

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes for July 11, 2022

The Maryville Board of Education met in a regular session at 5:30 p.m. on July 11 at Maryville High School. Board members present were Nick Black, Chad Hampton, Julie Elder, Candy Morgan, and Bethany Hodson. 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 Chad Hampton.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Nick Black asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Julie Elder moved to adopt, and a second came from Bethany Hodson. 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

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

1. Approve Minutes of June13, 2022, meeting (Attachment)
2. Approve 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 -second reading (Attachment A1)
3. Approve Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School Band overnight trip to Orlando, FL for a concert performance. – Funding Source: Students (Attachment A2)
4. Ratify Executive Committee approval for installation of a walking track at Sam Houston Elementary School - Funding Source: Sam Houston Elementary Parent Teacher Organization. (Attachment A3)

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider change to Board Policy section 4.700 – Testing Programs (Attachment B1)

- Motion to approve by Candy Morgan. Second from Bethany Hodson.
 - Dr. Winstead explained that the change in policy impacts how test scores calculate into students' grades to maintain consistency throughout grade levels.
 - Motion approved unanimously
2. Consider amending agreement with Duncan & Sons' Building Maintenance to include cleaning service for Coulter Grove Intermediate and Montgomery Ridge Intermediate Schools.
- Motion to approve by Chad Hampton. Second from Candy Morgan.
 - Dr. Winstead shared that Duncan & Sons' contract is currently in place for Maryville Junior High and Maryville High School. This emergency agreement will be extended for one year to Montgomery Ridge and Coulter Grove Intermediate Schools. This contract, in conjunction with the elementary schools hiring their own custodians, will provide MCS with better service.
 - Motion approved unanimously

REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Administrators participated in leadership training today, and the training will continue into tomorrow. This is the first time that all administrators, head principals and assistant principals, have participated in a training together.

The system has a record-breaking hire of 49 new teachers, and the annual new teacher breakfast will take place on July 22.

Many projects are being completed on MCS campuses during the summer including: MRIS' HVAC (to be completed by Friday with fine tuning scheduled the following week), MJHS roof to be completed by Labor Day, continued renovations at MJHS, bathroom renovations at MHS and JSE, and repurposing of spaces at Fort Craig.

MCS has much to celebrate with the recently released test scores. Test results and data charts are available on the TDOE's website. Dr. Winstead provided information regarding the State's baseline for ELA test scores and the expected track that a student must stay on in order to obtain a reading score of 23 on the ACT. MCS celebrates the growth of all students, and this is evidenced by doubling the number of students this past year from meeting to exceeding expectations in ELA.

Math data indicates that MCS has maintained steady achievement, with the most significant growth taking place in the elementary span.

Dr. Winstead expressed his disappointment with the message from the state regarding student learning returning to pre-pandemic levels. Most quotes focused on actions from the state such as summer school, mandatory tutoring, instructional materials, and the literacy law. What the comments fail to acknowledge, however, is teacher impact on student growth. Dr. Winstead referenced the recent comments made by Dr. Larry Arnn and reiterated the trust that is placed in MCS teachers and their ability to meet and exceed expectations without the limitations of scripted curriculum. Additionally, Dr. Winstead thanked the board and the community for their support and value placed on teachers.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

2022 graduate, Haley Kuban, completed a painting that was selected to hang in the halls of Congress for one year. Haley flew to Washington D.C. and had the opportunity to view her portrait.

Nick Black congratulated Heather Hilton and Karen Schito for being selected to join the Leadership Blount Class of 2023.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Candy Morgan thanked administrators for their hard work and dedication. She congratulated Heather Hilton and Karen Schito for being selected to join Leadership Blount.

Chad Hampton congratulated administrators on the test scores and the positive impact they have on teachers. He also asked administrators to thank their hard-working teachers.

Bethany Pope shared that she hoped administrators took a break. She also shared that when students return in a few weeks, administrators and teachers will do what they do best – love kids, support kids, and support teachers. She also stated that she was disappointed by Dr. Arnn’s comments and reemphasized that MCS has the best teachers, and she is thankful for all they do.

Julie Elder shared that she is excited to meet the new teachers. She thanked administrators for their hard work during the summer to bring new teachers on board. She emphasized that teaching is a true calling and some of the best people on college campuses are now teachers

for MCS. She expressed that the recently published test scores are wonderful and indicative of the hard work our entire community is doing.

Nick Black congratulated the district on test scores and acknowledged the hard work of administrators and teachers. He, too, found Dr. Arnn's statements to be abhorrent. He shared that Maryville is a special place and MCS recognizes what teachers bring to the table and supports their hard work and efforts. Mr. Black expressed that he is looking forward to meeting the new teachers and that high expectations produce results. He shared that there is no better place to be, to teach, and to raise kids. He thanked administrators for all they do and shared that he is looking forward to another great year.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Maria Greene