BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes for May 10, 2021

The Maryville Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on May 10 at Coulter Grove Intermediate 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 7th grade student Katie Morse.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Black called for a vote to adopt the meeting agenda. Candy Morgan moved to adopt the agenda. Bethany Pope seconded the motion. The meeting agenda received unanimous approval.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

Chairman Black asked that anyone wishing to speak about the cell tower topic (item 7 on the agenda) should wait until the discussion period for that agenda item. There were no other comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of April 19, 2021 meeting

2. Ratify executive committee approval for VIRCO Quote for furniture at Foothills Elementary School – Funding Source: Foothills Elementary School Funds - $18,653.10

3. Approve Explore Learning Gizmos license for Science Teachers – Funding Source: ESSER 2.0 - $10,537.88

4. Approve Kyte Learning district license renewal – Funding Source: Regular Education Support - $12,120.00

5. Approve purchase of Schools PLP Enrolled User License from Learning Partners - Funding Source: ESSER 2.0 - $16,800.00

6. Approve iReady renewal from Curriculum Associates - Funding Source: Summer School Funds - $94,300.80

7. Approve PowerSchool renewal. Funding Source - General Purpose Instructional Software - $30,629.27

8. Approve Renaissance renewal – Funding Source – Summer School Funds - $46,113.22

9. Approve purchase of band instruments from Rush's Music – Funding Source - Instructional Equipment $13,964.00

10. Approve HMH Writable 3-year subscription Proposal for Maryville Junior High School Grade 8 and 9. Funding Source: ESSER 2.0 - $18,540.00

11. Approve Maryville High School Track overnight trip for State event in Clarksville, TN

12. Approve MobyMax, LLC renewal of district license – Funding Source: Summer School Funds - $12,660.00

13. Approve application and subsequent changes of the Consolidated Application for IDEA/ESEA.

14. Approve Dyknow Cloud Annual Subscription renewal – Funding Source: ESSER 2.0 - $13,320.00

15. Approve Turnitin license renewal– Funding Source: Technology Software - $10,250.95

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider awarding tenure to the following teachers: JSE: Cynthia White; SHE: Mary Grace Taylor; CGIS: Josephine Cappelletti, Benjamin Hargett, Kelli Hunt, Amanda Morse, Karla West; MRIS: Nicholas Payne; MJHS: Tamarra Parten, Whitney Schmidt, Cameryn Taylor, Kellie Walker; MHS: Robert Cate, Byron Davis, Tyler Jones, Kristy Noda, Morgan Petree, Christopher Sullivan, Daniel Weinand.
    a. The school district hosted a reception prior to the meeting to honor tenure candidates and their families.
    b. Motion to approve by Bethany Pope. Second by Julie Elder. Approved unanimously.
2. Consider FY22 Annual Budget
    a. Adjusted due to increases in federal funding and sales tax.
    b. Motion to approve by Bethany Pope. Second by Candy Morgan. Approved unanimously.
3. Consider 2021-22 Salary Scales
    a. Dr. Winstead reviewed the proposed 3.5% salary increase.

b. Motion to approve by Candy Morgan. Second by Julie Elder. Approved unanimously.

4. Consider FY22 to FY29 Master Plan
    a. Attachment B3, Building Improvements and Instructions Equipment expenditures.
    b. Motion to approve by Bethany Pope. Second by Candy Morgan. Approved unanimously.
5. Consider closing the Classified Sick Bank and opening the Certified Sick Bank to all employees
    a. This action would dissolve the classified sick bank, in accordance with TCA 49-5-810 and then open the certified sick bank for classified participation. Maryville City Schools will now maintain one sick bank, effective June 30, 2021.
    b. Motion to approve by Julie Elder. Second by Chad Hampton. Approved unanimously.
6. Consider bids for the demolition of the apartment complex located at 123 Cunningham Street
    a. Dr. Winstead recommended the low bid contractor, Total Demolition, for the apartment demolition on the east side of Maryville High School.
    b. Motion to approve by Chad Hampton. Second by Bethany Pope. Approved unanimously.
7. Consider proposal from Venture Towers for a cell tower at Maryville High School and authorize the Director of Schools to sign lease agreement with the company
    a. Motion to approve by Candy Morgan. Second by Chad Hampton. Discussion followed.
    b. Chairman Black invited comments from those in attendance, including the public. Jay Blevins, owner of a business on Broadway, across from Maryville High School, elaborated on discussions he too is having with Venture Towers regarding placement of a tower on his property. Board Member Candy Morgan noted that cell service at MHS was poor and the tower would be a great improvement. Bethany Pope felt the tower would be an eye sore on the campus. Julie Elder agreed that the contract was favorable for financial reasons. Mr. Hampton felt the positives outweigh the negatives. Chairman Black said it might be unavoidable.

