BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes for March 20, 2023

The Maryville Board of Education met in a regular session at 5:30 p.m. on March 20, at John Sevier Elementary School. Board members present were Nick Black, Isaac Simerly, Julie Elder, Candy Morgan, and Bart Stinnett. 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 JSE student Olivia Bosco.

UPDATE FROM JOHN SEVIER

Mr. Josh Oliver, principal, provided an update on John Sevier. The school's 1st priority is: Expect the BEST – in all facets...for students, for parents, for staff, and for the building. At the beginning of the school year, the administration focused on building a school-wide expectations program called Fox Expectations. Focus on facility improvements has also been a priority and improvements have included freshened entrances, paint, new lights, and a playground shade structure.

Mrs. Kristin Bosco, assistant principal, talked about parental involvement at JSE. Annual lunch with a loved one, a snow cone school-kickoff event, monthly PTO meetings, and celebration events are ways that JSE involves the parents and community.

Patty Ramsey, PTO president, shared the goal of strengthening communication, providing opportunities for parental involvement, and serving as a financial resource for JSE. Meetings are scheduled in advance for the year, and events are advertised a month in advance to increase participation. Ms. Ramsey shared about many of the events the PTO coordinates, along with the faculty and staff.

The Unicycle Club sponsor, Mrs. Michalak, provided information about this unique opportunity offered to students. The club performs at half-time shows including Maryville High School and the University of Tennessee. Two 3rd grade students, Harper and Camden, demonstrated their unicycle skills. Practices are after school on Mondays and Fridays, and unicycles are owned by JSE. Riding a unicycle takes bravery and perseverance, serving as a huge confidence booster for students.

Two students from the running club shared what they love most about being members of the club. The students shared their enthusiasm and the hard work that goes into being members. The club started in 2007 and was designed to give students an outlet to participate in a physically challenging activity. Mr. Hamm, running club sponsor, said the club started with 25 students during its first year, and there are currently 84 members. The first official JSE 5K was held this year, and over 100 people signed up to participate.

Ms. Brakebill, Drama Club sponsor, shared that 71 K-3rd grade students are members of the club. This year, the students are preparing for Annie. Some students have expressed interest in the technical part of theatre and are being given the opportunity to learn about lighting, sets, etc. A performance is scheduled for May 1 and May 2. Two students playing Annie performed a song from the production.

REPORT ON SCOPE

Coach Mike Driver introduced students who attended TSBA's SCOPE Conference. Mr. Driver thanked the school board for providing students with the opportunity to attend. Adithya Madurri served as TSBA's

SCOPE President and represented MCS with great dignity. Mohib Ahmed, Costen Autry, Ava Oldham, and Arowyn Casenhiser engaged in school-policy debates with students from school districts across the state. Arowyn Casenhiser was elected vice-president for SCOPE 2024.

Mohib Ahmed spoke about his experience at SCOPE and shared his appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the school board.

Ava Oldham shared that the conference opened her eyes to the work behind the scenes. She thanked the school board for their work and for providing students with the opportunity to see a more holistic view of educational policy.

Costen Autrey thanked the school board for the opportunity to attend SCOPE. He shared that educational policy is crucial towards the proper functioning of school systems, and it was a pleasure to see how school boards operate.

Arowyn Casenhiser vocalized that the performance of the MHS students at SCOPE is a great testament to our school system and the education it provides.

Candy Morgan shared that this is the first year the students were able to elect a superintendent. She encouraged students to use their voice; they are future leaders. She is very proud to see our students perform so well.

Bart Stinnett asked the students what their plans are for the future and commended them for being an example of JSE's motto: Expect the Best.

Nick Black thanked the students for attending SCOPE and sharing about their experience.

ADOPT 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

One request for comments was made for a non-agenda item.

