

Maryville Board of Education

Minutes for February 11, 2019

The Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m., February 11, 2019, at Maryville Academy. 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 Josh Smith, 9th grade student, leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

UPDATE FROM MARYVILLE ACADEMY – Linda Radcliffe, Administrator

Dr. Mike Winstead, Director of Schools, introduced Linda Radcliffe, former science teacher who transitioned to the administrative role at Maryville Academy. Mrs. Radcliffe introduced the Academy staff who were present: Kelly Bailey, Kristin London, math teacher Randy Stanley, SRO Clayton Hall, and John Quillen, drug/alcohol counselor. Also on staff are English teacher Jon Chambers and science teacher Erin Kotowski.

Second chances and new beginnings is the motto of Maryville Academy. Staff members work to restore dignity and serve students in a productive way. Mrs. Radcliffe shared student comments on something that is important to them at Maryville Academy. A committee has been formed to look at how Maryville Academy could possibly serve other students who might flourish in a smaller setting.

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. Black seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 - 0.

1. Approve Minutes of January 14, 2019, meeting and January 31, 2019, called meeting (Attachment)
2. Ratify Executive Committee approval of Maryville High and Junior High Schools orchestra overnight trip to Gatlinburg for ETSBOA Senior Clinic (Attachment A1)
3. Ratify Executive Committee approval of Maryville High and Junior High Schools bands overnight trip to Gatlinburg for ETSBOA Senior Clinic (Attachment A2)
4. Approve Maryville High School AP Art overnight/out-of-state trip to New York City (Attachment A3)
5. Approve Maryville High School baseball team overnight/out-of-state trip to Cartersville, GA (Attachment A4)
6. Approve Maryville High School baseball team overnight/out-of-state trip to Panama City, FL (Attachment A5)

7. Approve Board Policy Manual Section 4 – Instructional Program – Second Reading
8. Approve Coulter Grove Intermediate Summer Camp Proposal (Attachment A6)
9. Approve Maryville High School SCOPE delegates to 2019 SCOPE Conference
10. Ratify Executive Committee approval of Maryville High School softball practice facility design from Richard R Stache and Associates Engineering Services – Fund Source: Athletics Softball and Capital Outlay funds \$18,700.00 (Attachment A7)
11. Approve Maryville High School overnight enrichment trip hiking/backpacking in GSMNP (Attachment 8)
12. Approve Blount County Robotics students overnight trip to compete in First Robotics Palmetto Regional Robotics Competition in Myrtle Beach, SC (Attachment A9)

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider Board Policy Manual Section 5 – Personnel - First Reading (Attachment B1)

Mrs. Elder made the motion to approve Board Policy Manual Section 5 – Personnel on first reading pulling section 5.802 and moving it to Agenda Item #5. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 - 0.

2. Consider rescinding outdated Board Policy Manual Descriptor Terms (Attachment B2)

Mr. Black made the motion to rescind outdated Board Policy Manual Descriptor Terms. Mrs. Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 - 0.

3. Consider Cope Architecture proposal for renovations at Maryville High School (Attachment B3)

Mrs. Morgan made the motion to approve Cope Architecture proposal for renovations at Maryville High School. Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

4. Consider bids for wheelchair accessible school bus - Funding Source: Transportation Equipment (Attachment B4)

Mrs. Elder made the motion to approve Taylor Bus Sales bid for 2 wheelchair accessible school buses replacing the 2004 buses. Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

5. Consider Board Policy Manual Section 5.802 Qualifications and Duties of Director of Schools

Mr. Hampton made the motion to approve Board Policy Manual Section 5.802. Mrs. Elder seconded the motion. After discussing the policy, Mr. Black made the motion to approve Board Policy Manual Section 5.802 striking lines 1-5 from the policy and replacing with current language on Board Policy Manual Section 3.2.1 Director of Schools Qualifications. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0. Mr. Black made the motion to approve Board Policy Manual Section 5 – Personnel as amended on first reading. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Mike Winstead, Director of Schools, introduced Kaleb Davenport, 12th grade student, who is doing an internship with The Daily Times.

Jim Hinton, Cope Associates, Inc., reported on the elementary expansions at Foothills and John Sevier Elementary Schools. Block work at both sites is nearing completion. The rain has slowed construction but Mr. Hinton feels both projects will complete on time.

Niche.com has ranked Maryville City Schools as the #3 Best School District in Tennessee. Maryville ranks #1 in Districts with the Best Teachers in Tennessee. Dr. Winstead also reported on the 205 bills the legislative session has before them.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

Maryville High School swim team finished second at state competition in Nashville only behind Baylor of Chattanooga. MHS wrestling team won district and will send eleven competitors to state. MHS student Evan Turner is the new National Drone Flying Champion. He earned the title after competing against last years' winner who is a full time professional drone flyer.

SPOTLIGHT will be held on Monday, February 18th, at Foothills Church. All employees and invited guests will enjoy the keynote address from John O'Leary, author of ON FIRE.

ONE BOOK BLITZ opened with great enthusiasm throughout the community last week. For the rest of February, updates are available on social media and daily articles in The Daily Times.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Morgan thanked Linda Radcliffe for all she does at the Academy and for the calmness she brings. Mrs. Morgan also thanked Officer Hall for his work at MA.

Mrs. Elder thanked MA for hosting and said it speaks volume that MA is working so hard to instill "2nd chances, new beginnings." She also thanked Jim Hinton for his work on the possible renovations to the MHS Fine Arts Department. Mrs. Elder is excited to attend the upcoming events SPOTLIGHT and Day on the Hill.

Mr. Black said he was excited about the elementary additions and possibly at high school. He said it was great to hear what students are doing and appreciate the cards Mrs. Radcliffe shared. Mr. Black added John Quillen's Mount Everest climb was inspirational and asked Mr. Quillen to share his experience. Mr. Black also welcomed members of the 2018 Leadership Blount Class.

Mr. Hampton also thanked Linda Radcliffe and said how important it was to not give up on students who have had adverse childhood experiences. He asked for an attendance update. MCS attendance rate was 93% on board meeting date.

Mrs. Pope said she loved coming to Maryville Academy and thanked Linda. She said the environment at MA was one of the best in the district.

Meeting adjourned 6:18 pm