



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes for February 7, 2022

The Maryville Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on February 7 at Foothills 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. Matthew Philips (1st grader) and Mary Kate Philips (3rd grader) led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SCHOOL UPDATE

Principal Schito reviewed the year-to-date highlights at the school. Included in her presentation were a variety of facilities improvements in the office and library, the assimilation of eleven new teachers, an author visit, the addition of Lu technology in the gymnasium, and the parent organizations success with Raccoon Romp – raising fifty-two thousand dollars.

Assessment Specialist Rosie Turner was introduced to discuss the coordinated effort between the three elementary schools and two intermediate schools to better manage student behavioral issues. As young students work through issues at their current school, Ms. Turner and her co-workers build on strategies, working with families, and document successful outcomes to better prepare students for success moving forward.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Joshua Isles spoke for approximately two minutes on the many benefits of soft skills training such as the Ace of Shakes competition, with the caution that implementation of a point system shouldn't take earned points away from deserving students. He agreed to share his comments and any additional research with the board via email.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of January 10, 2022 meeting
2. Approve Board Policy changes to section 6.3071 – Student Alcohol and Drug Testing – second reading.
3. Approve Coulter Grove Intermediate School Liaisons overnight trip for Ace of Shakes Competition in Nashville

4. Approve Maryville High School HOSA students' overnight trip for HOSA State Competition in Knoxville
5. Approve Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School Band overnight trip to Louisville, KY
6. Approve Maryville High School Hiking Fitness Club overnight trip to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider Board Policy changes to Section 3.209 – estimating facility costs.
 - a. While changes were made to other policies recently requiring board approval for purchases over \$25,000, this action would extend board review to estimates over the same amount.
 - b. A motion to approve was offered by Bethany Pope and second by Chad Hampton.
 - c. This board policy change was unanimously approved.
2. Consider approval to open the Maryville Virtual School for the 2022-2023 school year.
 - a. This would be the eighth school for Maryville City Schools and would start with city residents only. Step two of the approval process would come from the Tennessee Department of Education. This proposal is a natural extension of the iReach one-to-one initiative undertaken by the district over eight years ago. With more digital learning experience now behind both students and teachers, many students would benefit from having a virtual school option. Homebound, home school, and health-challenged students are among the first who might enroll. Planners are committed to maintaining the level of excellence expected in all Maryville schools and feel confident this new opportunity will further serve Maryville families.
 - b. Motion to approve by Candy Morgan. Second by Bethany Pope.
 - c. Unanimous board approval was received for the new Maryville Virtual School.

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Dr. Winstead discussed the success of recent board approval to further incentivize substitute teachers – resulting in the hiring of twenty new subs since January 1st.

Regarding facilities projects, Winstead confirmed the roof project at MJHS is on schedule and the softball hitting facility on the John Sevier Elementary campus is under roof and on schedule for completion around spring break.

Dr. Winstead mentioned the upcoming annual Spotlight event for all employees on February 21. The theme this year is WE ARE MARYVILLE and in addition to a guest speaker, employees will be honored for longevity. This is the ninth annual event and something everyone looks forward to.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

MARYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

- Congratulations to all Maryville High School (9-12) **Band students** who auditioned for and earned a spot in the East Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association Senior Clinic Bands. These students competed against more than 2000 student musicians from across East Tennessee to earn this prestigious honor. Maryville Band students earned 41 Senior Clinic spots. In addition, we wish to recognize the 11 student musicians who scored high enough to make the Tennessee All-State Band. Congratulations to these students and their director, Adam Ford.
- In sports news:
 - Boy's **wrestling** made an appearance at the State duals tournament this past weekend for the first time in a few years. The team finished 8th in the state.
 - The **cheer team** leaves for Nationals in Orlando this weekend, full of hope!
 - Also, this weekend, 16 **swimmers** and 2 **divers** will compete in state-level competition. GO REBELS!

MONTGOMERY RIDGE INTERMEDIATE

- Jeremy Miller and Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School were awarded a \$10,000 grant to expand our **Project Lead the Way/STEM** Program.
- Students Drew Gerken, Ansley Hall, Emily, and Morgan Lakey, Alexa Shanks, Emily Kirkham, and Katie Kirkham, participated in the regional **4H Hippology competition**. They all placed in either the hippology (written test) or the horse bowl (verbal test) and are heading to the state competition on February 19th.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- **Chad Hampton** – Thanked Ms. Schito for her thoughtful presentation and leadership at Foothills Elementary. Mr. Hampton enjoyed learning about the resources available for behavior management and is excited about the virtual school.
- **Candy Morgan** – Remarked on the new floor in the library and shared her excitement for the long-awaited virtual school option.
- **Julie Elder** – Shared how important it is for a team to serve students through the educational process and Ms. Turner is a great addition. Ms. Elder also strongly supports the virtual school.
- **Bethany Pope** – Shared her support for both the behavioral supports available across the district and the work being done to create a virtual school option that rises to the high standards of all Maryville schools.
- **Chairman Black** – Thanked everyone, offered his support for the virtual school, and added how thrilled he is to have his own children at Foothills Elementary.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Anglim.