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 February 13, 2023, meeting (Attachment)
2. Approve change to Board Policy section 6.309 – Zero Tolerance Offenses – 2nd reading (Attachment A1)
3. Ratify Executive Committee approval of Coulter Grove Intermediate School Liaisons overnight trip to attend Ace of Shakes in Nashville, Tennessee (Attachment A2)
4. Approve Maryville High School Key Club overnight trip to attend Tennessee District Key Club Convention in Gatlinburg, Tennessee – Funding Source: Key Club Account (Attachment A3)
5. Ratify Executive Committee approval of Maryville High School Blount County Robotics Team overnight trip to attend Miami Valley Regional Robotics Competition in Cincinnati, Ohio (Attachment A4)

6. Ratify Executive Committee approval of new playground equipment at Foothills Elementary School – Funding Source: Internal School Funds Foothills Elementary School - $98,841.15 (Attachment A5)
7. Approve Maryville High School Ethics Bowl overnight trip to attend National High School Ethics Bowl in Chapel Hill, North Carolina – Funding Source: Students and School Budget (Attachment A6)
8. Approve ESSER Planning Addenda.

AGENDA

1. Consider quote from Dell Technologies for Maryville High School Stem Lab – Funding Source: ISM Grant Funds - $43,739.54 (Attachment B1)
    a. Motion to approve from Julie Elder. Second from Isaac Simerly.
    b. Dr. Winstead shared that part of the ISM Grant is to purchase industry standard equipment. This purchase will be for the STEM lab at MHS, and the culinary equipment will follow in separate purchase.
    c. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Consider approval of a proposed Operating Agreement between Maryville City Schools and the Public Building Authority of the City of Maryville for the Maryville High School Expansion Project (Attachment B2)
    a. Motion to approve from Candy Morgan. Second from Bart Stinnett.
    b. Dr. Winstead stated the operating agreement with the PBA is to manage the high school expansion project. The project will be in 2 phases: Phase 1: site work, Phase 2: stucture/building
    c. Mr. Black asked what level of control we will maintain in the process.
    d. Dr. Winstead shared that the PBA works through the bidding process, but once bids are in, they will approve. MCS has worked with the PBA in the past for other projects.
    e. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Consider changes to Board Policy sections 1.106, 1.107, and 1.108 (Attachment B3)
    a. Motion to approve from Isaac Simerly. Second from Julie Elder.
    b. Dr. Winstead clarified that the TSBA provides model policy. Code of Ethics and Conflict of Interest needed their own policy sections. Code of Ethics remains in 1.106, and Conflict of Interest is moved to 1.107.
    c. Dr. Winstead added that Policy 1.108 is an internal clarification regarding nepotism.
    d. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Consider purchase of 1450 Dell laptops for grades 10-12 and Maryville Virtual School – Funding Source: Regular Education Instructional Equipment - $735,962.00 (Attachment B4)
    a. Motion from Isaac Simerly. Second from Candy Morgan.
    b. Dr. Winstead stated that students will have new Dell laptops for their senior year.
    c. Ms. Vagnier added that devices will be collected at the end of the year and updated. All Asus laptops will be distributed to students in grades 4-9, and Dells will be distributed to students in grades10-12 and MVS students. The price tag has dropped over time for devices, and robustness has increased. Our district has tried many types of protective cases for devices. Some laptop purchases have included a case; however, the Dell laptops do not come with a case (next agenda item). Due to the sharing of curriculum and troubleshooting, all MVS students will receive a Dell laptop.

    d. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Consider purchase of 2650 laptop sleeves from Brand Advantage – Funding Source: Regular Education Instructional Equipment - $57,505.00 (Attachment B5)
    a. Motion to approve from Candy Morgan. Second from Bart Stinnett.
    b. Picture of the sleeve is provided in the attachment.
    c. The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Winstead shared that the recurring budget for laptops puts our district in a great place to renew devices. He expressed that Andy Lombardo does a great job of providing a consistent figure and plan for laptop purchases.

PBA is the next step in the high school's expansion process. If all goes smoothly at the PBA meeting on March 21, bids will be released for a construction manager, and bids will come back in mid-April. Bids will then be released in mid-May for sitework, and dirt should be moved in the summer.

