

Maryville Board of Education

Minutes for October 15, 2018

The Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., October 15, at Montgomery Ridge 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 Abby Paszek, 7th grade student, leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

UPDATE FROM MONTGOMERY RIDGE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL – Kevin Myers, Principal

Principal Kevin Myers welcomed everyone to Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School. This school year MRIS is focusing on getting back to basics and school safety. SRO Shane Collins along with Maryville City Police Department and Homeland Security have provided school safety training.

Carol Anne Scarlett and Brad White, Assistant Principals, introduced students Emma Claire Warner, Abby Paszek and Shady Presley. Emma Claire and Abby shared their experiences working with the SERVE Project. Shady explained how the positive behavior program worked.

Mr. Myers thanked Amy Thompson, Tammy Hooper, Penny Starcher and Gwen Banks for helping to make the remodeled cafeteria possible.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

Maryville City Mayor Tom Taylor shared two programs he was involved in: TN Educator Hall of Honor and mobile mapping.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of September 17, 2018, meeting (Attachment)
2. Approve Board Policy Manual Section 1 – School Board Operations – Second Reading

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider FY 19 Budget Amendment #1 (Attachment B1)

Mr. Black made the motion to approve FY 19 Budget Amendment #1. Mrs. Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Dr. Kathy Smith, Director of Finance, explained the budget amendment reflected additional revenues received.

2. Consider Board Policy Manual Section 2 – Fiscal Management – First Reading
(Attachment B2)

Mrs. Sayles made the motion to approve Board Policy Manual Section 2 – Fiscal Management on first reading. Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Mike Winstead, Director of Schools, gave a facilities update. The water lines have been relocated at Foothills Elementary and relocation of the grease trap at John Sevier Elementary is completed. The new track has the rubber base installed and the lighting project is wrapping up. The HVAC design at Foothills is nearing completion.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

Forty students joined Maryville High School Guidance Counselors to tour ETSU and Carson Newman during fall break. MHS Spanish Teacher Jennifer Sobota received the Outstanding Collaborator Award from the Department of Theory and Practice in Teacher Education at the University of Tennessee. Angela Webb, MHS Spanish Teacher, recently started meeting with 30 students each Monday morning and afternoon to work on their physical and mental health in a newly formed YOGA CLUB. The club is supported in part by a grant from the Coordinated School Health program. The Spanish Honor Society won 1st place recently for costume design at the Knoxville Llama Race sponsored by Casa de Sara (a non-profit providing educational opportunities for at-risk children in greater Knoxville and Bolivia). MHS student, Evan Turner, racing as HeadsupFPV, has won several national and international competitions in the Drone Champions League (DCL), as a drone racer. This motorsport aims at young people using a quadcopter to maneuver an obstacle course and finish first. The course is called Rotocross and may consist of time trials and other competitions. USA team, Quad Force One, finished 2nd in the world this month in Switzerland where a crowd of over 10,000 gathered to witness the competition.

Congratulations to the Maryville Junior High School Tennis Team and Coach Hicks for becoming the 2018 Blount County Tennis Champions with an overall record of 10 and 1. Two hundred and ten MJHS students participated in intercession and collectively raised their class average from 74.12 to 77.68 through the individualized instruction and concentrated work offered during the break. Also over the break, ten MJHS art students displayed their work and won ribbons in the Heritage Center's 12th Annual Blue Ribbon Country Fair competition (sponsored by Friends of the Smokies). Eighth grader Destiny Abrams won Best in Show and First Place in the Middle School division. Ninth grader Julieta R. (name not shared due to restricted media agreement) received Best in Show and First Place in the High School division.

SERVE WEEK, conducted at both Coulter Grove Intermediate School and Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School, has been nominated for the Spirit of the Good Neighbors award. The winner will be announced at the sixth annual Spread the Spirit dinner on November 1 at New Providence Presbyterian Church.

Nancy Koehl, art teacher at Sam Houston, will be honored by Maryville College's Athletic Department for her role in Softball and Women's Basketball. Her name will be added to the Wall of Fame during the 2018 Maryville College Homecoming.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Proffitt recognized former MCS student Maria Glover for her appointment to the faculty at Georgetown School of Law.

Mr. Black said he really enjoyed hearing from the students.

Mrs. Morgan shared she was particularly grateful for the SERVE Project and the remarkable opportunities it gave the students.

Mrs. Sayles said MCS has the best cafeteria staff of any school system anywhere. She added the staff was so good to the students.