BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes for March 8, 2021

The Maryville Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on March 8 at Sam Houston 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 5:30 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by third grader Chloe Jenkins.

SCHOOL UPDATE

Dr. Casey Cutter, Sam Houston Elementary principal, shared his goal for the 2020-2021 SY of connected with and staying connected to all families. As a new principal, starting his tenure during a pandemic, he drew from his interview process to define the culture most people associate with the school – FAMILY. Dr. Cutter and Mrs. Rice highlighted the many efforts to engage families at the school throughout the year, including Popsicles with Principals, Mask Video Challenge, Open House Lawn Visits, Home Visits, Family Story Walk, Family Movie Night, Outdoor Assembly, and most recently the Wish Tree reading event.

Following the school update, Chairman Black welcomed students from Maryville High School assigned by Mr. Driver to observe the meeting proceedings.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Black called for a vote to adopt the meeting agenda. Julie Elder moved to adopt the agenda. Candy Morgan 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 February 8, 2021, meeting
2. Ratify executive committee approval for an auto timing system for the track program.
    a. Funding Source: MHS Athletics
    b. $10,895.00
3. Approve renewal of Managed Methods Cloud Security for Microsoft 365
    a. Funding Source: Technology/Software
    b. $15,350.00
4. Approve renewal of EnVision digital math (2-year term) for 6th and 7th grades
    a. Funding Source: Instructional Materials and Supplies
    b. $14,360.42

5. Ratify executive committee approval of MHS Enrichment/Fitness Club overnight trip to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park.
    a. Funding Source: Student Fees
6. Approve application and subsequent amendments to the ESSER 2.0 Fund application
7. Approve application and subsequent amendments to the ESSER 3.0 Fund application
8. Approve an emergency bid from Pipe Wrench Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling, Inc. for Maryville High School sewer line repair
    a. Funding Source: Maintenance and Repair
    b. $19,578.00
9. Approve Maryville Jr. High School to host a Summer Orchestra Camp

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider FY21 Budget Amendment #2
    a. District Financial Officer Sarah Pritchard outlined the adjustments necessary to cover pandemic related funding from both federal and state sources, adding $2.6M to the SY 2020-21 budget.
    b. Motion to approve by Chad Hampton. Second by Candy Morgan. Approved unanimously.
2. Consider lump sum supplemental salary stipend for Maryville City School employees
    a. Dr. Winstead requested approval for a 1.7% one-time bonus to all district employees, with a payout in May 2021.
    b. Motion to approve by Bethany Pope. Second by Chad Hampton. Approved unanimously.
3. Consider summer programming for grades K-11 from May 24 to June 18, 2021.
    a. Mrs. Vagnier detailed a developing plan for summer school programming that would give students in two tiers the opportunity for targeted, individualized instruction to enhance English/Language Arts and Math skills. Also included in the four-week program of study would be breakfast and lunch meals, STREAM sessions, and recess – depending on the grade level. Teachers will identify students who would benefit most from the summer remediation and will issue invitations to the families. Transportation options will be available. The program will include pre and post assessments to track growth and student progress.
    b. Motion to approve by Candy Morgan. Second by Julie Elder. Approved unanimously.
4. Consider bids for MHS Stadium Caulking
    a. Dr. Winstead shared the need for caulking at the MHS stadium and highlighted the bid process. His recommendation was to award the contract to the low bidder – Reed Paint Contractors from Morristown, TN.
    b. Low bid amount: $15,898

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Dr. Winstead shared the good news of a declining positive cases of COVID-19 among both employee and student populations. He also highlighted the successful effort, in cooperation with Blount Memorial Hospital, to offer vaccinations to all district staff on February 26.

Several bids are now open to address the ongoing building, maintenance, and structural needs of the district – including roof replacement at Montgomery Ridge Intermediate, demolition of the recently acquired apartment building adjacent to Maryville High School, and other projects.

The annual School Board budget retreat will take place on April 7, 2021.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

MHS

The girls' varsity basketball team will play in the TSSAA State Tournament at MTSU on Thursday at 9:30 p.m. (8:30 CST).

MJHS

In a presentation held last week, Dr. Hebert received the $2,500 STEM grant mentioned at last month's board meeting. In addition to TVA, we wanted to acknowledge support from the Maryville Electric Department for helping make this grant possible.

MRIS

Eagle X games were held last Friday at the school. Special thanks to everyone who volunteered and sponsors who always help ensure this event is a huge success.

DISTRICT

Special recognition to the hard working team in Coordinated School Health (with all our nursing staff) and the partnership of Blount Memorial Hospital for our first-round vaccination opportunity.

1. As part of the TN DOE Teaching All Students initiative (TAS), MHS was selected as one of 18 schools in the state to participate in the first TAS cohort. The $5.5M TAS initiative will fund training, coaching, and tools to help high school teachers and staff build an accessible learning environment for all students, with the goals of reducing the achievement gap and increasing the graduation rate.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- **Chad Hampton** thanked the Sam Houston administrative team for thinking outside the box and continuing to embrace the family-friendly culture the school has traditionally known. He went on to thank Mrs. Pritchard for her work on the budget in an ever-changing fiscal environment. Mr. Hampton also expressed great pleasure in being able to offer a bonus and potentially an employee raise in the new SY.
- **Julie Elder** expressed that she looks forward to considering an employee raise in the new school year. She acknowledged the work of Blount Memorial Hospital and others in the community for offering vaccinations to all K-12 staff. She expressed how much the summer instructional programming is an opportunity for those who need greater intervention to move forward.
- **Bethany Pope** was especially impressed by the Story Walk program at Sam Houston and appreciated how it incorporated learning, reading, exercise, and family time. From a fiscal perspective, she acknowledged how one-time bonus options make for smart budgeting and expressed gratitude to Mrs. Pritchard for her effort.
- **Candy Morgan** enjoyed hearing about the activities centered on the book "Wish Tree", which she plans to also read. Like others, she expressed her support for the bonus and for a possible salary increase in the fall.
- **Chairman Black** expressed his appreciation to Dr. Cutter for hosting the meeting and for the work of his team. He also noted how "summer school never sounded so good."

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Sharon Anglim.