



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes for November 11, 2019

The Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on November 11 at John Sevier 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 5:32 p.m. In recognition of Veterans Day, Mrs. Pope acknowledged those in attendance who served in the military and commended all faculty and staff in the district for their military service. She then asked for a moment of silence. JSE 3rd grade student Jose Benitez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SCHOOL UPDATE

Principal Easterly highlighted a variety of recent activities at the school, including a veterans program that brought the JSE family and extended family together. She expressed appreciation to the board for funding the Scholastic reading program and noted the recent completion of the Scholastic Book Room – a valuable resource to all teachers at the school. Mrs. Easterly shared a video with the audience that helped explain the work at the school around trauma sensitive classrooms. The update ended with a student demonstration of the Interactive Lu – an indoor playground that uses light, sound, and video to transform the gym into an engaging, immersive video game.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Pope called for a vote to adopt the agenda, Nick Black made the motion for the agenda adoption. Mr. 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. Nick Black seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

1. Approve Minutes of October 21, 2019 meeting
2. Approve Board Policy 1.901 (second reading)

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider purchase of weight room equipment at MHS (funding source MHS athletic department and MHS school funds) Total expenditure: \$63,615.20

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Dr. Winstead commented on the design effort that is in progress for lavatory improvement projects at Sam Houston Elementary and Maryville Academy. In addition, he noted that details should be ready for review on the capacity study at the December board meeting, with plans to secure stakeholder feedback in January and February. The Director mentioned that many on the district leadership team had attended the LEAD conference in Nashville the week prior and noted that the Commissioner of Education had released her strategic plan – branded as Best for All, with a focus on the whole child.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS (Read by Nick Black)

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Mr. Hampton acknowledged the many wonderful programs honoring military veterans across the district and highlighted the work at MRIS that was outstanding. He also extended Thanksgiving greetings to the audience.
- Mrs. Morgan thanked Jose for leading the pledge and Mrs. Jackson for her introduction in Spanish. Her comments included much appreciation for the way students demonstrate a high level of comfort interacting with principals in a meaning way in all Maryville schools.
- Mr. Black thanked the school administration and faculty for their work and commented that the Interactive Lu would be a great addition at other schools in the district as well.
- Mrs. Elder thanked Mrs. Easterly for her efforts in the first year of her principalship at JSE. She noted that she is anxious to come back to JSE when her foot his healed, to play on the Lu.
- Mrs. Pope shared Mr. Blacks thought that having the Lu in other schools would be ideal. She also raised the question on everyone’s mind about the weather and its potential impact on school the next day.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Anglim