase from PCS for 470 Lenovo Tiny i3 – Funding Source: Instructional Supplies and Materials \$272,130.00 (Attachment B3)

Mrs. Morgan made the motion to approve purchase from PCS for 470 Lenovo Tiny i3 desktop computers. Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The desktop computers will replace teacher and office staff computers that are more than six years old.

4. Approve funding to complete baseball press box and bathrooms – Funding Source: Capital Outlay \$230,825; Athletic funds/private donation \$50,000 (Attachment B4)

Mrs. Sayles made the motion to approve funding to complete baseball press box and bathrooms. Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Approve purchase of Canvas LMS subscription – Funding Source: Instructional Supplies and Materials \$43,319 (Attachment B5)

Mrs. Morgan made the motion to approve purchase of Canvas LMS subscription. Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Approve school lunch prices (Grades K-3 \$2.60; Grades 4-7 \$2.75; Grades 8-9 \$2.85; Grades 10-12 \$3.00)

Mrs. Morgan made the motion to approve school lunch prices after amending the amounts to Grades K-3 \$2.65; Grades 4-7 \$2.75; Grades 8-9 \$2.90; Grades 10-12 \$3.00. Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Lunch prices were raised to comply with federal rules for the free school lunch program.

7. Renew Rocky Top Tours, LLC, bus contract for the 2017-2018 school year

Mrs. Sayles made the motion to renew Rocky Top Tours, LLC, bus contract for the 2017-2018

school year. Mrs. Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Rocky Top Tours currently operates 18 buses for Maryville City Schools.

8. Approve purchase of two 2017 Ford transit vans for maintenance department – Funding Source: Maintenance Fund \$59,838

Dr. Proffitt made the motion to approve the purchase of two 2017 Ford transit vans for maintenance department. Mrs. Sayles seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Maryville City Schools expects to receive \$15,000 insurance money towards the purchase price.

UPDATE FROM SAM HOUSTON ELEMENTARY – Scott Blevins, Principal

Sam Houston Elementary Principal Scott Blevins said he was happy to host and have the opportunity to share the exciting things happening at SHE and to brag on his staff and students. The Smokey Strut held recently raised over \$30,000. He thanked feeder schools' principals Kevin Myers and Ramona Best for their participation. Mr. Blevins introduced Assistant Principal Ashley Hammonds who shared the Summer Reading Rally program. This will be the third year for program which has increased student/family participation from 40 students the first year to over 200 the second year.

Dr. Mike Winstead, Director of Schools, said this was the last board meeting with Mr. Blevins as principal of Sam Houston Elementary but looked forward to working with him in his new position at the district level.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Mike Winstead stated he was still waiting on the BEP estimate from the state. He also stated it would be important for Maryville and Alcoa school districts along with city leaders to let county commission members know they oppose any move to devote more tax dollars to education capital improvements in Blount County Schools only.

Jim Hinton with Cope Architecture shared the Maryville City Schools Elementary Capacity Studies. The next step will be to meet with elementary principals to discuss functionality before exploring options which include reopening Fort Craig School, expanding existing schools, annexing Fairview Elementary or building a new elementary school.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

Several Maryville High School fine arts students were selected for “all state” recognition. Ten band, ten orchestra, and two choral students represented the school this past weekend in Nashville. In addition, the entire MHS concert band was asked to perform. The band received rave reviews from a very discriminating audience of mostly band directors and guest artists.

Last Friday, the Coulter Grove Intermediate and Montgomery Ridge Intermediate Schools' chamber orchestras performed at the Pine Theater in Dollywood in front of professional music adjudicators. Both orchestras received the highest gold rating.

Rebecca Johnson, member of the Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School Band and Wind Ensemble, competed in the International Great Composers Competition performing on her tenor

saxophone. She received 3rd place in this international competition.

Gavin Hicks, Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School 5th grader, recently graduated as a Young Marine. He was recognized with the Academic Achievement Award (Score of 99/100 on history exam), Honor Recruit Award, and promoted to the rank of Private First Class.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Sayles shared she met Scott Blevins when their sons started kindergarten together in 2002. She said he has done so much for so many students and appreciates all the lives he has touched. She also said how much she loves coming to Sam Houston with its elementary school feel.

Mr. Black said Scott would always be Mr. Blevins to him since Scott was his 5th grade teacher. He said he appreciated Scott and all that he's done.

Dr. Proffitt said he met Scott years ago and was amazed at how well Scott has done. Dr. Proffitt recognized tennis coach, Christian Burns, and the great job he was doing.

Mrs. Morgan stated Scott has done an exception job at SHE and he was leaving big shoes to fill. She thanked the teachers for their hard work in the classroom and added SHE was a happy place.

Mrs. Pope wished everyone good luck in the next few weeks of school with lots of activities and sporting events planned. She also thanked Scott for making the school what it is and said, too, that he was leaving big shoes to fill.