

Maryville Board of Education

Minutes for March 13, 2017

The Board of Education met in regular session at 5:00 p.m., March 13, 2017, at Maryville Academy. Board members present were: Nick Black, Candy Morgan, Bethany Pope, Bob Proffitt, and Christi Sayles. Chairman Pope called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence followed by Alexander Hudson, 8th grade student, leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Pope welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for the adoption of the agenda. Mrs. Sayles made the motion for the adoption of the agenda. Mrs. Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 ayes – 0 nays

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comment from the public on agenda items.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Morgan made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion carried 5–0.

1. Approve Minutes of February 13, 2017, meeting (Attachment)
2. Review Board Policy Manual Section 2.5 – School Board Records – Second Reading
3. Ratify Executive Committee approval of Maryville High School purchase of Tempest FX wireless sideline communication system from CoachComm, LLC – Funding Source: Maryville High School funds \$21,384 (Attachment A1)
4. Ratify Executive Committee approve of Maryville High School overnight trip to attend 2017 SCOPE Conference in Murfreesboro (Attachment A2)
5. Approve purchase from JAMF Nation Software for Casper Suite for IOS AM – Funding Source: Instructional Supplies and Equipment \$17,437.00 (Attachment A3)
6. Approve Maryville High and Junior High Schools’ orchestra and band overnight trip to All State (Attachment A4)

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve low bid from Weston Paving for softball field parking lot at John Sevier Elementary – Funding Source: Capital Outlay Projects \$79,309.00 (Attachment B1)

Mrs. Sayles made the motion to approve low bid from Weston Paving for softball field parking lot at John Sevier Elementary. Dr. Proffitt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Review Board Policy Manual Section 9.13 – Diplomas and High School Credit – First Reading (Attachment B2)

Mrs. Morgan made the motion to approve Board Policy Manual Section 9.13 – Diplomas and High School Credit on first reading. Mr. Black seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Review Board Policy Manual Procedures & Guidelines Section 10.2.1.10 – Tuition Rates for Non-resident Students (Attachment B3)

Mrs. Morgan made the motion to approve Board Policy Manual Procedures & Guidelines Section 10.2.1.10 - Tuition. Dr. Proffitt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Rick Wilson, Assistant Director of Schools, shared new tuition due dates and discounted rates.

UPDATE FROM MARYVILLE ACADEMY – Julie Hilborn, Director

Director Julie Hilborn welcomed everyone to Maryville Academy and shared the 2016 Focus Areas of therapeutic programming, community service and student progress. Teachers Linda Radcliffe, Randy Stanley and Jon Chambers shared their roles in the therapeutic programming followed by students sharing on community service. Students Julian Gerdeman, Drew Fugate, Mario Ortega, and Alexander Hudson talked about their experiences helping at John Sevier Elementary School Special Education Pre-School and in CDC, art and P.E. classes. Cody Freeman shared his experiences at the Community Food Connection. Mario Ortega and Julian Gerdeman shared essays they had written on their progress while attending Maryville Academy. Ms. Hilborn thanked Dr. Winstead, school principals and the Board for their support and said the schools were wonderful to work with.

REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Mike Winstead, Director of Schools, said he appreciated all the students for attending the meeting and the staff for providing information and support to the students. He added Maryville City Schools' 95-96% graduation rate was due to all the programs in place including Maryville Academy where working together sometimes with six class preps daily makes a difference.

Jim Hinton with Cope Architecture reported the new culinary arts building was in the final stages. The grand opening is planned for the last of April, first of May.

Dr. Winstead reported the team room was under roof and work was progressing nicely. Summer projects include a floor to ceiling partition at Maryville Academy giving them two classrooms along with a commons area.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

Maryville High School and Maryville Junior High School bands earned SUPERIOR ratings at the recent band competition on stage performance and sight reading. MHS Orchestra students recently performed at the Kennedy Center in NYC. Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School's Sam Steele competed in the FITA archery championships in Atlanta where he won a silver medal in the Jr. Archery Division and went on to win bronze in the championship round.

John Sevier Elementary 2nd grader Kenzi Paez won 1st place in the Synergy: Student Art Exhibition Prospectus and has art displayed in the gallery at the Clayton Center. STEM LEGO Day at JSE was recently held and the highlights are on the JSE Facebook page. Thanks to the Foundation and JSE Parent organization for funding this wildly successful event.

Art students at Coulter Grove Intermediate School recently had artwork juried at the Knoxville Museum of Art Student Show and the Dogwood Arts Synergy Show at the Clayton Center.

Maryville City Schools Foundation publicly expressed gratitude for the work of the foundation board volunteers and the staff for their work that ultimately raised over \$108,000 during this year's Starlight Gala. Honorees included ex-board chair, Doug Jenkins and MHS alum Brooke Jarvis who stopped by MRIS to speak with students about becoming a journalist and writer.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Black said he really appreciated everyone coming and added the student progress statements were really thought out and how it was not easy to compose and share in front of a group.

Mrs. Sayles said it was not easy to be a teenager in today's world and applauded the students for being on the right path and making good choices. She hoped one day the board would hear back from the students on how they were doing. She thanked all for attending.

Dr. Proffitt said in his medical profession he has seen lots who have not made good decisions and it was a real joy to see those who change. He added it was a joy to hear the students' comments. Dr. Proffitt was able to secure a ticket for his nephew living in NYC to attend the MHS orchestra performance. His nephew said not only did they sound good but looked good, too, and he was impressed with the performance. Dr. Proffitt asked the status of the Astroturf replacement.

Mrs. Morgan thanked Mario and Julian for sharing their essays. She was extremely proud of them for taking the right steps to get back in their home schools. She said good job to the staff for the daily five minutes of positive influence. She thanked the teaching assistants and staff for a job not always rewarding. She also thanked MA for allowing the board to meet there and sharing the students with them.

Mrs. Pope said she was excited Drew was planning to help students with autism. She told Mario and Julian it took a lot of courage to admit they were wrong and for sharing their stories.