

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes for November 14, 2022

The Maryville Board of Education met in a regular session at 5:30 p.m. on November 14 at Fort Craig. Board members present were Nick Black, Chad Hampton, Julie Elder, Candy Morgan, and Bethany Pope. Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Valerie Almanza, 10th grade student at Maryville Academy.

UPDATE FROM MARYVILLE ACADEMY

Mr. Kyle Harris, administrator at Maryville Academy, started his presentation by introducing student Valerie Almanza to share her thoughts and experiences about MA. Valerie shared her appreciation for the positive and caring staff who have made such an impact on her academic experience.

Next, Mr. Harris introduced Shanna Hudson, educational assistant at MA, to share about the opportunity for students to serve at John Sevier Elementary School. Ms. Hudson explained that students earn the opportunity to serve as mentors and ambassadors to students at JSE in art, PE, and guidance. This opportunity has been provided to MA students for 8 years, and it's one of the many programs at MA that is in place to build students up academically, socially, and emotionally. Ms. Hudson shared that Ma makes a difference in the lives of students by planting seeds of hope.

Mr. Harris continued the presentation by thanking his staff members: Lisa Thomas, Shanna Hudson, Nick Reynolds, Randy Stanley, Jon Chambers, Erin Kotowski, and Office Adam Cook.

New to MA this year:

- Addition of new furniture (including stand up desks, teacher desks, and soft seating)
- MA has applied for a grant with MCSF for a library at Maryville Academy
- Implementation of Edgenuity, a digital platform
- Daily group meetings to emphasize character development and check-ins

The staff members at MA completed a two day, Capturing Kids Hearts training in October, and the training focused on giving students choices and discipline with dignity.

Maryville Academy's has a current enrollment of 20 students.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Candy Morgan – Ms. Morgan encouraged Mr. Harris to keep people around him to lift him up. She is glad that he feels supported, stating that he can move mountains if he has support. Ms. Morgan thanked Ms. Hudson for planting seeds of hope in students a Maryville Academy.

Bethany Pope – Ms. Pope thanked Mr. Harris for the update on MA. She complimented Valerie Almanza on having the courage to speak to such a large group and shared her belief that Valerie will go on to do great things. Ms. Pope thanked Ms. Hudson for the passion and love she has for the students at MA.

Chad Hampton – Mr. Hampton thanked Mr. Harris for the update on Maryville Academy. He shared his appreciation for the slogan, “Second Chances, New Beginning.”

Julie Elder – Ms. Elder commented on the 3rd part of MA's motto about lifelong success. She complimented Valerie Almanza on her success at MA. Ms. Elder thanked Mr. Harris and his staff for looking for new and inventive ways to make a difference in the lives of children.

Nick Black – Mr. Black complimented Valerie Almanza on her presentation, sharing that she embodies the idea of new beginnings and lifelong success. He thanked Ms. Hudson for her work at MA. Mr. Black remarked that he is proud of what the MCS has done with MA by being intentional about its purpose, providing resources, and hiring great people.

ADOPT AGENDA

Nick Black asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Bethany Pope 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.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

Approve Minutes of October 17, 2022, meeting (Attachment)

2. Approve Maryville High School Cheerleading overnight trip to Lexington, KY for UCA Regional Competition – Funding Source: Cheer Account (Attachment A1)
3. Approve Maryville High School Model UN overnight trip Chattanooga to compete in the ALTMUN competition – Funding Source: Model UN (Attachment A2)
4. Approve Maryville High School Baseball overnight trip to Gulf Shores, AL for Gulf Shores Spring Break Baseball Tournament – Funding Source: Students (Attachment A3)
5. Approve Maryville High School Baseball overnight trip to Kingsport/Johnson City TN for baseball games – Funding Source: Baseball Account (Attachment A4)
6. Approve Maryville High School AP Art & Design classes and National Art Honor Society overnight trip to New York City, NY for museum visits – Funding Source: Students (Attachment A5)
7. Approve Maryville High School Graphic Design/Photography class to Atlanta, GA for Atlanta High Museum of Art and World of Coca-Cola Museum visits – Funding Source: Students (Attachment A6)
8. Ratify Executive Committee approval for Maryville High School Cross Country overnight trip to Hendersonville, TN to compete in TSSAA State Championship - Funding Source: Athletic General (Attachment A7)
9. Approve Maryville High School Wrestling Team to overnight trip to Ashville, NC for Great Smoky Mountain Grapple – Funding Source: Wrestling Account/students (Attachment A8)
10. Approve committee members for the math textbook adoption (Attachment A9)

