



## **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **Minutes for June 13, 2022**

The Maryville Board of Education met in a regular session at 5:30 p.m. on June 13 at Maryville High School. Board members present were Nick Black, Chad Hampton, Julie Elder, and Candy Morgan. Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 5:37 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chad Hampton.

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Nick Black asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Candy Morgan moved to adopt, and a second came from Julie Elder. The agenda was adopted unanimously.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No request for comments on the agenda were made online or via the sign-up form posted at the entrance to the meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF THE 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 May 9, 2022, meeting (Attachment)
2. Ratify Executive Committee approval of Maryville High School Track & Field overnight trip to Murfreesboro, TN. (Attachment A1)
3. Approve IReady renewal from Curriculum Associates - \$40,724.30 – Funding Source: Summer School Funds (Attachment A2)
4. Approve annual Microsoft licensing renewal for Windows, Office 365 - \$28,188.45 – Funding Source: Technology (Attachment A3)
5. Approve Maryville High School Maryville Singers overnight trip to Camp Wesley Woods in Townsend (Attachment A4)
6. Ratify Executive Committee approval of Maryville High School Girls Basketball overnight trip to Austin Peay University in Clarksville, TN. (Attachment A5)
7. Ratify Executive Committee approval of PCS contract for Coulter Grove Intermediate School a Lu System for the gym – Funding Source: School Funds (Attachment A6)
8. Approve revised Supplement Scale for the 2022-23 school year (Attachment A7)
9. Approve purchase of a 2-year contract with Newsela - \$74,536.02 – Funding Source: General Purpose – Summer School Funds (Attachment A8)
10. Approve Renaissance renewal - \$47,324.00 – Funding Source: General Purpose and Summer School Funds (Attachment A9)
11. Approve CASE Mastery Connect and CASE21 Benchmark Assessments renewal - \$77,695.00 Funding Source: General Purpose and Summer School Funds (Attachment A10)

## AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider site license from IXL Learning - \$205,275.00 – Funding Source: Summer School Funds.
  - a. Motion to approve by Candy Morgan. Second from Julie Elder.
  - b. Mrs. Vagnier noted the cost effectiveness of purchasing a multi-year contract at a discounted rate, with the number of schools now using this software. Benefits include emphasis on mastery of standards, acceleration, and intervention.
  - c. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Consider bid from HPS-Gordon's Food for food service - \$831,938.47 – Funding Source: Food Service.
  - a. Motion to approve by Julie Elder. Second from Candy Morgan.
  - b. Dr. Winstead noted that HPS-Gordon's Food is the current MCS food vendor, bids are typically in conjunction with Alcoa City Schools and/or Blount County Schools. This particular bid is in conjunction with ACS.
  - c. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Consider changes to Board Policy sections: 1.104, 1.204, 2.806, 3.202, 4.101, 4.212, 4.402, 4.403, 4.406, 4.600, 4.604, 5.119, 5.200, 5.201, 5.501, 5.701, 6.200, 6.318, and 6.409.
  - a. Chad Hampton made the motion to amend Policy 4.403 and change the title to Library Materials. Second from Julie Elder.
  - b. Dr. Winstead noted that number of policy changes, 19, were introduced at one time due to the impact that some of the policy changes will have on school operations; the example provided was the new grading scale (4.600).
  - c. Chad Hampton addressed the change to Policy 5.501 and the retirement of employees.
  - d. Dr. Winstead commented on the previous two avenues for a retired teacher to return to work vs. the new policy that allows retired educators to remain employed and receive 70% of their retirement for 3 years, with that teacher foregoing tenure.
  - e. Nick Black inquired about Policy 4.604 and the awarding of credit for high school courses completed prior to the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year.
  - f. Candy Morgan inquired about tenure, and Dr. Winstead noted that the practice has changed for non-tenured teachers who lose a position, due to lack of funding, to receive a letter attesting to that.
  - g. Nick Black inquired about the threshold for working directly with a student, as it relates to Policy 6.409.
  - h. Nick Black asked if there was a motion to accept the cumulative list of policy changes.
  - i. Motion to approve by Candy Morgan. Second from Chad Hampton.
  - j. The motion passed unanimously.

Prior to the next agenda item, a parent voiced concerns regarding Policy 4.403 and the formal process of addressing the board when she deems a book in the school library to be inappropriate and harmful to a student's academic growth. The parent was advised that the proper procedure to voice such concerns is through the student's administrator and school librarian.

4. Consider opening Maryville Virtual School to non-resident students in the 2022-2023 school year.

- a. Motion to approve by Candy Morgan. Second from Julie Elder.
  - b. Mrs. Vagnier shared the positive response to MVS and noted the many calls from parents outside of the MCS District who wish to inquire about enrollment. The majority of enrolled students are junior high and high school age. Tuition for MVS will cost the same for a student attending any other school in the MCS District.
  - c. Motion approved unanimously.
5. Consider bid from Mobile Fixture for cafeteria serving lines at Foothills Elementary School and Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School - \$163,506.20.
  - a. Motion to approve by Candy Morgan. Second from Julie Elder.
  - b. Dr. Winstead noted that two lines will be replaced at FHE and three lines at MRIS. Installation will take place during winter break, and the new serving lines will increase efficiency in both cafeterias.
  - c. Motion approved unanimously.

## **REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS**

Dr. Winstead introduced Joshua Oliver as the Head Principal at John Sevier Elementary and Molly Rice as the Head Principal at Sam Houston Elementary.

Mr. Oliver thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve JSE and shared that he hired Kristin Bosco to serve as JSE Assistant Principal.

Mrs. Rice shared that she was honored and thrilled with the opportunity to serve as Sam Houston's principal. She noted that she hired Lucas Vagnier to serve as Sam Houston's assistant principal.

Summer School is in its last week, and MCS has successfully served approximately 500 students. In addition to meeting students' academic needs, transportation and food service has also been provided. A good measure of summer school success is evidenced by the number of students who are only required to attend summer school for one year and achieve academic success the following year.

Expansion at MJHS is underway, and the renovations to the office area and library are also progressing quickly.

The HVAC work is going well at MRIS.

Maryville High School's next step in its design for expansion is for MCS, the City of Maryville, and the architect to meet in order to develop a site plan. Once a site plan has been developed, the design for the building can begin. The expansion will line up with the timeline of relocating the District Office to Fort Craig.

The current enrollment for kindergarten is 370 students. The capacity is 420, leaving room for approximately one additional class at each elementary school.

## **COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**Julie Elder** thanked administrators for their work during the summer months and with summer school. She encouraged them to take time for vacations and rest. Mrs. Elder welcomed Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Rice and commented on their new hires for the roles of assistant principal in each of their schools. She also gave a shout-out to the cafeteria workers who have worked diligently through the summer to serve students.

**Chad Hampton** congratulated Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Rice on their new positions.

**Candy Morgan** congratulated Mr. Oliver, Mrs. Rice, and Mrs. Greene on their new positions. She encouraged administrators to rest and enjoy the rest of the summer.

**Nick Black** congratulated Mr. Oliver, Mrs. Rice, and Mrs. Greene. He encouraged them, and all administrators, to reach out to the board for support anytime. Mr. Black thanked everyone for a great year.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Maria Greene