BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes for July 21, 2025

The Maryville Board of Education met in a regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 21 at the Maryville City Schools District Office. Board members present were Julie Elder, Nick Black, Isaac Simerly, Bart Stinnett, and Candy Morgan. Chair Julie Elder called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPT AGENDA

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

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments were made by the public on agenda items.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Isaac Simerly made the motion to accept the Consent Agenda. Candy Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried with full agreement.

1. Approve Minutes of June 16, 2025, meeting (Attachment)
2. Approve changes to Board Policy 1.1021, 3.202, 4.100, 5.500, 6.304, 4.301, 4.406, 4.601, 5.305, 5.310, 5.701, 6.303, and 6.312– second reading (Attachment A1)
3. Approve Blumira renewal – $35,000.00 – Funding Source: Tech Software (Attachment A2)
4. Approve revised 2025-26 Supplement Salary Scale (Attachment A3)
5. Approve addendum to the contract with Cope Architecture for design services for the Maryville High School Roof project.
6. Approve Maryville High School and Maryville Jr. High School Orchestra overnight to New York City for competition – Funding Source: Students (Attachment A4)
7. Approve beverage agreement between CCBCC Operations, LLC and Maryville High School for vending machines and concession sales.
8. Ratify Executive Committee approval from Renaissance for Accelerated Reader and myON renewal - $39,530.24– Funding Source: Summer School Funds (Attachment A5)

AGENDA

1. Consider FY25 Budget Amendment No. 2 (Attachment B1)
    a. Nick Black made the motion to approve. Second from Candy Morgan.
    b. Comments by Sarah Pritchard explaining this is part of the normal budgetary clean up process. The provided packet shows the breakdown item by item. She informed the Board there are two additional months of sales tax revenue to capture. Current GP balance is 13.9 million. The district is predicting to add an additional $1.4 million, bringing us to a total of $15.3 million with $6 million assigned to Sam Houston project. The auditors will assist in wrapping up the school year budget in August.
    c. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Consider changes on first reading of Board Policy 1.407, 1.901, 2.403, 4.403, 5.100, and 5.119 (Attachment B2)
    a. Nick Black made the motion to approve. Second from Isaac Simerly.
    b. Comments: Dr. Winstead provided clarifying information regarding the effects on athletics and the eligibility of athletes.
    c. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Consider appointing Josh Oliver and the principal/designee from Coulter Grove, Montgomery Ridge Intermediate Schools, Maryville Jr High School, and Maryville High School to the MCS Discipline Hearing Authority.

a. Candy Morgan made the motion to approve. Second from Bart Stinnett.

b. Comments: Discussion and explanation of the role of the administrators and their responsibilities in making decisions. In addition, the infrequency of DHA meetings for the district was discussed. There was a strong agreement the success lies with the school administrators who provide clarity with discipline, comprehensive due process, and provided consequences. Strong Board Policy was praised to eliminate confusion and inconsistencies.

c. Motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair Julie Elder opened the discussion about the Director of Schools Evaluation, providing an overview of his exemplary service with an overall score of 4.51 with all scores in the above expectations category as well as a break-down of the scores:

Relationship with the Board	4.51
Community Relationships	4.46
Staff and Personnel Relationships	4.05
Facilities and Finance	5.00
Educational Leadership	4.56
Overall Score	4.51

Board Members provided individual comments to Dr. Winstead, praising his scores and his leadership. Highlights included the substantial projects, his execution of vision, strong communication, approachability and relationships, measurable academic and growth progress. Candy Morgan shared her interest in increasing teacher participation of the survey, and Julie Elder provided examples of all efforts made to engage teachers to participate.

Dr. Winstead thanked the Board for their affirmation and acknowledge his team on their support, positivity, and the attitude of able to do anything. He discussed the high level of trust within the teams and the shared ownership and best of intentions to always do the right thing for those being served. He welcomed on-going feedback.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS n

Dr. Winstead expressed enthusiasm to welcome thirty-one new teachers during the upcoming New Teacher Breakfast. He provided an update of the current progress to renovate the former Maryville Academy for the Early Intervention Center. He shared Sam Houston is ready to move to the construction drawings.

Josh Oliver provided information and plans for the Student School Board Service Process. The application has been developed, and Maryville High School students will submit two letters of recommendation with the application. The student member will be a non-voting member of the School Board.

Dr. Winstead discussed the impact of reduced federal funding by explaining IDEA (Special Education) is not part of the freeze nor is Title 1, which provided funding for the instructional teaching assistants. The freeze of funds represents about $150K out of $70 million. The current freeze would not be a significant hit to our budge, and drastic changes would not occur with the continuation of IDEA and Title 1.

Heather Hilton provided a detailed update of the traffic plans during the school construction and renovation. Specific mapping identifies the temporary plan for students, staff, and families to arrive and depart from the high school during construction.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS – There were no highlighted events during the summer month.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Bart Stinnett expressed gratitude to Heather for her extensive planning and communication. Issac Siperly shared his eagerness to get back in school. Candy Morgan acknowledged the work never stops for principals and expressed gratitude to Heather Hilton for her work on the transportation plans. Nicky Black expressed positive energy on the high school project and an eagerness in opening a new school year. Julie Elder expressed overall gratitude and her excitement in the New Teacher Breakfast.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by: Amy Vagnier