The budget retreat is on April 3. Brittany Trentham and Sarah Pritchard have put together a first budget draft, and it will be ready to share at the retreat.

The district is still waiting on the state to give us a definitive estimate for TISA funding, but we have enough to move forward tentatively.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

(see attached)

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Bart Stinnett thanked Olivia Bosco for leading the Pledge. He thanked Mr. Oliver for building pride in the school. He acknowledged the students who shared their clubs in tonight's meeting. He thanked the students who participated in SCOPE and expressed how impressed he was with their performance and success.

Candy Morgan thanked Mr. Oliver for showcasing the exciting opportunities that JSE provides students. She expressed her appreciation for the teachers who invest in the lives of students and encourage them to develop passions. She congratulated the students who attended SCOPE and commented on what a great job they did representing MCS.

Julie Elder shared that 40 years ago she expected the best when she attended JSE, and she is glad that the tradition continues. Ms. Elder thanked Mr. Oliver for providing so many components of what makes JSE the best, sharing that it takes more than what goes on in classroom. She thanked the students who attended SCOPE for taking hold of opportunities to rise above expectations.

Isaac Simerly stated that he appreciates all that Mr. Oliver and Ms. Bosco have accomplished in less than a year. He thanked Olivia Bosco for reciting the Pledge. He commented on the extracurricular opportunities offered at JSE and emphasized that these opportunities are what make our school and community awesome. As a person who appreciates policy, he is proud of the students who participated in SCOPE and emphasized the importance of maintaining integrity in the process of writing policy, encouraging students to put this into practice in the future. Mr. Simerly shared that he is excited about

breaking ground on the high school project and praised Dr. Winstead and Ms. Vagnier for being good stewards of our resources by utilizing Fort Craig. Mr. Simerly also acknowledged the athletic successes of students in our district and commented on Coach Alex Cate and Coach Mike Driver.

Nick Black thanked the students who attended SCOPE for speaking and attending tonight's board meeting. He shared that it was wonderful to hear about their experience. He welcomed Kevin Tubbs to his first board meeting after becoming the Executive Director of the Maryville City Schools Foundation and for the success of the Starlight Gala. Mr. Black shared that JSE is a special place, and he thanked Ms. Bosco and Mr. Oliver for hosting tonight's meeting and for providing us with the opportunity to hear from students. He expressed his enthusiasm about the athletic successes shared by Athletic Director Landon Harris and the many outstanding teachers in our district who go above and beyond, stating that our teachers do not clock out when the bell rings. He commented that MCS is a special place with special people, and the school board wants to continue providing the resources and involvement that support our schools and students. The next meeting will be the budget meeting on April 3.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Maria Greene

2022-2023 MHS Athletic results and highlights

September 2022

- Golf Boys
    - Blount County Team Champions
    - Co-Champions - District 4-AA
    - Region 2-AA runner up
    - regional qualifiers:
    - Nick Talley – Blount County Golf Champion, State Qualifier (34th overall)
- Golf Girls
    - Blount County Team Champions
    - 2nd place District 4-AA
    - Region 2-AA 3rd
    - Parker Miller – State Qualifier (19th overall)

October/November 2022

- Volleyball
    - 31-13
    - 3rd consecutive District 4-AAA Champion
    - 3rd consecutive Region 2-AAA Champion
    - 3rd consecutive state tournament appearance (eliminated in 2nd round)
- Cross Country
    - boys Region 3-AAA Champions (2nd consecutive), 8th at State Championships
    - girls Region 3-AAA Runners-up, 12th at State Championships
- Girls Soccer
    - 2nd seed District 4-AAA (eliminated in quarterfinals)
    - Kayla Barr – All-State again, and becomes Maryville High School's All-Time Leading Scorer

November/December 2022

- Football
    - 10-4
    - Region 2-6A Champion
    - 22nd consecutive region championship, reached semifinal for 23rd consecutive year
- Bowling Boys - Inaugural Season 10-12 Finished 7th in the district regular season and 7th in the tournament.
    - Won the Bakers Invitational Tournament Hosted by Hardin Valley
    - Individual Finishers in East Tennessee
        - Jack Taylor 25th
        - Presley Dahl 47th
        - Anthony Ray 59th
        - Caden Keasler 64th
        - Eli Roberts 67th
        - Brady Gardner 70th

