



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes for September 20, 2021

The Maryville Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on September 20 at Maryville Jr. High School. Board members present were Nick Black, Julie Elder, Bethany Pope, Chad Hampton, 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 ninth grader Allen Latham.

SCHOOL UPDATE

Melissa Stowers, MJHS Principal, presented the schools strategic focus for the 2021-2022 school year, including integration of the program – Capturing Kids Hearts. Other new programs embraced by faculty and staff include Winning Cultures and Cheers for Peers. The school is experiencing one of the highest levels of enrollment in school history – 903 students. Students are excited about two new classes now offered at the Jr. High – American Sign Language and Criminal Justice.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Candy Morgan asked for an addendum to the printed agenda, to include a discussion and vote on the FY21 Budget. The motion by Mrs. Morgan was seconded by Julie Elder, and then approved.

Mr. Black then called for a vote to adopt the meeting agenda as amended. 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

No one from the public commented on the agenda.

Chairman Black invited those in attendance with comments regarding matters not covered on the meeting agenda to connect with Director Winstead or any board member after the meeting or as needed. One individual spoke up to say she had some questions about Kindergarten and Dr. Winstead discussed the matter with her after the meeting.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of August 9, 2021 meeting
2. Approve Board Policy Manual sections 4.206 and 4.212 – second reading
3. Ratify Executive Committee approval of Maryville High School Girls Soccer overnight trip to Chattanooga

4. Approve Maryville High School Yearbook Club to attend overnight trip to Balfour Publishing Plant Workshop in Dallas, TX. – Funding Source: Balfour/Yearbook Account
5. Approve Maryville High School and Maryville Junior High School Band to attend overnight trip to TMEA All-State Band and Orchestra Clinic in Nashville – Funding Source: Students
6. Approve Maryville High School and Maryville Junior High School Band to attend overnight trip to ETSBOA Senior Clinic in Gatlinburg – Funding Source: Students
7. Approve Maryville High School Band to attend overnight trip to ETSBOA Jazz Clinic at Walker Valley High School in Cleveland – Funding Source: Students
8. Approve Maryville High School Cross Country Team to attend overnight trip to Jesse Owens Classic in Decatur, AL – Funding Source: Self-Pay
9. Approve Maryville High School Spring Band Trip to Orlando, FL Funding Source: Students
10. Approve Coulter Grove Intermediate School 6th & 7th Leadership students to attend overnight field trip to Charleston, SC.
11. Ratify Executive Committee approval of two Toyota Sienna vans for Special Education Department.
12. Approve Maryville High School Varsity Cheerleaders to attend overnight trip to UCS Game Day Varsity Competition in Huntsville, AL and Lexington, KY. Funding Source – Cheer Account
13. Approve Maryville High School Orchestra overnight trip to Disney Festival in Orlando, FL Funding Source: students/parents

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Consider Elementary school rezoning proposal** – effective 2022-2023
 - a. Rezoning from Sam Houston to John Sevier - Area 1 - Grandview Drive to Wilkinson Pike (Meadow Oaks, Ross Springs, Holland Springs); Area 2 – North of East Broadway/East of Aluminum Avenue; Proposed rezoning from Foothills to Sam Houston Both sides of Montvale Station Road from Churchill to Jamestown (Windridge, Jamestown, Lori Lea, Garden Vale, Bethany, Lafayette); 69 current K-2 students impacted by the rezoning; They will be allowed to stay in their current school with parent transportation;
 - b. Motion to approve by Julie Elder. Second by Chad Hampton. Approved unanimously.
2. **Consider sixty-month contract with MSA, Inc. for equipment, supplies, and service for two copiers in the central office copy shop.**
 - a. Funding Source: Regular Instruction Contracted Services
 - b. Motion to approve by Candy Morgan. Second by Julie Elder. Approved unanimously.
3. **Consider Central Technologies purchase of a firewall replacement.**
 - a. Funding Source: Technology / other equipment
 - b. \$51,814.00
 - c. Motion to approve by Candy Morgan. Second by Bethany Pope. Approved unanimously.
4. AS AMENDED: **Consider FY21 Final Budget approval.**
 - a. This revision to the FY21 Budget clarifies the language that identifies funds being transferred from the district to each school
 - b. Motion to approve by Candy Morgan. Second by Bethany Pope. Approved unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Dr. Winstead thanked students and staff for the effort and commitment to excellence that resulted in awards by the Tennessee Department of Education for achievement. Maryville City Schools was named one of seven Exemplary District in the state and six of the seven schools in Maryville were honored as Reward schools. Winstead went on to explain that Maryville High School met all the benchmarks for a Reward school, but missed the 95% student-testing threshold by only a couple students.

With regard to COVID, Dr. Winstead noted that communication is going out to staff and families on a weekly basis and he was happy to report that the most recent numbers are showing improvement.

As an update on facilities, Winstead noted that the roof work at MJHS should begin any day and work is underway on the preliminary expansion plans for the school. The planned improvements on the softball facility are also ready to begin.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

DISTRICT: In addition to earning the EXEMPLARY DISTRICT designation from the TN Dept. of Education last week, six of our schools were again named REWARD schools. Despite the challenges we all faced last year, this recognition is evidence of the commitment to excellence shared by our students, faculty, staff, and the Maryville community. Congratulations!

At the 2021 TN Valley Fair Student Art Exhibition, Maryville students received numerous awards, including:

- MHS Senior, Amada Lashmit-Pena (BEST DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPH)
- MRIS 6th grader, Chris Coker (1st place – sixth grade)
- MHS 10th grader, Lily Smith (2nd place – tenth grade)
- MHS 10th grader, Avery Kumer (Congressional Honor)
- 5 honorable mention awards

MHS is proud to announce the names of **10** outstanding **National Merit Semifinalists**.

- Teddy Astor
- Jackson Basler
- Henry Chen
- Paige Douglas
- Will Gardner
- Rachel Huffer
- Claire Jansen
- Drew Ohsiek
- Noah Ohsiek
- Jackson Shue

Also at MHS – this is homecoming week and we are excited to welcome the return of our **HOMECOMING PARADE**. Watch the MHS social media sites for more details, but it is

scheduled to start at MJHS around 9:40 am on Friday – traveling down S. Cedar to Lawrence.

MRIS held **Eagle X-games** last week and it was another huge success! Thanks to the students, faculty, and our community for supporting this important fundraiser and fun annual event on the Ridge.

JSE students are looking forward to Friday, which is **LUNCH WITH A LOVED ONE** day. This picnic event will take place on the soccer field and students will be offered a bag lunch. Each grade level will be marked with a sign to welcome visitors.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- **Chad Hampton** thanked Mrs. Stowers and agreed that the transition to Jr. High is often as difficult for parents as the transition to Kindergarten. Mr. Hampton is looking forward to fall break.
- **Candy Morgan** thanked MJHS for hosting the meeting and shared her support for the Capturing Kids Hearts program.
- **Julie Elder** congratulated everyone on the Exemplary District and Reward school recognition. She too appreciates the work that goes into programs like Capturing Kids Hearts and looks forward to many years of positive results.
- **Bethany Pope** thanked Principal Stowers and offered her best wishes for a great fall break.
- **Chairman Black** appreciated the state of the school address by Mrs. Stowers and expressed his delight with having the opportunity to continue to send his children to school in his hometown. He noted that the Exemplary District award is yet another example of the commitment to excellence at every level.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Anglim.