Maryville Board of Education

Minutes for April 8, 2019

The Board of Education met in regular session at 5:44 p.m., April 8, 2019, at Coulter Grove Intermediate 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 Britton Barrett, Ace of Shakes winner, leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

UPDATE FROM COULTER GROVE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL – Ramona Best, Principal

Principal Ramona Best shared the five tenets from the book "Teaching the Whole Child" that supports Coulter Grove Intermediate School's strategic plan. CGIS is focusing on the tenet building and maintaining an environment that is physically and emotionally healthy. She thanked the board for their support in hiring additional school resource officers and for the LobbyGuard system. Dr. Best introduced her administrative team: Assistant Principals Justin Cook and Deana Bishop, Bonnie Lowery, Debbi Waldroop and Barbara Taylor. CGIS is a Trauma Informed Pilot School led by Barbara Taylor and a committee of school staff. Debbi Waldroop thanked the Maryville City Schools Foundation for the seed money for Path to Peace, a calming space at the school. Mrs. Waldroop introduced counselors, peer mediators, volunteers, and various business leaders who are important sources of support for students.

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

There were no comments from the public on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of March 18, 2019, meeting (Attachment)
2. Ratify Executive Committee approval of sole bid from Denver Hunt Company for canopy work at schools – Funding Source: Capital Outlay $66,575 (Attachment A1)
3. Approve Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School Rangers overnight trip to Washington, DC (Attachment A2)
4. Approve Coulter Grove Intermediate School Newspaper Club overnight trip to Knoxville Zoo (Attachment A3)
5. Approve Certification of Adoption for textbooks (Attachment A4)
6. Approve contract renewal with GCA/ABM for custodial services for the 2019-2020

school year

7. Approve Coulter Grove Intermediate School Summer Camp Proposal (Attachment A5)

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider Board Policy Section 6 – Students - First Reading (Attachment B1)

Mrs. Morgan made the motion to approve Board Policy Section 6 – Students on first reading extracting 6.310 Dress Code per Mr. Black's request. Mr. Black 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. Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 - 0.

3. Consider bids for window blinds at Foothills Elementary – Funding Source: School Funds (Attachment B3)

Mr. Black made the motion to accept sole of $26,018 from ShutterMasters for window blinds at Foothills Elementary. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

4. Consider purchase of Scholastic Literacy, Science and Social Studies Text Sets for elementary schools – Funding Source: Instructional Supplies and Materials not to exceed $497.970.90 (Attachment B4)

Mrs. Morgan made the motion to approve purchase of Scholastic Literacy, Science and Social Studies Text Sets for elementary schools. Mrs. Elder seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

5. Consider FY19 Budget Amendment #2 (Attachment B5)

Mrs. Morgan made the motion to approve FY19 Budget Amendment #2. Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0. Kathy Smith, Finance Director, stated the amendment captured additional revenues.

6. Consider purchase of 390 Lenovo laptops, warranty and cases from PCS, Inc. – Funding Source: Technology Equipment $154,830 (Attachment B6)

Mrs. Elder made the motion to approve purchase of 390 Lenovo laptops, warranty and cases from PCS, Inc. Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0. Fourth grade students will be using laptops instead of iPads for the 2019-2020 school year.

7. Consider purchase of 2050 Lenovo protective cases from PCS, Inc. – Funding Source: Technology Equipment $38,950 (Attachment B7)

Mrs. Elder made the motion to approve purchase of 2050 Lenovo protective cases from PCS, Inc. Mrs. Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 – 0.

8. Consider School Board Policy 6.310 – Dress Code - First Reading (Attachment B1 41)

Mrs. Morgan made the motion to approve Board Policy 6.310 Dress Code on first reading. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 ayes – 1 nay (Mr. Black)

REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Winstead reported the elementary expansion projects were both under roof with brick installation in progress. Sheetrock and inside work progresses with the projects on time for completion. He also reported concrete has been poured at the track and the storage facility poles are in place. Dr. Winstead shared with the board Governor Lee's decision to return to paper testing in the 219-2020 school year.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

Andrew Saniger, 7th grader at CGIS, orchestra member and a member of the CGIS Bluegrass Club, recently applied for and received the Harry Moore Scholarship to attend Steve Kaufman's Acoustic Kamp this summer held on the Maryville College Campus. The CGIS Orchestra Director, Josephine Cappelletti, has attended this camp in the past and her experience helped lay the foundation for the CGIS Bluegrass Club. In the intermediate division, CGIS students won the trifecta in the annual GFWC Poetry Contest, with one student, Addy R., also earning the first place district award.

In band news – the MRIS 5th, 6th, and 7th grade wind ensemble received a "Superior" rating from all three judges for stage performance and one "superior" for sight-reading at the Middle Area East TN School Band and Orchestra Festival in March. Fifth grader Garrett Chapman will be spending a month in Portugal this summer with CISV International - founded in 1951 with the mission of educating and inspiring action for a more just and peaceful world. The MRIS choir will sing at Dollywood on April 27, 2019.

All three MJHS Choirs (Girls, Boys, and Combined) were awarded Superior ratings at ETVA Middle School Festival.

Drama students at MHS received several acting awards at the district competition for Tennessee High School Speech and Debate League in March. The following students won "All-Star Cast" awards: Abbey-Noelle Potter, Dionysi Siopsis, and Eva Counts. MHS Senior Nick Caux was accepted into several prestigious music schools, including Indiana University, North Texas, and Boston University. Congratulations to the Maryville High School Key Club for earning 3rd place for the Single Service Award (MHS Recycling Program) and 2nd place for Achievement at the Kentucky-Tennessee District Convention the weekend of March 22-24. Also, congratulations to Eli Tate for earning Outstanding Key Clubber for Division 5A, Jacob Henneke for being elected Division 5A Lieutenant Governor, and Catherine Coalson for being elected Kentucky-Tennessee District Secretary. Eli Tate met all the athletic and academic thresholds to be named an ALL AMERICAN swimmer by the National Interscholastic Swimming Coaches Association. Teacher Samantha Harding is one of several teachers currently accepting votes online to become the March TN Lottery Educator of the Month.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Black thanked Dr. Best for hosting and expressed his appreciation of mental health speakers. He encouraged Dr. Best to continue to lead the way and said it was very evident CGIS takes it seriously, not just a job but staff feeling personally. CGIS is not only taking care of students but is looking out for teacher self-care, too. He said it is not easy to take care of everyone else and not yourself. He liked hearing about the different opportunities and programs with counseling services. He feels it is encouraging the comprehensive approach to mental health issues and supports system-wide.

Mrs. Elder thanked Dr. Best, Barbara Taylor and Debbi Waldroop for their presentations and said it is evident it does take a village to raise a child. She applauded the peer mediators at the intermediate school level and added implementing and building a village is a great accomplishment. Mrs. Elder is excited the 4th grade students will be using laptops next year.

Mrs. Pope thanked Dr. Best for hosting and said she loved seeing the passion Barbara and Debbi have along with the peer mentors and community members.

Mrs. Morgan said it was very important teaching the whole child and thanked Debbi, Barbara and Bonnie. She added "hats off to deployment so great how we have come to this."

Mr. Hampton added his thanks to Dr. Best as well. Educating the whole child is important. We can expect them to grow academically if their needs are met. Mr. Hampton gave a shout out to the choral departments on the recent Spring Sing.

Meeting adjourned 6:53 p.m.