

Maryville Board of Education

Minutes for December 11, 2017

The Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., December 11, 2017, at John Sevier 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 Jett Sanders, 3rd 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. Morgan 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

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

1. Approve Minutes of November 13, 2017, meeting (Attachment)
2. Ratify Executive Committee approval of Maryville High School Model UN Club overnight trip to SHSMUN Conference in Chattanooga (Attachment A1)
3. Approve purchase of copy paper from Paper101 – Funding Source: Instructional Supplies and Materials \$18,858.00 (Attachment A2)

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider School Board Policy Manual Section 6 – Student Transportation – First Reading (Attachment B1)

Mrs. Morgan made the motion to approve School Board Policy Manual Section 6 – Transportation on first reading with the change of “superintendent” to “director of schools”. Mrs. Sayles seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Consider School Board Policy Manual Section 8.31 – Recommendations and File Transfers – First Reading (Attachment B2)

Mrs. Sayles made the motion to approve School Board Policy Manual Section 8.31 – Recommendations and File Transfers on first reading. Dr. Proffitt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Consider School Board Policy Manual Section 7 – Food Services – No changes

4. Consider School Board Procedures & Guidelines Section 6.5 School Bus Emergency Procedures and Section 7.2 Lunchroom Charge Procedures – No changes
5. Consider purchase of Nearpod District Edition for 350 teachers – Funding Source: Instructional Supplies and Materials \$30,000 (Attachment B3)

Mr. Black made the motion to approve purchase of Nearpod District Edition for 350 teachers. Mrs. Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Consider purchase of laptops for Coding, STEM from SHI – Funding Source: CTE Grant \$23,390.12 (Attachment B4)

Dr. Proffitt made the motion to purchase laptops for Coding, STEM from SHI. Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

UPDATE FROM JOHN SEVIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Ginny Boles, Principal

Ginny Boles, John Sevier Elementary School Principal, welcomed everyone and recognized students attending from Mike Driver's government class. She asked those who were JSE alumni to stand. Presenters shared ways JSE was highlighting Maryville City Schools' strategic plan.

Guidance Counselor, Sharon Earley, and 3rd grade students from the trustworthy superhero squad, talked of ways kindness matters and the new program B JSE. Teachers Jodi Eanes and Kara Griffeth along with two 3rd grade students and one kindergarten student demonstrated coding learned in STEM classes. Dr. Beth Gotcher, kindergarten teacher, shared on Teaching Literacy in Tennessee. John Sevier Elementary School was one of three schools chosen to pilot the program.

Assistant Principal Brian Tinker said JSE wanted to share a small part of the great things teachers and students are doing.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Assistant Director of Schools Amy Vagnier gave an update on the Lenovo laptop rollout to teachers. Recovering Dell laptops will be given to elementary teachers to supplement their iPads. Mini iPads are no longer used in the elementary class rooms but are being used in Maryville High School's art department.

Dr. Mike Winstead, Director of Schools, reported dirt was being moved on the track project. Online testing at Maryville High School has gone well. Scores are due back January 5, 2018, and district reports February 15, 2018. Dr. Winstead shared a presentation on district accountability.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

Board Chair Bethany Pope recognized the Maryville High School football team on winning the state championship and Coach Derek Hunt on a great first year. She encouraged everyone to attend one of the many concerts and plays during the month of December.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Black thanked JSE for hosting and extended his congratulations to MHS on the state championship. He said he enjoyed the student involvement at the board meeting and the new program B JSE was great. He added he was particularly happy to hear of devices being recycled. This will help the board to move forward and be able and willing to do those kinds of purchases in the future.

Mrs. Morgan commented on the kindness club and what an important message it gave and the impact it will have on peers. She was impressed with the coding presentation and expressed appreciation to Dr. Gotcher on her enthusiasm to keep Maryville City Schools in the forefront of the state.

Dr. Proffitt stated the Board of Regents offers technical training to students who can repeat free if need be.

Mrs. Sayles echoed what other board members said. She told Mrs. Eanes there was a very special in heaven for elementary teachers especially kindergarten and first grade. Mrs. Sayles enjoyed her day at Maryville High School passing out ice cream during National Education Week. She said MCS has the best cafeteria staff in any system anywhere. They love the kids and go above and beyond. She wanted them to know they were not taken for granted but greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Pope agreed with Mrs. Sayles that ice cream distribution was a great experience. She said the coding done at the elementary level blows her mind and the bowling demonstration was awesome. She loved the kindness squad and their message.