



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes for May 11, 2020

The Maryville Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on May 11, 2020 at MHS' Café LeReve. Board members present were Nick Black, Chad Hampton, Julie Elder, Candy Morgan, and Bethany Pope. Chairman Black called the meeting to order promptly at 5:30 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence. Dr. Winstead led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Black called for a vote to adopt the meeting agenda; Candy Morgan made the motion for the agenda adoption. Julie Elder seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chad Hampton made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Candy Morgan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

1. Approve minutes of April 13, 2020 meeting
2. Approve Maryville Junior High School orchestra camp proposal
3. Approve Maryville Junior High School credit recovery for 8th and 9th grade
4. Approve ClassLink renewal
 - a. \$18,654
 - b. Funding Source – Instructional Equipment
5. Approve a three-year agreement with TSBA for District Policy Manual Maintenance
 - a. \$9,750
 - b. Funding Source – Board of Education Dues and Memberships
6. Approve softball camp for June 15-17, 2020
7. Approve baseball camp for June 1-4, 2020
8. Approve NaviGate PrePared onsite facility mapping quote
 - a. \$13,500
 - b. Funding Source – Instructional Supplies and Materials
9. Approve Kiddie Cheer Cam at MHS on June 15-16, 2020

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider awarding tenure to the following teachers:

- a. Lauren Beaman (FHE)
- b. Lauren Bible (JSE)
- c. Hope Blizzard (JSE)
- d. Kenneth Dugger (MHS)
- e. Adam Ford (MHS)
- f. Angela Webb (MHS)
- g. Julie Pinkerton (MJHS)
- h. Emily Price (MRIS)
- i. Akiko Mizuno Burchfield (SHE)
- j. Lucas Vagnier (SHE)
- k. Brooke Stansberry (SHE)

A motion to approve the entire list was made by Bethany Pope, with a second by Julie Elder, followed by unanimous board approval. Each principal offered personal comments and accolades on those recommended for tenure. All recipients and principals were present for the meeting via ZOOM – following COVID-19 social-distancing guidelines. Each board member also commented on the tenure process and expressed appreciation for the excellence and dedication exhibited by the group.

2. Consider a resolution regarding the emergency suspension of board policies. This resolution, recommended by TSBA, was necessary due to the circumstances surrounding COVID-19 that required suspension of some policies at the local school district level.

- a. Motion to approve by Chad Hampton, second by Bethany Pope
- b. Unanimous approval

3. Consider quote for CASE TE21 Mastery Connect

- a. \$62,325
- b. Funding Source: Instruction Supplies and Materials
- c. Motion to approve by Chad Hampton, second by Julie Elder, motion carried

4. Discuss and possibly take action on MCS Facility Planning Study

- a. Dr. Winstead reviewed the planning study process that has taken over a year and resulted in three final options (#1, #8, and the addition of #9). Option #9 was considered by many as a hybrid solution – arrived at through elimination of other options, stakeholder input, data analysis, cost estimates, and more. Mr. Hampton was most pleased that a solution could be found that did not include a new high school or additional high school. Mrs. Pope asked if the high school expansion in option 9 might include fewer classrooms, with consideration to virtual learning options. Mrs. Elder expressed appreciation for all the community and staff input that contributed to a great outcome. Both the financial and cultural aspects of the 9th option made most sense to Chairman Black. Mrs. Morgan agreed with Mr. Hampton about the community wanting the high school to remain where it is, as the only high school for the district. Dr. Winstead noted that this 10-year plan included a cost estimate based on today's costs and at the time of implementation, the actual cost would reflect future construction prices.
- b. Chad Hampton moved to approve the plan based on option number 9 and the second came from Bethany Pope. Voice vote approval was in the affirmative for all five board members.

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Dr. Winstead noted that online instruction ended on May 8, with remediation continuing for the next week. He recognized the principals and teachers for the many creative ways they are ending the school year with a sense of celebration – despite COVID-19. Winstead said he hoped we would “never have to do it again”, but with the end of the school year, he will turn his attention to “hoping for the best and planning for the worst” in the new academic year. Immediate plans for a phased reopening of district facilities includes the return of Adventure Club operations on May 18, along with voluntary team sports activities at Maryville High School. He added that the Sam Houston bathroom project is going well, as is the MHS grease trap replacement project. Other summer projects include a bathroom addition at Maryville Academy.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS included an overall expression of appreciation for the work of teachers, staff, students, and parents during the COVID-19 building closure and successful shift to online learning.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Chad Hampton offered appreciation for the way the entire district responded to the crisis. In his experience as a parent, he felt students stayed very engaged throughout the online learning process. He also wanted to thank the community and taxpayers for their confidence during this difficult time, along with congratulations to the Class of 2020.
- Julie Elder said she was “very proud” and expressed appreciation to the Maryville City Council for their continued support. She too congratulated the senior class at MHS.
- Candy Morgan expressed how proud she was that we continued to grow students throughout the pandemic and feels we should not experience the learning gaps some have predicted in the media. She went on to say how going 1:1 many years ago was a distinct advantage for the district during this crisis.
- Mrs. Pope was also grateful and proud of the way everyone stepped up during this unprecedented challenge.
- Chairman Black commented on the success of the city council meeting and ended the meeting with great hope for the new school year, beginning July 30th.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Anglim