BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes for November 8, 2021

The Maryville Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on November 8 at Sam Houston Elementary 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. Third grader Layla Farner led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SCHOOL UPDATE

Principal Cutter thanked the members of student council at Sam Houston Elementary for serving as hosts and greeters. His presentation centered around the schools 2021-2022 focus on coming together and learning from each other. After many months of dealing with the pandemic, the school administrative team felt the best way to move ahead was through unity. The teaching staff started the year off by participating in a ropes course at IAMS Nature Center. Other strategies included the enneagram personality test, as well as the creation of action teams for literacy, morale, and other areas of interest. Social-emotional support continues to be a need and focus area for students at the school. Cutter thanked the board and district for the addition of a behavioral teaching assistant.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

None registered.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of October 18, 2021 meeting .
2. Approve School Board Policy Section 6.3071 – Second Reading.
3. Ratify Executive Committee approval of Maryville High School Volleyball Team overnight trip to Murfreesboro.
4. Approve Maryville High School Wrestling Team overnight to Dobyns-Bennett High School in Kingsport.
    a. Funding Source: tournament fundraisers
5. Approve Maryville High School Wrestling Team overnight to Harrah's Cherokee Center, Asheville NC to attend Great Smoky Mountain Grapple.
    a. Funding Source: tournament fundraisers

6. Ratify Executive Committee approval of Maryville High School Cross Country Team overnight trip to Hendersonville.
7. Approve Maryville Junior High School Orchestra overnight to Atlanta, GA.
8. Approve Maryville High School Varsity Baseball Team overnight trip to Gulf Shores, AL to attend Spring Break Baseball Tournament.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. **Consider FY22 Budget Amendment #2**
   a. Revisions required accommodating changes on federal funding line items and appropriations from the state.
   b. Motion to approve by Candy Morgan. Second by Julie Elder. Unanimous approval.

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Dr. Winstead asked CFO Sarah Pritchard to review the financial status of the district and acknowledged the outstanding efforts of Ms. Pritchard and her team during the pandemic – with ever-changing revenue requirements. Winstead also reported they recently received a "clean audit" – giving credit to Ms. Pritchard.

Ms. Pritchard shared that new federal funding added $2.3M to the fund balance – bringing the total to $8.2M (16.4% of total revenue). $1.9M was transferred to the school construction fund for the Jr. High School expansion to begin in spring of 2022. Cafeteria revenues increased by $500k and Tammy Hooper, Food Service Coordinator, is looking at equipment needs in all seven schools. Sales tax revenues remain strong – with October numbers 30% over the same month last year. We will also expect a funding increase due to growth in enrollment.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

@MHS

MHS will play in round two of the TSSAA 6A playoffs on Friday against West Ridge.

Andie-Marie Jones placed 3rd at state for Cross-Country.

MHS Cheer placed 3rd at the TSSAA state competition Saturday. They won a bid to the National Cheer Competition that will be held in Orlando in February 2022.

The MHS Theatre Department presents Mamma Mia November 18th and 20th at 7pm and November 21st at 2pm. General Admission is $15 and Student/Staff Tickets are $8.

Congratulations to Carson Jones for his selection as a semifinalist for the Mr. Football award.

@ MRIS

8 MRIS students auditioned for the ETSBOA Middle Area Junior Orchestra Clinic. Samuel LeBoeuf was selected as 1st violin. 3 others are in the viola section and four will serve as alternates.

Cynthia Wright will serve as the Practitioner for the University of Tennessee Music Education Board of Admissions Interviews for Fall 2021.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- **Chad Hampton** shared his appreciation for the schools theme of unity and suggested it might be shared throughout the country. Hampton also thanked Ms. Pritchard for her work in finance.
- **Candy Morgan** thanked Principal Cutter and noted it is always a pleasure to visit at Sam Houston Elementary.
- **Julie Elder** congratulated the school on receiving the National Blue Ribbon School designation earlier in the fall and expressed her approval of the new Sam Houston logo.
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      the place to learn and grow
- **Bethany Pope** thanked the students who served as hosts upon their arrival and congratulated the MHS Cheer Team on recent accomplishments.
- **Chairman Black** thanked Mr. Cutter for hosting the meeting and expressed gratitude to Ms. Pritchard for her work as CFO.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. Respectfully submitted by Sharon Anglim.