



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes for August 12, 2019

The Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on August 12, 2019 at Sam Houston Elementary School. Board members present were Nick Black, Chad Hampton, Julie Elder, Candy Morgan, and Bethany Pope. Chairman Pope called the meeting to order promptly at 5:33 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence. 2nd grader, Sawyer Hammonds, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SCHOOL UPDATE

Principal Hilton gave a welcome and update on the start of the new school year at Sam Houston Elementary. She expressed to the board the excitement and gratitude of the teaching staff for the literacy resources delivered and training conducted over the summer. She also noted with much appreciation the work of the district literacy team for building a framework that serves all three elementary schools.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

After a brief welcome, Mrs. Pope call for a vote to adopt the agenda. Nick Black made the motion for the agenda adoption. Chad Hampton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 ayes – 0 nays

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of July 08, 2019, meeting (Attachment)
2. Ratify executive committee approval of Learning Partners PLP User License – Funding source: Instructional Supplies \$12,000.00. (Attachment A1)
3. Approve Grant Contract between the State of Tennessee, Department of Human Services and Maryville City Schools for the provision of Pre-Employment Transition

- Services School to Work program. (Attachment A2)
4. Nominate Candy Morgan as a candidate for TSBA Treasurer
 5. Approve Maryville High School DECA/Marketing overnight trip to TN State Career Development Conference in Chattanooga (Attachment A3)
 6. Approve Maryville High School DECA/Marketing overnight trip to International Career Development Conference in Nashville (Attachment A4)
 7. Approve Avigilon upgrade with Central Technologies– Funding source: GPS-Technology/Software -\$12,496.25 (Attachment A5)
 8. Approve Maryville High School/Maryville Jr High School Band overnight trips – ETSBOA Jazz Clinic 1/24-1/25/20, ETSBOA All East Senior Clinic 2/6-2/8/20, TNMEA All State Band 4/15-4/18-20 (Attachment A6)
 9. Approve Maryville Jr High School Choir overnight trip to Choirs of America Masterworks Festival in NYC (Attachment A7)
 10. Approve Maryville Jr. High School Orchestra overnight trip to Cincinnati, Ohio (Attachment A8)
 11. Approve Laguna CNC SWIFT 4X4 Router Table – Funding source: Federal Perkins Grant- \$13,740.97 (Attachment A9)
 12. Approve Maryville Jr. High School 9th grade band students overnight for TMEA All-State Conference in Nashville (Attachment A10)
 13. Approve Maryville High School overnight Chorale Fall Retreat in Sevierville (Attachment A11)
 14. Approve Maryville Jr. High School 9th grade band students overnight trip to ETSBOA All-State East Senior Band Clinic in Gatlinburg February 6th-8th (Attachment A12)

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider purchase of Touch Math – Funding source: IDEA 6-21 grant, GP supplies/materials \$34,307.34 (Attachment B1)

Motion to approve by Chad Hampton, with second from Nick Black. The motion carried 5-0.

2. Consider purchase of desktop workstations for MJHS STEM CAD Funding Source: Federal Perkins Basic \$26,424.80 (Attachment B2)

Motion to approve by Nick Black, with second from Candy Morgan. The motion carried 5-0.

3. Consider updated Board Policy Manual sections 1.804,1.901, 2.403, 3.202, 4.605, 5.200, 5.201, 6.308, 6.506 3.401 (Attachment B3)

Motion to approve by Nick Black, with second from Julie Elder. The motion carried 5-0.

4. Consider FY19 Final Budget Amendment (Attachment B4)

Some discussion with Director of Finance Kathy Smith about the process, with expressed gratitude for her work. Motion to approve by Candy Morgan, with second from Nick Black. The motion carried 5-0.

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Jim Hinton from Cope Associates, Inc. reported on the elementary expansion projects at John Sevier and Foothills. Temporary occupancy permits were issued for both schools, with the installation of a few replacement doors as the only issues for final permits. The required doors have been ordered. Both facilities were ready for students and teachers on the first day of school. The contractor is working on a few punch list items now.

Dr. Winstead discussed the need to balance enrollment at both MRIS and CGIS - proposing that the board consider the first rezoning action in eight years. Winstead detailed the boundaries and neighborhoods under consideration and outlined the need to zone more students to CGIS (the larger of the two intermediate schools). His proposal affects 83 students in approximately 60 households. His recommendation was to mail letters to all affected families immediately and then hold a public input session later in August. The expectation would be for final board consideration at the September 16th board meeting.

Several board members commented on how it was great to be rezoning when both schools are outstanding. Dr. Winstead noted that the zoning change would not affect a significant demographic change to the student population at either school. The director affirmed a statement by Mr. Black that further rezoning would be required as the total class sizes increase. As a reminder, Dr. Winstead noted that Cope Architecture is working on a master growth plan for the district that will focus on future needs across the district.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

@ **MHS**, 97% of laptops were deployed on the first day of school. A record setting 94% of all sophomores attended orientation before the start of school. The dance team received a superior rating at their first UDA (Universal Dance Association) camp and received an invitation to perform at an NFL game in Atlanta.

@ **MJHS**, students Sidney Daves and Morgan Lakey were two of 37 selected from hundreds to participate in an Alabama veterinary science experience this summer.

@ **JSE**, the board was invited to join students and staff this week for "water safety week."

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Mr. Hampton was very positive about the strong start to the new school year and especially grateful for the new online student verification process and the new way device deployment is handled. He also shared Mrs. Hilton's enthusiasm for the focus on literacy.
- Mrs. Morgan echoed support for the literacy initiative and felt open house at MJHS was outstanding.
- Mr. Black thanked Dr. Smith for her expertise in successfully closing the fiscal year end. He also noted how seamless and welcomed the new additions are at the FHE and JSE .
- Mrs. Elder thanked Dr. Smith and expressed her support for the investment of hardware and software at MJHS for STEM programming with Dr. Hebert.
- Chairman Pope recalled fond memories of using Scholastic materials in school and support for the new literacy initiative and resources. She further expressed that she was looking forward to tackling the rezoning issue with input from district stakeholders.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Anglim.