

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes for October 17, 2022

The Maryville Board of Education met in a regular session at 5:30 p.m. on October 17 at Maryville Junior High School. Board members present were Nick Black, Chad Hampton, Julie Elder, Candy Morgan, and Bethany Pope. 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 Caleb Oliver, 8th grade student at MJHS.

UPDATE FROM MARYVILLE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Prior to the update, Assistant Principal Mike Wise, introduced the Leadworthy students who greeted attendees as they arrived. Principal Melissa Stowers began her presentation by sharing an update on student, faculty, and staff enrollment. Next, Mrs. Stowers shared updates on the renovations to the school including: library, front office, SRO office, administrative offices, clinic, and the roof. One of MJHS' goals for the 22-23 school year is to create a culture around the idea of all roads leading to MJHS through academic and behavioral safety nets by introducing a daily homeroom period and grade level deans to recognize and reward student effort. As the year progresses, MJHS will continue to foster and promote relationships and academic capacity.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

No request for comments on the agenda were made.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approve Minutes of September 12, 2022, meeting (Attachment)
2. Approve changes to Board Policy section 4.603 – Promotion and Retention- second reading (Attachment A1)
3. Approve Maryville High School Cheerleading overnight trip to Huntsville, AL for UCA Cheer Competition – Funding Source: Cheer Account (Attachment A2)
4. Ratify Executive Committee approval of books for One Book Blitz- Funding Source: One Book Blitz - \$37,355.50
5. Ratify Executive Committee approval of the use of Square devices and software for credit card processing and financial reports.
6. Ratify Executive Committee approval of the use of Arbiter Pay to outsource payments to referees.
7. Approve Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School Rangers overnight trip to Washington DC- Funding Source: Students (Attachment A3)
8. Approve Coulter Grove Intermediate School Student Leadership overnight trip to Philadelphia, PA – Funding Source: Students (Attachment A4)
9. Approve 2022 Local Education Agency Compliance Report.

10. Approve Maryville High School Special Olympics Bowling overnight to attend State Special Olympics Bowling Competition in Columbia, TN. – Funding Source; Special Olympics Tennessee (Attachment A5)

AGENDA

1. Consider purchase of a videoboard, scoreboard, and sound system for the football stadium – Funding Source: Maryville High School Athletics - \$312,788.61 (Attachment B1)
 - Motion to approve by Julie Elder. Second from Chad Hampton.
 - Dr. Winstead shared that the current scoreboard was purchased in 2008, and the video board is approximately 11 years old. The new board will carry the same footprint; however, it will be configured differently with the scoreboard running along the bottom, a sound system mounted behind the video board, and 6 permanent ad panels. The purchase will be made from Daktronics, and if the order is placed by December, the new board will be operational by the 2023 football season.
 - Motion approved unanimously.
2. Consider purchase of classroom furniture for Maryville High School from School & Office Supply – Funding Source: Maryville High School, School Funds - \$31,066.40 (Attachment B2)
 - Motion to approve by Candy Morgan. Second from Bethany Pope.
 - Dr. Winstead explained that this purchase, with Maryville High School as a funding source, will provide furniture for three math classrooms that feature graphing and marker boards.
 - Motion approved unanimously.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

The book for One Book Blitz has been selected, and planning is in progress.

Dr. Winstead congratulated John Sevier Elementary on its designation as a 2022 Blue Ribbon Award School. He expressed his appreciation to staff, students, and administrators for this huge accomplishment. Dr. Winstead explained that the state is given an allotment of 6 schools to nominate, and MCS is honored to have a Blue Ribbon School for the third year in a row.

Dr. Winstead provided updates to facilities, with a focus on updates that took place over fall break including: HVAC at MRIS, offices at MJHS, MJHS units on top of the gymnasium, and a crosswalk/island in front of the Junior High on Montvale Station Road. He thanked and recognized Maryville City for providing a safer walkway for students to enter the school.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

Congratulations to the Robotics Team for placing 2nd in alliance with Knoxville Catholic High School and Farragut at the TN Valley Fair's Robo Rodeo. The team is sponsored by MJHS STEM teacher, Dr. Andrew Herbert.

The MJHS volleyball teams had a fantastic season, and a special congratulations goes to the JV team who are league champions for the 2nd year in a row. The 8th grade Varsity and JV volleyball team members are: Ryleigh Barnes, Caroline Carver, AnnElise Caughron, Ava Chambers, MJ Fletcher, Emory Hicks, and Elliott Metz.

Congratulations to the MJHS football and softball teams for winning their championships

5 students from MHS have qualified for state with the TN Special Olympics for bowling on Monday, October 24. Congratulations to Lakoda Adkins, Mary Ellen Chupak, Landon Lund, Kristian Remington, and Maxwell Lewis.

JSE's annual lunch with a loved one took place on September 23, and the event was a huge success!

JSE is also excited to have over 80 students participating in the John Sevier Elementary Drama Club, led by kindergarten teacher, Miranda Brakebill

On Friday, October 14th, Foothills Elementary held its annual Raccoon Romp Pep Rally! HUGE SHOUT OUT to the Montgomery Ridge Cheerleaders and band members, as well as the high school dance team for rallying our students! Third grade student, Haley Bunch's t-shirt design won, and it will adorn over 700 shirts! We are set to host our annual FTO sponsored fundraiser, the Raccoon Romp on Friday, October 21st! Will we meet our goal of raising \$50,000? Stay tuned!

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Bethany Pope thanked Mrs. Stowers for sharing about Leadworthy and for hosting the board meeting at MJHS. She also congratulated John Sevier Elementary for being a 2022 Blue Ribbon School.

Julie Elder complimented the introduction of homeroom period and remarked on the benefits of having a time for peers to support peers and for teachers to support students. She is excited for her own son to have this experience in the future.

Chad Hampton complimented MJHS teachers for doing a great job and shared his appreciation for the addition of a homeroom period for students and remarked on the importance of this time for students to interact with peers and teachers. He thanked Mrs. Stowers for hosting the meeting. Mr. Hampton also congratulated JSE.

Candy Morgan shared that she loves hearing about how Capturing Kids Hearts is being implemented in our schools and the benefits to the school environment. She shared her excitement about the homeroom period and grade level deans led by dynamic teachers. Mrs. Morgan also congratulated JSE.

Nick Black congratulated the MHS volleyball and soccer teams on great seasons. The volleyball team will play in the state tournament in Murfreesboro this week. Chairman Black thanked Mrs. Stowers and MJHS for hosting tonight's meeting and shared that he enjoyed her presentation. He expressed that the high notes were the homeroom time and implementation of Leadworthy, and he is blessed to have kids in MCS. Mr. Black congratulated JSE and shared his excitement about having schools that perform so highly. He shared that with our three elementary schools having been recognized as a Blue Ribbon School in the past three years, it makes processes easier, such as redistricting, because regardless of where students attend school, JSE, FHE, and SHE are all high performing schools.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Maria Greene