



## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Minutes for January 11, 2021

The Maryville Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on January 11 at Foothills Elementary School. Board members present were Nick Black, Chad Hampton, Julie Elder, Bethany Pope, and Candy Morgan. Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by first grader Tristan Jones.

### **SCHOOL UPDATE**

Principal Schito highlighted a video running as guests arrived, demonstrating many recent fine arts initiatives at the school. Music and art teachers, Amanda Bivens and Mary Carbonell, discussed a variety of projects that combine STEM and ART in creative and engaging ways for children. They were especially enthusiastic about the video equipment purchased through a grant from the Maryville City Schools Foundation – giving students the opportunity to build virtual Claymation productions.

### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Black called for a vote to adopt the meeting agenda. Julie Elder moved to adopt the agenda. Chad Hampton seconded the motion. The meeting agenda received unanimous approval.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no comments from the public.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approve Minutes of December 14, 2020, meeting (Attachment)
2. Approve Board Policy Manual sections 1.901, 4.400, and 6.405 on second reading.

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Consider changes to Board Policy Section 2.601 (Fundraising Activities), 4.201 (Basic Program), 6.300 (Code of Conduct), 6.402 (Physical Examinations and Immunizations), and 6.411 (Student Wellness).
  - a. Motion to approve by candy Morgan. Second from Bethany Pope.
  - b. Dr. Winstead explained that TSBA was in the process of auditing the policies of all districts that subscribe to their hosting service and is now reporting discrepancies. Most are just cleanup, but some better align policy and process with state law.
  - c. The motion to approve this agenda item passed unanimously.

## DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Dr. Winstead reported a better than expected COVID result, following winter break. He shared how pleased he was with the way students are complying with the new mask mandate in grades 8-12.

In other COVID related reporting, Winstead praised the Blount County Health Department for their wonderful support during the pandemic. Details about a vaccination schedule were not yet available. The district is at work mapping out the logistics required to vaccinate all who want one.

Dr. Winstead discussed a special session of the legislator, scheduled for later in January, which could require summer school for some students. He is closely following the procedures, and will advise the board as new guidance arrives from the state.

## RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

- Some of you may be familiar with the **UNITED STATES SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM**, which was created in 1962. Each year, two high school juniors or seniors are selected from each state to attend an intensive week-long education and leadership program in DC. MHS senior Andre Miller was selected recently for the interview phase of the selection process. Congratulations to Andre for being selected and best wishes for success in the USSYP state competition.
- MHS students named to **all-state teams** by the TN Sports Writers Association. This is a wonderful honor for these student athletes. Join us in congratulating:
  - Kayla Barr, Maryville, So. (soccer)
  - Liv Gravatt, Maryville, So. (volleyball)
  - Lou Burchfield, Maryville, Sr. (football)
  - D.J. Burks, Maryville, Jr. (football)

## COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Chad Hampton commented on the wonder culture of excellence at Foothills Elementary and noted, sadly, that his last child will graduate from the school at the end of the school year.
- Julie Elder enjoyed seeing the Claymation project and mentioned how much she enjoyed the book Be You, used in guidance at Foothills Elementary.
- Bethany Pope welcomed everyone to a New Year and wished all administrators, teachers, and students success in the new semester.
- Candy Morgan shared her appreciation for all teachers and the administration at Foothills.
- Chairman Black noted how excited his kids were to be back in school after the break.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Anglim.