



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes for March 21, 2022

The Maryville Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on March 21 at Maryville High 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 in sign language by Blake Heckmann, 10th grade.

SCHOOL UPDATE

Principal Heather Hilton presented an update covering the year-to-date at Maryville High School. Her focus for 2021-2022 has been to re-build connections with students and the community, after the pandemic. MHS started the new school year out by allowing students and families to personalize parking spots in the lot with paint. School spirit was emphasized through the reintroduction of a homecoming parade and singing the MHS alma mater at games. Other efforts include volunteer service and leadership opportunities for students. New classes include Teaching as a Profession and American Sign Language.

Continuing the focus on academics, Hilton shared that 283 dual enrollment college credit hours were earned so far, along with 369 state dual credit hours and 321 hours from local dual credit exams. 760 exams will be taken at MHS in May 2022 – state tests, AP tests, and more. Other academic accolades include Tennessee Pathway certification of the culinary arts program, several national teacher presentations, outstanding viewership on the NFHS Network – thanks to the work of the broadcasting team, first culinary apprenticeship to begin soon at Blackberry Farm, and many IT apprenticeship opportunities next year. The admin team ended with a review of many awards and honors in the arts, sports, and club work.

Three students who attended SCOPE in Nashville attended the board meeting to share their recent experience at the conference in Nashville. 11th grader Adithya Madduri was elected to serve as the 2023 President of SCOPE – only the second time an MHS student received this honor.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Black noted that the details in item #2 of the agenda were not ready for review and recommended the item should be removed from consideration. Candy Morgan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Second from Bethany Pope. The agenda amendment received unanimous approval.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

No one registered to offer comments on the agenda.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of February 7, 2022, meeting.
2. Approve Board Policy changes to section 3.209 – Estimating Facility Costs – second reading
3. Ratify Executive Committee approval for Maryville High School Wrestling Team overnight trip for State Duals Championship in Franklin, TN Funding Source: Athletic Department
4. Ratify Executive Committee approval for Maryville High School Swim Team overnight trip for TISCA State Championship in Nashville, TN Funding Source: Athletic Department
5. Approve Maryville High School Track & Field Team overnight trip for Mountain Brook Invitational Track Meet in Mountain Brook, AL
6. Ratify Executive Committee approval for Maryville High School Girls and Boys Wrestling Team overnight trip for State Individual Wrestling Championships in Franklin, TN Funding Source: Athletic Department
7. Approve Maryville High School Ethics Club overnight trip to attend National High School Ethics Bowl in Chapel Hill, NC
8. Ratify Executive Committee approval of a contract with Duncan & Sons for janitorial services at Maryville Junior High School and Maryville High School. Funding Source: Operation of Plant
9. Approve Maryville High School Chorus overnight trip for All-State Honors in Nashville, TN.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider purchase of bleachers for the Maryville High School Gym
 - a. Funding Source: Capital Outlay - \$347,766
 - b. The current bleachers at MHS are at least 42 years old
 - c. New bleachers will be red and seat 1,497 people
 - d. Work would take place during fall break 2022
 - e. Candy Morgan made the motion to approve this purchase. Chad Hampton seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.
2. Consider purchase of a server – Funding Source: Technology - \$90,000.00
 - a. Item removed from consideration until a later date
3. Consider Board Policy section 4.602 – GPA Calculation and Recognition.
 - a. The purpose of this action was to clarify language in the original policy around dates
 - b. Motion to approve received from Bethany Pope. Second from Julie Elder. Policy change approved unanimously.
4. Consider bids for Maryville High School Boiler and Closed-Circuit Cooler Replacement
 - a. Funding Source: Capital Outlay
 - b. Low bid recommended from McMahan Mechanical for \$476,000
 - c. Work is slated for fall 2022
 - d. Motion to approve from Chad Hampton. Second from Bethany Pope. Purchase approved unanimously.

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Chairman Black shared the results of the recently completed evaluation for Mike Winstead, Director of Schools. This review included an extensive survey process. Black noted how the 1-5 rating landed at 4.44, up slightly from the previous year and very strong by any measure. He went on to share how Dr. Winstead's leadership throughout the pandemic was exceptional and his work to get all schools back to normal was outstanding. Communication continues to be his strong suite, along with master planning and visionary leadership.

Dr. Winstead expressed his gratitude to the board for their continued support and collaboration during good times and challenging moments as well. He also recognized the leadership team and central office staff for the hard work and dedication that makes working for Maryville City Schools such a pleasure – always working collaboratively to exceed expectations.

Regarding facilities, Winstead noted that the expansion at the Jr. High is ready to begin in earnest, with roof work in progress now. Renovations on bathrooms at MHS and John Sevier will take place over the next few months. While a few finishing touches remain at the new softball facility, the team already hosted their first game.

Winstead noted that the last nine week stretch of the school year is always exciting and filled with events for every student and parent – as well as an incredible volume of student assessment district wide.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

@ MJHS

Dr. Hebert received a \$1,000 grant for STEM Education from the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers in late February.

@ MHS

After repeating the semi and final rounds of competition, the MHS Ethics Team won the TN High School Ethics Bowl, again! The team will now advance to the NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ETHICS competition. Students on the team include Henry Chen, Maggie West, Diya Patel, Adi Madduri, and Mohib Ahmed. Jill Pope is the faculty advisor.

- Boys Wrestling, head coached by Alex Cate:
 - Team Duals.
 - Regional 2AA Duals Champions
 - Sectional Dual Champions
 - 7th Duals State
 - Individuals
 - Region and Sectional Champions
 - 10 boys won their respective weight classes and earned spots at State
 - 3 State Individual Medalists, Junior Michael Colligan (6th in 160lb class), Junior Peyton Cooper (3rd in 195lb class), and Senior Adrian Gumm (3rd in 285lb class)
 - Team 8th at State
- Girls Wrestling, 1st-year program, head coached by Jason Hughes:
 - Team Duals
 - First-year program
 - Region 1 runner up
 - lost in regional competition
 - Individuals
 - 5 girls won their respective weight classes at regionals and earned spots at State
 - 1st girl to State Medalist, freshman Aliya Whaley (6th place 165lb class)
 - Team 32nd at State
- Dance, head coached by Alette Garner:

- Team's first-ever competition at Varsity's The Groove Experience in Pigeon Forge on March 12 and 13: Grand National Champions in Pom and HipHop categories
- Junior Ashley Blair featured on WATE's Outstanding Student-Athlete in early March

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- **Chad Hampton** appreciated the high school administrations focus on reconnecting with the community after the pandemic and their efforts to increase school spirit overall. He noted that Dr. Winstead's evaluation "speaks for itself."
- **Julie Elder** noted that the opportunities at MHS for students are endless and always growing – a testament to the work of the faculty and admin team. Mrs. Elder recognized the effort to bring all employees together for the annual Spotlight program in February and how important that event is to the culture of the organization.
- **Bethany Pope** shared her appreciation to the MHS administrative team for their work on school spirit and for allowing the students who attended SCOPE to share their experience. Pope recognized the strong evaluation received by Dr. Winstead and personally expressed her appreciation for his communications with both staff and parents throughout the pandemic and beyond.
- **Candy Morgan** shared her appreciation for the many leadership opportunities offered to students at MHS and congratulated Dr. Winstead on another outstanding review.
- **Chairman Black** thanked the MHS leadership team for their work and presentation. Black also noted his excitement for the many facilities improvements already finished or in the works. He expressed this gratitude to Coach West and Coach Eldridge for their service to the students of MHS in recent years.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Anglim.