AGENDA

Consider revisions to the Maryville City Schools Retirement Health Care Plan (Attachment B1)

- Motion to approve by Chad Hampton. Second from Julie Elder
- Dr. Winstead shared that MCS is making a change in the percentage of the Cobra rate that retirees pay if they do not have enough to cover to the age of 65. He shared that the purpose is not to generate additional revenue; rather, we are adjusting how rates are calculated. Dr. Winstead commented that this change may be a help to more people financially, benefiting employees and future retirees.
- Motion approved unanimously

2. Consider FY23 Budget Amendment (Attachment B2)

- Motion to approve by Candy Morgan. Second from Bethany Pope
- Sarah Pritchard, MCS Finance Director, explained that the amendment, first one of the year, is due to an increase in the General Purpose Account (due to the Resilient Schools Communities Grant) and Adventure Club. On the Federal side, there was an overall decrease due to being able to draw down funds at the end of fiscal year 2022 in the amount of \$1.1 million, thus reducing fiscal year 2023 carryover.
- Dr. Winstead added that the amendment will also go to the Maryville City Council for two readings.
- Motion approved unanimously

3. Consider bids for managed print and copier service.

- Dr. Winstead referenced Attachment B3 regarding Maryville City Schools' print and copy service and devices in schools. He explained that, rather than schools being responsible for their own equipment, MCS is under contract with a managed print and copy service. The District requested bids and received one bid from Century Works, formally Thermo Copy. Dr. Winstead recommended approving the bid for a five-year contract from Century Works, our current vendor for the amount of .0239 (black and white) and 0.58 (color) per copy.
- Julie Elder made the motion to move to award the bid to Century Works for 0.239 and 0.58 per copy. Second from Chad Hampton.
- Motion approved unanimously

REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Mike Winstead welcomed those in attendance, including students from Mr. Mike Driver's AP Government class and guests who attended to celebrate Bethany Pope and Chad Hampton's final board meeting. He thanked Amy Vagnier, Maria Greene, Joe Robinette, and the maintenance team for assisting with renovations to the Fort Craig Multi-Purpose Room. Dr. Winstead shared that the Leadership Team, TAC, and other groups have already utilized the space, and the District looks forward to future renovations that will include moving the district office to Fort Craig.

Dr. Winstead invited Jim Hinton, Vice President of Cope Architecture, to provide an update on the construction project at Maryville Junior High School. Mr. Hinton shared that the new roof is almost complete, with a few minor items remaining on the punch list. He provided pictures of completed renovations at MJHS and construction photos of the new addition. The steel structure is now in place for the bridge that will connect to the existing building. The project should be completed by the end of May 2023.

Dr. Winstead thanked Chad Hampton and Bethany Pope for their years of service on the Maryville City Schools Board of Education (Chad Hampton – 4 yrs and Bethany Pope 12 yrs). Dr. Winstead acknowledged the many accomplishments were made under Mr. Hampton and Ms. Pope's leadership including salary increases and numerous expansion projects over the past four years. Ms. Pope's 12 years of service included grade reconfiguration, school renovations, secure entries, iReach, and the construction of Coulter Grove. He thanked Mr. Hampton for his calm demeanor and collaborative approach and thanked Ms. Pope for being a cheerleader for Maryville City Schools, especially for students and teachers. Dr. Winstead acknowledged that both Mr. Hampton and Ms. Pope have been part of many popular votes, but they have also been faced with making unpopular decisions that were always in the best interest of Maryville City Schools. He personally thanked them for their support and friendship and encouraged them to take pride in the part they had in making Maryville City Schools a better place to learn and grow.

