



## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes for March 9, 2020

The Maryville Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on March 9 at Coulter Grove Intermediate School. Board members present were Nick Black, Chad Hampton, Julie Elder, Candy Morgan, and Bethany Pope. Chairman Black called the meeting to order promptly at 5:30 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by CGIS student Drew Carver.

### SCHOOL UPDATE

Principal Best welcomed the board and other staff to Coulter Grove Intermediate and presented an engaging summary of initiatives that support the 2019-2020 “Rock it and Roll with it” school theme, including:

- Hawk Helpers (service and leadership) program
- Rangers
- Hawk Ambassadors (leadership opportunity for every child in every classroom)
- SWAT (service opportunity at school)
- Peer Buddies
- CGIS Liaisons
- Ace of Shakes (which is heading to Nashville later in the week)
- Pathway to Peace
- Calming room
- Bluegrass club (where students can connect musically through jam sessions with peers, parents, and other community musicians)
- Healthy Mind, Healthy Body Room
- Trauma informed practices
- OTHER
  - Literacy focus school wide
  - Grit and Grow every day

## **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Black called for a vote to adopt the meeting agenda; Candy Morgan made the motion for the agenda adoption. Bethany Pope seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## **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. Bethany Pope seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. Approve Minutes of February 10, 2020 meeting
2. Ratify Executive Committee approval of overnight field trip for Maryville High School students to attend SCOPE at MTSU
3. Approve Coulter Grove Intermediate School 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Orchestra to King's Island in Ohio
4. Approve Maryville High School Key Club to District Convention in Lexington, KY
5. Approve renewal of technical support from MXN Corporation for network devices
  - a. Funding source: Technology \$16,790.55
6. Approve Maryville High School Cheerleading Camp
7. Approve a renewal with Skyward for a three-year term
  - a. Funding Source: General Purpose Funds. Price based on original contract and number of students currently enrolled
8. Approve renewal of Canvas Cloud subscription for the 2020-21 school year
  - a. Funding Source: Instructional Supplies and Materials - \$19,553.36
9. Approve renewal of Dyknow Cloud subscription for the 2020-21 school year
  - a. Funding Source: Instructional Supplies and Materials - \$13,320.00

## **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. MHS VIDEO EQUIPMENT: Consider purchase of video equipment for the Maryville High School gym from Central Technologies
  - a. Funding Source: Instruction Equipment - \$28,136.00

Dr. Winstead commented that the video equipment was part of a larger plan to greatly improve the sound quality and ability to present to large groups at the school. He further noted that building a new gym was not part of the facilities planning options currently being considered, but improvements in the gym are long overdue and should be addressed as soon as possible.

## **DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL EVALUATION**

The board recently conducted the annual performance evaluation for Dr. Winstead and Chairman Black invited board members to comment on the outcome.

- Bethany Pope thanked Director Winstead for his strategic approach to planning for the future.
- Julie Elder noted that his communication efforts were greatly appreciated and that he excels in the financial management and facilities planning aspects of his responsibilities.
- Chad Hampton commented that Dr. Winstead is far more involved in work at the state level than most people realize and that he should share more from those experiences. He noted that communication is critical and that staff morale, especially in grades K-7, should get some additional attention. His suggestion was to find more opportunities, like Spotlight, to recognize more teachers and to also provide more support when possible.
- Mrs. Morgan agreed that Dr. Winstead excels in facilities and finance. She also commended that we all need to be more open minded about change in education and embrace change where possible.
- Nick Black noted that over-communication is not a bad thing and assured Dr. Winstead that his score was indicative of the support he has on the board.

Dr. Winstead responded with appreciation for the board and acknowledgement that it is a difficult time to be an educator – perhaps as difficult as it has ever been. He noted that the literacy adoption and recommendations coming from the state have been communicated to teachers in detail and while that communication is welcomed, it adds to the stress and anxiety of teachers who are passionate about literacy and have a record of accomplishment any teacher or school would take great pride in.

## **DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT**

Dr. Winstead covered a number of topics in his report, including:

1. The BEP estimate is forthcoming from the state and he hopes to have it available for the budget retreat on April 1. His team is ready with all the expenditure data needed to create the new budget, as soon as the revenue data is finalized.
2. With regard to state legislation, Winstead noted that several key bills are uncertain, but he expects action on transfer students, tuition students, and discipline in the weeks ahead.
3. At CGIS, it was noted that a pass-through street from the front of the building to the back parking lot was recently completed – giving sports patrons a more convenient parking configuration.
4. The Pixellot System approved at the February meeting with the NFHS Network School Broadcast Program is now functional, with several sporting events recorded to date.
5. The most recent facilities planning process data indicates that 81% of teachers who responded are in favor of Option #9, along with 70% of other staff, 61% of parents who responded, and 94% of students.

**RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS** (Read by Nick Black and now posted on the district website)

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

- Mrs. Pope thanked both Dr. Winstead and Amy Vagnier for their service and noted that most everyone was ready for “spring break.”
- Candy Morgan thanks the school principals for always attending the board meetings and for all they do.
- Chad Hampton recognized the work of Kristy Weekley who manages Spring Sing and for those who organized and managed this choral opportunity for students over the past 30 years.
- Julie Elder congratulated Dr. Best on the school spirit that defines the CGIS campus experience and acknowledged student Drew Carver for his participation at the meeting, along with best wishes for success at the Ace of Shakes competition.
- Mr. Black thanked Dr. Best, noted that he too was a participant in Spring Sing some 29 years ago, and expressed his enthusiasm for spring sports – which started that afternoon!

**Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Anglim