

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Minutes for July 17, 2023**

The Maryville Board of Education met in a regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 17 in the Gary Hensley Room at the Maryville City Municipal Building. Board members present were Nick Black, Isaac Simerly, Julie Elder, Candy Morgan, and Bart Stinnett. Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Isaac Simerly.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No comments were made from the public on agenda items.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approve Minutes of June 12, 2023, meeting (Attachment)
2. Approve changes to Board Policy sections: 1.106, 1.400,1.402, 1.404, 3.202, 3.204, 4.300, 6.4001, 6.402, 4.403, 5.106, 5.119, 5.302, 5.305, 5.307, 5.600, 6.202, 6.309, 6.310 and 6.319 – Second Reading (Attachment A1)
3. Ratify Executive Committee approval of Mastery Connect and MVPA Benchmark Assessment renewal - \$73,923.65 – Funding Source: Regular Education Software (Attachment A2)
4. Ratify Executive Committee approval of Digital Libraries 6-12 Comprehensive content renewal with Imagine Learning - \$28,325.00 – Funding Source: Regular Education Software (Attachment A3)
5. Approve FINALSITE for Web Software and Services for five-year renewal - Funding Source: Regular Education Support (Attachment A4)

**AGENDA**

1. Consider FY23 Budget Amendment #4 (Attachment B1)
  - a. Motion to approve from Candy Morgan. Second from Julie Elder.
  - b. Director of Schools, Dr. Mike Winstead, and Finance Director, Sarah Pritchard shared that after several adjustments, this should be the final amendment for fiscal year 2023.
  - c. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Consider FY24 Budget Amendment #1 (Attachment B2)
  - a. Motion to approve from Julie Elder. Second from Candy Morgan.
  - b. Sarah Pritchard shared this early amendment addresses items including 2.3 million captured in general purpose, a decreased property tax allocation, and requested use of fund balance. The amendment will go to the City Council for approval on August 1.
  - c. Motion approved unanimously.

3. Consider transferring \$2.5 million from the General Purpose Schools budget to the School Construction Fund.
  - a. Motion to approve from Julie Elder. Second from Bart Stinnett.
  - b. Dr. Winstead explained the city transferred \$2 million at the close of FY23. Our initial commitment is \$2.5 million. The preliminary estimate for Phase 1 of the MHS project is \$7 million. Once bids for Phase 1 of construction are available, conversations with the City will take place about closing the funding gap.
  - c. Mr. Black inquired about the bidding timeline, and Mr. Hinton from Cope Architecture explained phase 1 drawings are 95% complete and will be ready to go out for bids and receive approval from the planning commission. Mr. Hinton suggested a best-case scenario will be fall break or shortly after.
  - d. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Consider change to Board Policy section 3.205 – Security (Attachment B3)
  - a. Motion to approve from Isaac Simerly. Second from Candy Morgan.
  - b. Dr. Winstead explained the policy will provide principals adequate flexibility when determining primary entrances to their buildings and following policies to ensure access is limited to authorized persons.

## **REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS**

Dr. Winstead asked Mr. Hinton from Cope Architecture to provide facility updates. Mr. Hinton shared Fort Craig documents are 97%-98% complete, and the permit will be submitted the last week of this month or the first week in August. There will be a public bid for the project. Phase 2 of the Fort Craig project will be for parking on the back side of the building.

Work on Sam Houston's roof is in progress, and all materials are on site.

A temporary certificate of occupancy has been provided to MJHS, and students can begin classes in the new addition on August 1.

The MHS sitework will consist of 2 phases; the documents for Phase 1 are close to completion and should be finished early in September, following feedback has been provided from the construction manager. The design phase for the classroom addition and auditorium is approximately 25% complete. Mr. Hinton estimates a permit will be submitted for the entire building package in February.

Dr. Winstead added the city has requested a max price by April for budgeting purposes.

Dr. Winstead shared about the annual summer administrator retreat and expressed his appreciation for an optimistic and student focused administrative team. He added he is excited to get the new year started and looks forward to the New Teacher Breakfast on Friday, July 21.

## **RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS**

Mr. Black commented on some of the items highlighted in the July District Update, including the football team's trip to Costa Rica.

## **COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**Bart Stinnett** expressed his appreciation for the pride that students and teachers take in Maryville City Schools.

**Candy Morgan** shared her excitement about the upcoming school year. She stated she will be unable to attend the New Teacher Breakfast due to a law conference with the TN State Board of Education.

**Julie Elder** shared she is grateful for a school system that provides opportunities for students, such as traveling to Costa Rica. She expressed her excitement about the completion of the MJHS construction project that came in under budget.

**Isaac Simerly** shared it was great to see the high school project moving forward. He expressed his support of projects that increase safety and security in the schools. After a tour of the new MJHS addition, Mr. Simerly expressed his enthusiasm for the new culinary arts space. He also shared his appreciation Maryville's participation in the GYO program.

**Nick Black** commented on the transformation at MJHS. He expressed his excitement about the upcoming school year and encouraged the administrators in tonight's meeting to enjoy the last couple of weeks of summer before students return to campuses. He shared his appreciation for administrators' hard work over the summer months.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Maria Greene