

Maryville Board of Education

Minutes for November 5, 2018

The Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., November 5, at Foothills 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 Pete and Ben Clendenin, 3rd and 1st grade students, leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

UPDATE FROM FOOTHILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Karen Schito, Principal

Principal Karen Schito welcomed everyone to Foothills Elementary School and said she was excited to be a part of the school expansion process. Teachers Stephanie Collins and Kristie Arendale, along with students Pete and Ben Clendenin, shared on the updated guidance and Life Skills programs. Third grade teacher Patty Stinnett and kindergarten teachers Teresa Fields and Emily Johnson presented on Goal Setting and Data Tracking used in grades kindergarten through third. Students Ben and Caleb LeBoeuf and Timmy Stewart shared how they are becoming independent learners using the process.

Board members commented positively on the two areas shared.

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. Dr. Proffitt 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. Mrs. Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5–0.

1. Approve Minutes of October 15, 2018, meeting (Attachment)
2. Approve Board Policy Manual Section 2 – Fiscal Management – Second Reading
3. Ratify Executive Committee approval of Maryville High School Residential and Commercial Construction Class overnight trip to Atlantic Beach, NC, for TN Disaster Relief – Funding Source: TN Education Economic Development Grant (Attachment A1)
4. Ratify Executive Committee approval for Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School to purchase from Lightspeed Sound amplification systems for classrooms of core subject areas – Funding Source: MCSF \$20,620 (Attachment A2)
5. Approve 2018 LEA Compliance Report (Attachment A3)
6. Approve Maryville High School wrestling team overnight trip to Mountain Brook HS Invitational in Mountain Brook, AL (Attachment A4)

7. Approve Aruba Mobility Master upgrade and installation from MXN Corp. – Funding Source: Technology Equipment \$15,896 (Attachment A5)
8. Approve MXN Enterprise monitoring and remote support – Funding Source: Technology Equipment \$14,154 (Attachment A6)

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider an agreement with Genesis Diversity Solutions for a three-year diversity initiative

Mrs. Sayles made the motion to approve an agreement with Genesis Diversity Solutions for a three-year diversity initiative. Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Rev. Dr. Benjamin Lewis will work with Maryville City Schools on what diversity looks like for the district along with recruiting and retaining a diverse staff.

2. Consider Board Policy Manual Section 3 – Support Services – First Reading (Attachment B1)

Dr. Proffitt made the motion to approve Board Policy Manual Section 3 – Support Services on first reading. Mrs. Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Mike Winstead, Director of Schools, reported the school expansion projects at John Sevier and Foothills Elementary Schools were in good shape despite all the rain. Once striping is complete, the new track located at Coulter Grove Intermediate School will be finished.

Dr. Winstead highlighted Consent Agenda Item #3 – Maryville High School Residential and Commercial Construction Class overnight trip to Atlantic Beach, NC, for TN Disaster Relief. Maryville High School teacher David Allen along with FCA leader Bubba Hooker accompanied students to Atlantic Beach to work on a home devastated by a recent hurricane.

In his closing statement, Dr. Winstead said it was a bittersweet night as it was Dr. Proffitt and Christi Sayles' last board meeting. Dr. Proffitt served on the board for four years while Mrs. Sayles served for twelve. Board members and Assistant Director of Schools Amy Vagnier also added their appreciation and comments about serving with the retiring board members.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

TN-DOE reported last week on the average ACT score for all high schools in the state. Maryville High School students scored 24.3 – well above the state and national averages of 20.2, 20.8 respectively, and 4th highest in the state. AP course statistics are out for the 2017-18 school year: MHS had a total enrollment of 1,194 students in 28 different AP courses and 645 exams were administered with passing rate of 82% (scoring a 3, 4, or 5). Madison Roe was recently recognized as a “20 under 20” by the Knoxville News Sentinel as owner of a small confectionery business that operates primarily around the Valentine holiday. This year, Mattie also manages the Rebel Roast Coffee Shop in the MHS Library, where the staff said she schedules and trains workers, has great new drink ideas, and lends her organizational skill to the operation. Congratulations to the MHS and

MJHS team of foreign language teachers who represented the school district at the TFLTA (TN Foreign Language Teachers Association) conference in Franklin. At the conference, these teacher-leaders presented a session titled “Building your World Language Technology Toolbelt.” Student Emily Morgan spoke at the annual TSBA conference in Nashville representing MHS and Maryville City Schools as an articulate voice for students across the state. In her address, she did a masterful job of challenging the entire audience toward greater community involvement.

Based on a competitive application process, Coulter Grove Intermediate School was selected to participate in the state’s model trauma-informed schools initiative. Trauma-informed practices help create a school environment that not only helps students but supports and empowers teachers in their daily interactions with students.

At Sam Houston, the schools Carnival week in mid-October included a challenge to read 50,000 pages in a week and they reach 55,000 pages. This challenge inspired Mrs. Reagan’s class to work on a community service project called “Pennies for Pages Read-A-Thon” to raise money for Habitat for Humanity. In the end, they raised \$1,035 for reading 3,486 pages in just one class. We are proud of these accomplishments and can see that Sam Houston students are on the “Smokie Way” to success in reading and community service!

The Lady Rebel soccer team finished the season as district and regional champions, qualifying for state with an impressive record of 19 wins, 2 losses, and 3 ties. Andie-Marie Jones, a freshman at MJHS, placed 7th in the state in cross-country. Maryville beat Bearden to advance to the 2nd round of high school football playoffs.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

There were no closing comments from board members.