

## **Maryville Board of Education**

Minutes for January 14, 2019

The Board of Education met in regular session at 5:41 p.m., January 14, 2019, at Sam Houston Elementary School. Board members present were Nick Black, Julie Elder, Chad Hampton, Candy Morgan, and Bethany Pope. Chairman Pope called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence followed by Colt Myers, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade student, leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **UPDATE FROM SAM HOUSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – Heather Hilton, Principal**

Heather Hilton, Sam Houston Elementary School Principal, welcomed everyone and introduced assistant principal Molly Rice and technology coordinator Bob Kirkland. Mrs. Rice shared on ways Sam Houston is being deliberate in reaching out to families and getting them into the schools. Activities include Watch DOGS, ESL Family Night and Book Bingo.

Bob Kirkland along with students Noah and Lucas Kirkland and Colt Myers shared Sam Houston's character education program called The Smoky Way.

### **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. Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 - 0.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no comments from the public on agenda items.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approve Minutes of December 10, 2018, meeting (Attachment)
2. Ratify Executive Committee approval of PowerSchool Unified Administration Enrollment Registration with implementation and training – Funding Source: Instructional Supplies and Equipment \$18,316.13 (Attachment A1)
3. Ratify Executive Committee approval to purchase 2015 Toyota Sienna van from Toyota Knoxville – Funding Source: Transportation Equipment \$21,951.45 (Attachment A2)

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Consider Board Policy Manual Section 4 – Instructional Program – First Reading (Attachment B1)

Mr. Black made the motion to approve Board Policy Manual Section 4 – Instructional Program on first reading. Mrs. Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 - 0.

2. Consider 2-year US Student Enrollment Site License from FileWave (USA), Inc. –  
Funding Source: Instructional Technology \$74,984.00 (Attachment B2)

Mrs. Elder made the motion to approve 2-year US Student Enrollment Site License from FileWave (USA), Inc. Mrs. Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 - 0.

## **REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS**

Dr. Mike Winstead, Director of Schools, said he was excited about Consent Agenda Item #2. This software will allow returning students' parents to verify and make changes to demographic information online replacing the paper verification form sent home at the beginning of the school year. Dr. Winstead plans to have the Foothill Elementary School HVAC ready for review in February.

## **RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF**

Maryville High School teacher Dr. Penny Ferguson has been nominated for the local Athena Leadership Award, which will be announced on January 24 at the Clayton Center for the Arts. The Rebels Swim Team finished the season undefeated and will compete in the KISL Swimming and Diving Championship on January 25 and 27 – defending their 2018 KISL Champions title. On February 8-9, 2019, they will compete at state in Nashville. Three students (Katie Fair, Nick Caux, and Zane Duggan) will perform side-by-side in concert this week with the Knoxville Symphony and Knoxville Youth Symphony Orchestra.

Maryville High and Junior High Schools had 26 students audition and make the East TN Band and Orchestra Senior Clinic – the highest number of students from any East TN school. Eight students placed high enough to attend the TNMEA All State Conference.

One hundred twenty Coulter Grove and Montgomery Ridge Intermediate orchestra students will travel to MHS on January 23 from 10:30 – 11:30 to see instruments from the Holocaust that have been restored. The presentation hosted by MHS is called “Violins of Hope”.

## **COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Black expressed his appreciation to the principals for attending and added he was excited about the 10-year plan. He feels Maryville City Schools is blessed with great teachers and administrators. He also feels the new PowerSchool Registration software will save parents time. Mr. Black said the new semester is going great and was excited to see cinder blocks going up at Foothills Elementary.

Mrs. Elder feels, too, the second semester is off to a good start and excited about the capital projects and upcoming city council meetings. She thanked Sam Houston for everything they have done for her children adding SHE was near and dear to her heart. She went on to say, “It is home to so many families.” Teachers and administrators embrace each and every child who walks through the doors, loves, and encourages all students.

Mrs. Morgan echoed Mrs. Elder's sentiments, thanked Heather and Holly for their long days, the principals for their dedication and teachers who make the magic happen.

Mr. Hampton thanked Sam Houston and added he thoroughly enjoyed his visit there. He congratulated them on implementing the two programs shared earlier in the meeting. He said we are tasked with creating good citizens and having family engagement is so important. He was afraid the secured entrances would deter people from coming to the schools but that has not been the case.

Mrs. Pope said she loves seeing the really cool things going on in the schools and the family engagement nights reaching out to ESL parents and students. She is excited about the 10-year plan and added Maryville as a community makes her job on the school board easy. She is thankful for community support.

**Meeting adjourned 6:11 pm**