- Bowling Girls (inaugural season) were 7-7 and finished 4th in the district regular season and 5th in the tournament
    - 2nd Place in the Bakers Invitational Tournament Hosted by Hardin Valley
    - Individual Finishers in East Tennessee
        - Rylee Tucker 14th
        - Grier Dugger 31st
        - Rebecca Boone 35th
        - Anna Claire Pinkerton 37th
        - Megan Whaley 38th

February 2023

- Boys Basketball
    - 17-13
    - 4th seed district 4-4A tournament, eliminated in 1st round
- Girls Basketball
    - 14-20
    - 4th in District 4-4A tournament
    - Eliminated in Region 2 Semifinals
    - Zoee Harrison (9th) and Jada Edwards (11th) All-Region tournament team
- Boys Wrestling
    - Team Duals.
        - Regional 2AA Duals Champions
        - Sectional Dual Champions
        - Duals State – 6th
    - Individuals
        - Region and Sectional Champions
        - Finished 7th as a team at State
        - Medalists: Michael Colligan (4th), Thomas Stadel (3rd), Peyton Cooper (4th), Hayden McDonald (1st)
        - Hayden McDonald State Champion 285lb
- Girls Wrestling:
    - Team Duals
        - Region 1 runner up
        - Eliminated at Sectional
    - Individuals
        - Team 20th at State
        - Medalists: Aliya Whaley – State Runner up 165lb
- Cheer
    - Runner-up State Championship competition; secured invite to nationals.
    - Nationals in Orlando, eliminated in 1st round
- Dance:
    - Lily Smith signed with Alabama
- Swim and Dive – rebuilding year after graduation of a few elite swimmers last year
    - Girls team at State Meet – 37th
        - Danica Wight scored 3 points finishing 14th in 500 free
    - Boys did not score at state

May 2023

- Baseball District 4-4A regular season
- Boys Soccer District 4-3A
- Softball District 4-4A
- Tennis District 4-AA
- Track Section 1-AAA

Seniors committed to post-secondary athletics.

D1:8 D2:6 D3:5 NAIA:4 NJCAA: 1

Next signing date is April 28

1. Cameron Gribble	Baseball	Cumberland Univ	NAIA
2. Isaiah French	Baseball	Lee Univ	D2
3. Landon Dockery	Baseball	Tusculum Univ	D2
4. Nick Johnson	Basketball	Maryville Coll	D3
5. Lily Smith	Dance	Alabama	D1
6. Cal Grubbs	Football	Liberty Univ	D1
7. Caleb Graham	Football	USMA, West Point	D1
8. Cannon Johnson	Football	Cumberland University	NAIA
9. Frankie Diaz	Football	Univ Virginia - Wise	D2
10. Jay Adams	Football	Maryville Coll	D3
11. Noah Vaughn	Football	Virginia	D1
12. Peyton Cooper	Football	ETSU	D1
13. Nick Talley	Golf	Walters State CC	NJCAA
14. Parker Miller	Golf	Carson Newman	D2
15. Adam Jones	Lacrosse	LaGrange College	D3
16. Kayla Barr	Soccer	Univ of Tennessee	D1
17. Maddie Bull	Soccer	Tenn Wesleyan	NAIA
18. Ali Richards	Softball	Tenn Wesleyan	NAIA
19. Ryleigh Maples	Softball	Maryville College	D3
20. Lance Hatcher	Track/Field /XC	King Univ	D2
21. Davis Ernsberger	Track/Field sprinter	Maryville College	D3
22. Tezz Dozier	Track/Field Sprinter	Belmont Univ	D1
23. Ashley Parrish	Track/Field thrower	Univ Alabama Huntsville	D2
24. Liv Gravatt	Volleyball	Univ Buffalo	D1
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