**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Minutes for August 8, 2022**

The Maryville Board of Education met in a regular session at 5:30 p.m. on August 8 at Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School. Board members present were Nick Black, Chad Hampton, Julie Elder, Candy Morgan, and Bethany Hodson. 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 Paxton White, 4th grade student at MRIS.

**UPDATE FROM MONTGOMERY RIDGE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**

Principal, Kevin Myers, shared a presentation that centered around the school’s mission statement: *Creating challenging and meaningful learning experiences for every student while building strong, positive relationships*. Mr. Myers emphasized that conversations, interactions, and discipline will be focused around this mission statement throughout the school year.

On the inservice days leading up to the first day of school, faculty and staff explored and focused on the five steps of the EXCEL Model: Engage, Explore, Communicate, Empower, and Launch. Changes to the 22-23 school year include a focus on character building that will be implemented through the expanded Leadworthy program and a weekly enrichment/intervention opportunity for students. Finally, Mr. Myers shared the success of school-wide locker night and his plans to turn this fun opportunity into a yearly tradition.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS**

No request for comments on the agenda were made online or via the sign-up form posted at the entrance to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Approve Minutes of July 11, 2022, meeting (Attachment)

2. Approve changes to Board Policy section 4.700 – second reading (Attachment A1)

3. Ratify Executive Committee approval for purchase of floor machines from Kelsan – Funding Source: Plant Operation Equipment (Attachment A2)

4. Approve Maryville High School Girls Soccer to attend overnight trip for a tournament in Chattanooga. Funding Source: Girls Soccer (Attachment A3)

5. Approve Maryville Junior High School Ninth Grade Band overnight trip for ETSBOA All-State East Senior Band Clinic in Gatlinburg. (Attachment A4)

6. Approve Maryville High School and Maryville Junior High School Chorus overnight trip for a choral festival in Orlando, FL (Attachment A5)

7. Approve Maryville Junior High School Ninth Grade Band overnight trip to attend TMEA All-State Conference in Nashville (Attachment A6)

8. Approve Maryville High School Orchestra overnight trip to perform for National Orchestra Cup in New York, NY (Attachment A7)

9. Approve Maryville High School Chorus, Band, and Orchestra overnight trip for All-State in Nashville (Attachment A8)

10. Approve Maryville High School Cross Country Team overnight trip for Southern Showcase Race in Huntsville, AL. Funding Source: Students and Cross-Country account (Attachment A9)

11. Approve Maryville High School Volleyball overnight trip for Border Battle in Franklin. Funding Source: Volleyball Budget (Attachment A10)

12. Approve Maryville High School Volleyball overnight trip for LIVT Tournament in Louisville, KY Funding Source: Volleyball Budget (Attachment A11)

13. Approve Maryville High School Volleyball overnight trip for TSSAA State Championships in Murfreesboro. Funding Source: Athletic Department (Attachment A12)

14. Nominate Candy Morgan as a candidate for TSBA President

15. Approve application and subsequent amendments to the ESSER 3.0 Fund application for FY23

**AGENDA**

1. Consider expedited action on Board Policy 4.210 - Credit Recovery (Attachment B1)

* Motion to approve by Bethany Hodson. Second from Chad Hampton.
* Dr. Mike Winstead stated that an amendment may be necessary to accommodate the new uniform grading scale and the lowest D range moving to a 60, rather than a 70. Students recovering a credit based on the old grading scale (prior to the 22-23 school year) should still earn a 70 in order to recover the credit.
* Candy Morgan raised a question regarding policy and the new law providing additional time on the TCAP.
* A motion to amend was made by Bethany Hodson. Second from Chad Hampton.
* A motion to carry the entire agenda item was made by Chad Hampton. Second from Bethany Hodson.
* Motion approved unanimously.

2. Consider 2023-2024 Maryville City Schools Calendar (Attachment B2)

* Dr. Winstead shared his discussion with the Leadership Team and Teacher Advisory Council, regarding the 23-24 calendar. He noted that the biggest difference is the Monday following Easter, as this has been a day out of school for two years.
* Nick Black asked if consideration had been given to flipping the staggered start and mentioned this might be something to consider for the 24-25 school year.
* Motion to approve by Julie Elder. Second from Candy Morgan.