Ms. Amy Vagnier commended Mr. Hampton on his common sense approach, detail-minded approach to decisions, and intelligence. Ms. Vagnier thanked Ms. Pope for her longevity and resiliency. She expressed her appreciation for empowering students and teachers.

Julie Elder, Candy Morgan, and Nick Black individually shared their thoughts and appreciation for Mr. Hampton and Ms. Pope's years of service to Maryville City Schools.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

The MRIS band has been successful raising some funds for their Orlando trip in March, raising approximately 2K so far. Many thanks for all of the school system and community support.

MRIS has 15 students who will be auditioning for the ETSBOA Junior Band Clinic on Saturday, November 19.

The MHS Dance Team competed at the TSSAA dance state competition on November 5 and placed 4th in Pom and 5th in the Game Day Competitions.

The MRIS orchestra had 10 students audition and chosen to participate in the East TN School Band and Orchestra Association's Junior Orchestra Clinic.

MHS Cheer competed at the TSSAA cheer state competition on November 5 and placed second in their division. They have earned another bid to Nationals.

Cross Country competed at State on Friday, November 4. Our boys team placed 8th and our girls team placed 12th.

A huge shout out to the cast and crew of Bye Bye Birdie for their performances this past week.

A big shout out and congratulations goes to CGIS 7th grader, Ainsley Norris. Ainsley auditioned for the East TN School Band and Orchestra Association Jr. Orchestra Clinic this weekend with students across East TN. She was selected to the Blue Orchestra, which is the top Orchestra OTSBOA has to offer for this event.

JSE would like to give a shout out to their two 3rd grade teachers, Amanda Mullen and Angie Barham, who joined Principal Josh Oliver at the National Blue Ribbon Ceremony and conference in Washington DC.

Congratulations to Freshman Grier Dugger for placing 31st in East Tennessee in bowling this weekend. Freshman Rebecca Boons finished 25th.

CGIS's CBBC Bank Branch is reopening. Online opening is this month and the bank branch teller station will open in January! CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who interviewed and were hired by CBBC bank to be student bank tellers for Coulter Grove's Nest Egg branch of CBBC bank.

- Austyn Burkhalter
- Ainsley Norris
- Kaylin Griffeth
- Emma Edmond
- Lily Farner

During SERVE days at CGIS, the Red and Black houses of Leadership filled over a dozen shopping carts with donated food items, assisted at local nursing homes, and helped prepare multiple food trays/boxes for families in Blount County.

Congratulations to Candy Morgan for being elected TSBA President for 2023. Candy assumed the role of presidency yesterday at the TSBA Annual Conference.

Also at the conference, Candy was selected for the All Tennessee School Board.

12th grader Adi Madduri spoke at the TSBA Conference Friday night in the Opening General Session. As always, Adi represented Maryville well.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Candy Morgan thanked the principals, public and students for attending at tonight's meeting. She expressed her excitement to serve as President of the Tennessee School Boards Association.

Bethany Pope congratulated Candy Morgan for being elected TSBA President. Ms. Pope congratulated Mr. Simerly and Mr. Stinnett for their election to the school board. She thanked Dr. Winstead, Ms. Vagnier, and the rest of the school board for their kind words and shared that she will always be a strong supporter of MCS.

Chad Hampton expressed his gratitude for the kind words shared about his years of service on the school board. He expressed that it has been an honor to serve and thanked Dr. Winstead for his strong leadership. Mr. Hampton also shared his enthusiasm for the future of MCS, including the expansion of MHS and grade reconfigurations.

Julie Elder complimented the Fort Craig meeting space and said that she is excited to see what the future renovations to Fort Craig will include. She wished the football team luck in their playoff game on Friday.

Nick Blacked thanked everyone in attendance at tonight's meeting. He expressed his excitement about all of the projects in progress and thanked Sarah Pritchard for sharing the budget update. Mr. Black remarked that it has been a good school year, and his children are blessed to be in MCS. He reminded everyone of the work session on November 28.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Maria Greene

