# BOARD OF EDUCATION
## Minutes for March 9, 2026

The Maryville Board of Education met in a called session at 5:00 p.m. on March 9 at the MCS District Office. Members present were Julie Elder, Nick Black, Isaac Simerly, Candy Morgan, and Bart Stinnett. Board Chair Julie Elder called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. and asked for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ADOPT AGENDA

Chair 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.

### APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Candy Morgan made the motion to adopt the consent agenda, and a second came from Nick Black. The motion carried with full agreement.

1. Approve Sam Houston Elementary School modular units as surplus and authorize their disposal (Attachment A1)
2. Approve Change of Order for the Fort Craig Renovation Project in the amount of $3,242. Funding Source: Regular Capital Outlay – Building Improvements

### AGENDA

1. Consider bids for Sam Houston Elementary School Expansion Project (Attachment B1)
2. Dr. Winstead reviewed the bid proposal and noted a strong response to the pre-bid meeting, with all but one contractor submitting bids. The lowest bid was submitted by Merrit. Project contingencies include approximately $800,000 built into the budget. The total recommended bid from Merrit is $10,919,000. The proposed construction timeline is 455 calendar days, which would place project completion around June 30, 2027, if a notice to proceed is issued by April 1, aligning with the district's desired timeline. Board members discussed the length of the project timeline and variations among bids. In response to questions about concerns raised at the public meeting, Dr. Winstead shared that feedback primarily related to crosswalks and sidewalks, and the City has since provided guidance on where those should be placed.
3. Nick Black made the motion to award Merit construction the Sam Houston renovation project for $10,919,000. Bart Stinnett seconded the motion.
4. Motion approved unanimously.
5. Cope Senior Project Manager Brian Pierce, AIA, provided an update on current facilities projects. He shared that only minor work remains at the District Office for the Family Resource Center and the Maryville City Schools Foundation. The Early Intervention

Center (EIC) and Maryville High School projects remain on schedule, and work behind the high school is expected to be completed by mid-April in time for graduation. Board member Nick Black asked about the overall completion timeline for the projects. Mr. Pierce noted that full completion is anticipated by summer 2027. The high school project includes furnishings; however, the district will be responsible for outfitting the new classrooms and kitchen expansion at Sam Houston Elementary, including items such as whiteboards and other classroom equipment. Mr. Black also asked about the district's current fund balance. Dr. Winstead reported that the fund balance is approximately $16 million.

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

Board members shared their enthusiasm for the project and expressed appreciation to Mr. Pierce for providing the update.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:12

Respectfully submitted by Maria Greene