



## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes for April 13, 2020

The Maryville Board of Education met in a virtual session at 5:30 p.m. on April 13 through Zoom Conferencing from Café LeReve located on Maryville High School site. Due to school closure and public safe at home guidelines for Covid-19, the meeting was physically closed to the public, but live streaming was offered through a pre-posted YouTube channel from a link on the district website. Board Chairperson Nick Black called the meeting to order with a virtual identification and welcome to the other four board members: Julie Elder, Chad Hampton, Candy Morgan, and Bethany Pope. Physically present with Chairperson Nick Black was Director of Schools, Dr. Mike Winstead; Assistant Director of Schools, Amy Vagnier, Technology Director, Andy Lombardo, and Daily Times Reporter, Amy Beth Miller. Chairman Black asked for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairperson Black outlined the business of the virtual meeting would include roll call voting on all actions.

### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman 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

Bethany Pope made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Julie Elder seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. Approve Minutes of March 9, 2020 meeting (Attachment)
2. Ratify executive committee approval of Maryville High School Girls Basketball to ETSU. Funding Source – Athletic Department (Attachment A1)
3. Approve for Coulter Grove Intermediate School and Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School to host a Summer Band Camp. (Attachment A2)
4. Approve contract renewal with ABM for custodial services for the 2020-2021 school year.
5. Approve application and subsequent changes of Consolidated Applications for IDEA/ESEA.

6. Approve purchase of band instruments for Maryville Junior High School and Maryville High School from Rush's Music - \$14,420.00 Funding Source: Instructional Equipment (Attachment A3)
7. Approve Managed Methods renewal for Cloud security - \$20,466.67 Funding Source – Technology (Attachment A4)

## AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider purchase of Camera and Vape Sensor from Central Technologies, Inc. Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School - \$54,297.20 – Funding Source –Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School Funds. (Attachment B1)

Candy Morgan made the motion to approve the purchase. Bethany Pope seconded the motion. Discussion with Dr. Winstead reviewing the uses and function of this tool as a replacement for outdated equipment as well as new equipment to support the safety analysis.

Chairperson Nick Black called for a roll call vote. Unanimous affirmative. Motion Passed.

2. Consider bids for the Sam Houston Bathroom Renovations and Additions. (Attachment B2)

Dr. Mike Winstead discussed the prequalifying process. Julie Elder made motion for approval. Chad Hampton seconded the motion. Dr. Winstead provided additional explanation of timeline of work occurring over the summer months. No questions or discussion.

Chairperson Nick Black called for a roll call vote. Member Bethany Pope abstained due to connection to Joseph Construction Company. All other members voted in agreement. Motion Passed.

3. Consider purchase of a 2-year contract with Newsela. – \$67,760.00. Funding Source: General Purpose Instructional and Supplies. (Attachment B3)

Bethany Pope made the motion for approval of purchase. Candy Morgan seconded the motion. Discussion by Amy Vagnier regarding the process for software renewal includes a utilization report and negotiations to keep pricing minimal. Provided an overview of the products with descriptors of Newsela ELA being a core literacy product with content area tools for grades 4-12.

Chairperson Nick Black called for a roll call vote. Unanimous affirmative. Motion Passed.

4. Consider iReady renewal from Curriculum Associates - \$45,049.00 – Funding Source: General Purpose Instructional and Supplies. (Attachment B4)

Candy Morgan made the motion for approval of purchase. Bethany Pope seconded the motion. Amy Vagnier provided an overview of this tool as a digital math tool for Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School and all three elementary schools.

Chairperson Nick Black called for a roll call vote. Unanimous affirmative. Motion Passed.

5. Consider Renaissance Renewal - \$43,984.32. Funding Source: General Purpose Instructional and Supplies. (Attachment B5)

Bethan Pope made the motion for approval of purchase. Chad Hampton seconded the motion. Amy Vagnier provided an overview of this long-standing reading resource for Accelerated Reader and Star Reading Assessments.

Chairperson Nick Black called for a roll call vote. Unanimous affirmative. Motion Passed.

6. Consider Nearpod District License - \$37,528.69 – Funding Source: General Purpose Instructional and Supplies (Attachment B6)

Julie Elder made the motion for approval of purchase. Candy Morgan seconded the motion.

Chairperson Nick Black called for a roll call vote. Unanimous affirmative. Motion Passed.

7. Consider on expedited action Board Policies 1.8011(Emergency Closings) and 5.1151(Telework During Emergencies) and 5.3051(FFCRA Leave)(Attachment B7)

Chad Hampton made the motion for adoption. Bethany Pope seconded the motion. Dr. Mike Winstead discussed the intent and purchase of board policy alignment to best practice of paying employees not physically able to report for duty. He shared in wake of COVID-19, he has been impressed with the ability for employees to continue meaningful, productive, and important work from home without disruption.

Chairperson Nick Black called for a roll call vote. Unanimous affirmative. Motion Passed.

8. Consider purchase of iPads from Apple - \$352,800.00 – Funding Source: Instructional Equipment (Attachment B8)

Candy Morgan made the motion for purchase. Julie Elder seconded the motion. Amy Vagnier and Andy Lombardo provided an update about the provision of new devices and the stabilization of pricing.

Chairperson Nick Black called for a roll call vote. Unanimous affirmative. Motion Passed.

9. Consider Seesaw Renewal - \$27,227.48 – Funding Source: General Purpose Instructional and Supplies. (Attachment B9)

Bethany Pope made the motion for purchase. Candy Morgan seconded the motion. Amy Vagnier provided an overview the elementary learning management system and high utilization reports in the country. Board members commented on the use of technology programming during school closure.

Chairperson Nick Black called for a roll call vote. Unanimous affirmative. Motion Passed.

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## DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Dr. Winstead reviewed the contents of the governor's announcement with the Safe at Home order being expanded until the end of the month. He stated that Maryville City Schools will accordingly be closed through Friday, May 1st. Dr. Winstead praised and acknowledged all stakeholders for their dedication to digital learning, outstanding attitudes, and positive feedback. He shared he was still hopeful to return to provide closure with students. He shared his goal was for student learning to be as close as possible to where they would be if we had never closed school. Based on high student engagement and productivity, he shared there is no need for Maryville City School to consider expanding or changing the school calendar for next school year.

## RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

Chairperson Nick Black praised the stakeholders for continued education and support of learning during the COVID-19 Crisis. He cited examples of how students, parents, teachers, and administrators have shown dedication to learning.

## COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

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Bethany Pope Indicated a gratefulness for iReach; appreciated the elementary plans and provision for device deployment; shared evidence of the teachers missing and loving students; expressed gratitude and thanks to all stakeholders.

Nick Black reiterated all of the incredible work by teams to provide seamless instruction for students; commended teachers for their engagement, creativity, and hard work; praised the efforts of the cafeteria staff providing meals.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Vagnier