



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes for November 9, 2020

The Maryville Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on November 9 at Maryville High School. Board members present were Nick Black, Chad Hampton, Julie Elder, Bethany Pope, and Candy Morgan. Chairman Black called the meeting to order promptly at 5:31 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Bond Almand, Junior Class President, and Nolan Coffey, Senior Class President.

SCHOOL UPDATE

Heather Hilton, MHS Principal, introduced her team for the school update and took time to thank her assistant principals for their dedication to students, faculty, and families at Maryville High School. One focus of the update included a review of Work-Based Learning by Catherine Bledsoe. Mrs. Bledsoe introduced a graduate of the program, Emily Johnson, who described her success and offered her gratitude. They also described how one student, Marie Tisdale, was inspired to start her own family business based on the training and encouragement she received in Work-Based Learning.

Dr. Jeanie Parker shared the strong interest from students in her newest class, Graphic Design. Using a variety of tools offered as part of the MAC lab, completed projects from students in her class were shown to those in attendance.

STEM teacher Joel Smith had several students on hand to discuss the variety of engineering and technical aspects of the training they are receiving in his class. In addition to the Mechatronics and Electrical Lab, students can advance through Engineering and Manufacturing related course work. Mr. Smith also discussed the work of the multi-school Blount County Robotics team, in which MHS students also participate.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Black called for a vote to adopt the meeting agenda. Bethany Pope moved to remove Mike Winstead and Amy Vagnier from agenda item 2 – Naming the Discipline Hearing Authority. It was discovered after the agenda was published for review, that the named board had more names listed than was allowed. Chad Hampton seconded the motion. The agenda, with the stated additions, was approved unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Julie Elder made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Pope seconded the motion. The motion carried with full agreement.

1. Approve minutes of October 19, 2020, meeting.
2. Ratify Executive Committee approval of Maryville High School Baseball team to the Spring Baseball Tournament in Gulf Shores, AL.
3. Ratify Executive Committee approval of MHS Girls Soccer to play in the TSSAA Girls State Soccer Tournament in Murfreesboro.
4. Approve 2020 Local Education Agency Compliance Report.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider Board Policy Manual Section 6.409 – Reporting Child Abuse
 - a. Dr. Winstead discussed a new law that requires mandatory Child Abuse and Child Sexual Abuse Training for all school employees. He also shared that two Child Abuse Coordinators will be assigned in each school. Plans are underway to provide the required training and bring everyone up-to-date on the new law.
 - b. Mrs. Elder make a motion to approve the budget amendment and the second came from Bethany Pope. The motion to approve passed unanimously.
2. Consider appointing Greg Roach, and one administrator from Coulter Grove Intermediate, Montgomery Ridge Intermediate, Maryville Jr. High, and Maryville High School to the Discipline Hearing Authority.
 - a. This board is limited to five participants.
 - b. After a motion by Mr. Hampton and second by Julie Elder, the proposal received full approval by all board members.
3. Consider adding \$10 per day to the substitute teaching pay rate at Maryville Jr. High and Maryville High School.
 - a. Candy Morgan made the motion to approve; seconded by Mrs. Pope. The motion was approved unanimously.
4. Consider adding \$10 per day for special education substitute teachers at any school.
 - a. Bethany Pope made a motion to approve, with a second by Mrs. Morgan. The motion was approved unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Dr. Winstead congratulated Nick Black and Candy Morgan on success during the recent election and expressed his gratitude for their continued service. He went on to share that the district's most recent audit came back with no findings, which is considered a clean audit. He shared the current fund balance of \$5,914,508. Dr. Winstead also reported on the active cases of COVID-19 among students and staff.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

MRIS

1. Award winners at the TN Valley Fair

ART

- 6th grade, Grace Benson, 1st place
 - 7th grade, Kate Napier, 2nd place
 - 7th grade, Morgan Lakey, Dalton Coleman, and Sara Lewis, all received honorable mentions
2. The Cincinnati-based, Baroque Violin Shop, selected Orchestra teacher Cynthia Wright for their November Spotlight. Cynthia started teaching in 2004, after earning her Bachelor and Master of Music degrees in String Education from the University of TN in Knoxville. Congrats to Cynthia on this recognition of her work.

MHS

1. We are very proud of the Girls Soccer team for taking their fantastic season all the way to STATE.
2. The varsity football team is moving forward towards another long run in the STATE football tournament.

DISTRICT

MCS recently received a Technology Connectivity Grant from the Department of Education to help cover the cost of extending internet access to students during the pandemic. This grant is valued at \$9,000.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Chad Hampton appreciated the school update and acknowledged the importance of the programs highlighted. He congratulated Mr. Black and Mrs. Morgan on their election success. He also extended his public regard for the many years of service on city council by Mayor Tom Taylor.
- Julie Elder also acknowledged the election results and all who presented from the high school. She was impressed that the two student body presidents who stayed for the entire meeting. Mrs. Elder also thanked Mrs. Wortham for the many successful grants she has received to help fund apprenticeship and work-based-learning programs at MHS.
- Mrs. Pope thanked the high school presenters and congratulated her colleagues on a successful election.
- Candy Morgan shared her delight in hearing from students during the board meetings.
- Chairman Black offered his heart-felt gratitude for the hard work and dedication of all faculty and staff who are going the extra mile to keep students engaged and learning, despite facing constantly changing obstacles.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Anglim.