3. Consider FY22 Budget Amendment #4 (Attachment B3)

* Sarah Pritchard, Finance Director, provided information regarding this clean-up amendment, last for 2022, that did not affect the bottom line. She shared that the district is looking at potentially 3 million being added to the total fund balance.
* Motion to approve by Bethany Hodson. Second from Julie Elder.
* Motion approved unanimously.

4. Consider appointing Amy Vagnier and one administrator from Coulter Grove Intermediate, Montgomery Intermediate, Maryville Junior High School, and Maryville High School to the MCS Discipline Hearing Authority.

* Dr. Winstead shared State Law 6.317 and the TN School Board Policy regarding disciplinary committees, including the number permitted to serve, based on the number of school board members. A hearing will include Ms. Amy Vagnier and the three administrators not involved with the case. Only one to two disciplinary cases have traditionally taken place each year.
* Motion to approve by Chad Hampton. Second from Bethany Hodson.
* Motion approved unanimously.

**REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS**

Director of Schools, Dr. Winstead emphasized the great start to the 22-23 school year and recognized the amount of preparation involved from administrators and teachers. Maryville City Schools welcomed approximately 200 new staff members, including 49 new teachers/administrators. He appreciates the new ideas that quality people bring to MCS. Dr. Winstead remarked how much enjoyed the opportunity to meet with teachers at each school during inservice week and emphasized that Maryville City Schools is a destination where people want to come to and be a part of.

Maintenance and remodeling projects continue to progress. The air conditioning should be complete at MRIS by fall break. The roof project at MJHS should be complete by Labor Day or fall break.

MCS experienced a 75-80 student enrollment increase, approximately 1.12% growth, with a total current enrollment of 5,625 students.

Amy Vagnier, Assistant Director of Schools, shared information and details about the Literacy Law and the potential impact on students and families, particularly in 3rd grade. She discussed the increased focus on 3rd grade literacy beginning six years ago and shared the change in trajectory data and progress that has been achieved through extensive training and the development of the MCS Literacy Framework.

Dr. Winstead added that Kevin Myers and Dr. Ramona Best are piloting the tutoring piece. Based on this past year, the retention law would impact approximately 2/3 of our 3rd graders. MCS was the 6th highest in the state with 60% of students meeting or exceeding. He emphasized that our goal is not to retain any student and stressed the importance of identifying students early in K and 1 to reduce this number.

Nick blacked inquired about 4th grade tutoring, and Dr. Best shared that tutoring can take place before school, during a special lunch session, or after school.

Chad Hampton inquired about the accountability measures from the state.

**RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS**

John Sevier Principal, Joshua Oliver, highlighted the JSE staff and the teacher-led brainstorming that took place over the summer and was finalized during the first week of inservice that led to JSE’s school-wide behavior expectations. They are excited to be explicitly teaching their PK- 3rd grade students the new Fox Expectations, which are: **B**ehave respectfully, **E**ngage with self-control, **S**how kindness, **T**ake ownership.

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS:**

**Candy Morgan** commented on the great start to the school year. She attended some of the in-services at several schools and was impressed.

**Chad Hampton** thanked Kevin Myers and his administrative team for hosting the board meeting and the locker night. He appreciated how MRIS is connecting tradition with transition through the mission statement and the focus on relationship building. Mr. Hampton also congratulated Candy Morgan on her nomination for TSBA Board President.

**Bethany Pope** commented that she always enjoys hearing and seeing what is going on in the schools. She expressed her frustration at the 3rd grade retention law and thanked administrators for preparing the upcoming school year. Ms. Pope also congratulated Candy Morgan on her nomination.

**Julie Elder** shared that her son is in his last year at MRIS and is always excited about the start of each school year. She thanked Dr. Best and Mr. Myers for the wonderful job they do with grades 4-7. She expressed that the emphasis on character building and tradition is critical for students. She thanked Maria Greene for the brochures that detail information regarding the Literacy Law.

**Nick Black** emphasized the importance of communicating information about the Literacy Law to parents. He thanked Kevin Myers for hosting the board meeting and for the emphasis on tradition and transition. He thanked the five school board candidates for attending tonight’s meeting. He also congratulated Candy Morgan for her nomination.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Maria Greene