Further discussions with a representative from Venture Towers revealed the life of the proposed contract for the tower was 35 years, which was a point of concern.

c. Bethany Pope moved to table the decision about the tower and continue negotiations with the tower company. A second on the motion was received from Chad Hampton. Approval to table was unanimous.

8. Consider bids for replacing the roof at Maryville Junior High School.
    a. Funding Source: ESSER 3.0
    b. Dr. Winstead noted that it would take almost a year to complete the work at MJHS. He also said the contact awarded to low bidder Henley Roofing includes some repair work on the roof at Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School as well.
    c. Motion to approve by Julie Elder. Second by Bethany Pope. Approved unanimously.
9. Consider sole bid from Central States Bus Sales, Inc. for two school buses
    a. Funding Source: Transportation Equipment $148,680.00
    b. This purchase of two 2019 buses to replace two 2004 buses.
    c. Motion to approve by Candy Morgan. Second by Bethany Pope. Approved unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

- Dr. Winstead again congratulated all awarded tenure earlier. He praised the board decision for an across the board salary increase. He noted how lucky we are to be able to attract and retain great teachers. “It makes all the difference in the world,” he added.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

@MRIS, 4th and 5th grade Ridge Runners, running club, ended the spring season by participating in Glow Trot. Runner Mason Shell finished fifth overall, with a great time. Grayson Greenwood finished 10th. Congratulations to all students who participated.

@FHE, Leslie Lunsford, second grade teacher, was nominated by a special family from her classroom as B97.5 TEACHER of the MONTH for APRIL. Radio station representatives, as well as Buzz the Bee recently surprised her by delivering a plague and treats for her and her class. Foothills Elementary is super proud of Mrs. Lunsford!

@MHS, we are very proud of MHS Senior SUMMER RATLEDGE for winning the Congressional Art Competition. Congressman Tim Burchett presented the award at the school this morning. Summer's piece, "Purple Irises" on Barnwood, will hang in the tunnel

on Capitol Hill for one year. This is the 4th year in a row an MHS student has won the competition. Congrats also to teacher Raquel Roy.

@MJHS. 29 of 33 dual-credit ninth-grade students were awarded college credit for their efforts at Pellissippi State Community College. Dr. Hebert noted how difficult this was to achieve, especially in a pandemic year.

@MCSF – Congratulations to MCS Foundation Executive Director Barbara Jenkins on her retirement later this month. We wish to express our gratitude and best wishes to Barbara for 10 years of service to our schools.

Maryville Games were held on the CGIS campus on Saturday, May 8th. Coordinated by MHS staff and students, Maryville Games replaced the annual community-wide Special Olympics event that was cancelled due to COVID, and included students from all seven Maryville schools. It was inspiring to witness the strength, perseverance, and joy from each athlete. Thanks to MHS for taking the lead on making this event possible and a huge success.

Graduation will be held on the high school campus at 7:30 PM on Friday, May 14th. The entire ceremony will be live-streamed for those wishing to join the celebration. Congratulations to the Class of 2021.

Concerts, games, tournaments, and performances of all types are in full swing. Follow your school announcements and social media to stay informed. Also, congratulations to all the MHS students who signed with colleges and universities around the nation in the last few months.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Candy Morgan thanked Mr. Blevins for attending to discuss the tower proposal. She also congratulated the tenure recipients and thanked all teachers.
- Chad Hampton noted how proud he was for the extra effort that allowed our Special Olympians to compete in the Maryville Games. He went on to congratulate the administrative staff for a great year, despite all the obstacles.
- Julie Elder commented about her own experience with two children in the system, saying "my kid's think this was a regular year", which says a great deal about the teachers and administrators who made it possible.
- Chairman Black commented on the salary increase, noting that the staff was especially deserving of the increase, and how proud he is of the work that was done throughout the school year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Sharon Anglim.