

Maryville Board of Education

Minutes for September 18, 2017

The Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., September 18, 2017, at Coulter Grove Intermediate 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 Addison Hammonds, 5th grade student, leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Pope welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for the adoption of the agenda. Mrs. Sayles made the motion for the adoption of the agenda. Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 ayes – 0 nays

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from the public on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of August 14, 2017, meeting (Attachment)
2. Review School Board Policy Manual Section 9.18 - Integration of TCAP Scores in Student Grades – Second Reading
3. Ratify Executive Committee approval of annual fee and assessment banks from PowerSchool Group, LLC – Funding Source: Instructional Supplies and Materials \$13,736.20 (Attachment A1)
4. Approve Maryville High School Chorus Advanced Mixed overnight field trip to attend Choirs of America Nationals for Top Choirs Choral Festival in New York City (Attachment A2)
5. Approve Maryville High School Chorus All-State Honorees overnight trip to attend All-State Honors Choir in Nashville (Attachment A3)
6. Ratify Executive Committee approval to purchase from Reletech for CTE equipment, installation and training – Funding Source: CTE Equipment Grant \$25,594.00 (Attachment A4)
7. Approve Maryville High School Orchestra overnight trip to Nashville Symphony (Attachment A5)
8. Approve Maryville High and Junior High School orchestra overnight trip to Advanced Orchestra Clinic at Austin Peay University (Attachment A6)
9. Approve Coulter Grove Intermediate School overnight trip to New York City (Attachment A7)

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider purchase from PCS of 175 Lenovo N24 Laptops – Funding Source: Instructional Equipment \$73,150.00 (Attachment B1)

Mr. Black made the motion to purchase from PCS 175 Lenovo N24 Laptops. Mrs. Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The laptops are for teachers in grades 5-12.

2. Consider School Board Policy Manual Section 9.13 - Diplomas and High School Credit – First Reading (Attachment B2)

Mrs. Sayles made the motion to approve School Board Policy Manual Section 9.13 – Diplomas and High School Credit on first reading. Mrs. Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Consider School Board Policy Manual Section 10.4 – Behavior and Discipline – First Reading (Attachment B3)

Mr. Black made the motion to approve School Board Policy Manual Section 10.4 – Behavior and Discipline on first reading. Mrs. Sayles seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-1 with Mrs. Morgan voting nay.

4. Consider School Board Policy Manual Section 5.8 – Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones) – First Reading (Attachment B4)

Mrs. Morgan made the motion to approve School Board Policy Manual Section 5.8 – Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones) on first reading. Mrs. Sayles seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

5. No recommended changes to School Board Policy Manual Section 2 – School Board Operations (Attachment B5)

6. Consider a revised 2018-2019 school calendar (Attachment B6)

Mr. Black made the motion to approve revised 2018-2019 school calendar. Dr. Proffitt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

UPDATE FROM COULTER GROVE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL – Dr. Ramona Best, Principal

Coulter Grove Intermediate School's theme for the 2017-2018 school year is Start with Heart. Dr. Best shared how the staff was supporting the theme and introduced orchestra teacher, Josie Cappelletti. Orchestra students in the celebration group played happy birthday and congratulated Dr. Winstead by playing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow".

Seventh grade language arts teacher Dr. Jessica Cate shared the positive behavior program developed to encourage leadership skills in the 7th grade. Kelli Heard and Erica Pearce, 5th grade teachers, along with three students talked about the kindness challenge in 5th grade.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Mike Winstead, Director of Schools, thanked the teachers and students for their presentation. He

recently attend the TOSS (TN Organization of School Superintendents) Conference where he was named Superintendent of the Year for the state of TN. He shared the conference renewed his appreciation for Maryville City Schools' teachers and their mindset of rolling up their sleeves and staying positive. He thanked them for doing an incredible job. Dr. Winstead said he was fortunate and lucky to be able to lead such a great group of educators and work for a great board.

Maryville City Schools' graduation rate for the 2016-2017 school year was 95%. Keeping students in all grades engaged and the readiness of the graduates is the state's next incentive. Dr. Winstead recently attended a joint meeting with Alcoa City Schools, Blount County Schools and Pellissippi State Community College working towards more dual credit possibilities. He also reported the baseball facilities is nearing completion and the new track has been marked off waiting for city approval.

Jim Hinton, Cope Architecture, presented an update on the elementary schools capacity study. District administrators will begin meeting with school level administrators, then teacher and parent groups before seeking community input.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

Foothills Elementary School kindergarten students raised a total of \$583 for two Houston, TX, elementary classrooms. Teachers will be purchasing supplies and books to send. Teachers are very excited to show their students how they can make their mark and make a difference in our world.

Congratulations go out to four Maryville High School Visual Art students for big wins at the Tennessee Valley Fair Student Art Competition. The award winners were as follows: Zofia Topor 12th grade for Best Print; Safa Khan for Best 11th grade; Toni Matheson for Best 10th grade; and Kylie Sliger for 2nd place in 10th grade. These young artists received recognition and prize money for their excellence in the visual arts at an awards ceremony on Monday, September 11th.

The Board of Education publically recognized the recent action by TOSS in naming Dr. Mike Winstead as the 2018 TN Superintendent of the Year. Reception followed the meeting in the lobby outside the library doors.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Sayles thanked the students who shared during the board meeting and the high school administration and committee who worked on the cum laude system. She congratulated Dr. Winstead and said she was the only board member left when he was hired and she knew then you were "a talented educator and would make an impact on Maryville City Schools."

Mr. Black also congratulated Dr. Winstead on his tremendous honor and said he enjoyed hearing him speak at a recent Chamber of Commerce event. He feels it is important to reach out to the community so they can hear what is being done in the schools. He thanked CGIS for hosting the meeting in their beautiful facility.

Dr. Proffitt commended teachers and administrators who have the responsibility of discipline and commented on a recent suicide in children article in The Daily Times.

Mrs. Morgan said the orchestra did a great job. She also said positive behavior will change students and it was awesome what the teachers were doing. Mrs. Morgan congratulated Dr. Winstead on his great honor and said she was excited to have him as part of our system. She thanked CGIS for setting the bar higher for the other schools.

Mrs. Pope thanked the orchestra students for the beautiful music and the staff of CGIS for instilling in students the acts of doing good for other people. She also congratulated Dr. Winstead and thanked CGIS for hosting and other administrators and teachers for taking the time to come.