



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes for September 14, 2020

The Maryville Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on September 14 at Montgomery Ridge Intermediate Schools. Board members present were Nick Black, Chad Hampton, Julie Elder, and Bethany Pope. Candy Morgan participated via Zoom. Chairman Black called the meeting to order promptly at 5:30 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by MRIS student Mariella Black.

SCHOOL UPDATE

The MRIS Administrative team reviewed work at the school to find normalcy in a very abnormal year. Changes such as eating outside and building an outdoor classroom are timely and could bring positive change in spite of the circumstances. Taking an annual 9-week picture at the flagpole seemed normal, except for the presence of facemasks. To start the year, staff participated in a series of activities fashioned after the game "Survivor." The overall objective was to get to know each other, have some fun, and begin to define the guiding principles that will serve staff throughout the year. A new student leadership program is in the works (#EaglePride) - modeled after the teaching of UT basketball coach Pat Summit.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Black called for a vote to adopt the full meeting agenda, which did not include any regular items needing approval. Julie Elder made the motion for the agenda adoption. Chad Hampton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Pope made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Mrs. Elder seconded the motion. The motion carried with full agreement.

1. Approve minutes of August 10, 2020 meeting
2. Approve purchase of district license for MobyMax.
 - a. Funding Source: Instructional Supplies and Materials \$11,009

3. Ratify Executive Committee approval of MHS Cross Country overnight trip for Jesse Owens Cross Country Classic
4. Approve CTE equipment quote for AMATROL.
 - a. Funding source: Instructional Equipment \$36,424

AGENDA ITEMS

None

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Dr. Winstead invited Jim Hinton to discuss the status of various construction projects being managed by his firm, Cope Associates, Inc. Mr. Hinton shared that both the bathroom projects at Sam Houston Elementary and Maryville Academy either are completed or near completion. He added that work was underway at MRIS to discover the cause of roof leaks and make the necessary repairs. He also noted that the two bathroom projects would come in under \$42,000 below the budgeted estimate.

Winstead discussed the newly formed Teacher Advisory Counsel, consisting of 19 members representing all schools. He noted that much of the early work of the team would center on understanding and better serving teachers and classroom needs during the pandemic. Dr. Winstead also shared that the Diversity Task Force, named in later August, would meet at MHS on Wednesday evening, September 30. The task force will begin by identifying the areas of focus and the stakeholder groups that might inform their work.

In personnel news, Dr. Winstead introduced Sarah Pritchard as the newly hired financial officer for the district. He also recognized principal Lisa McGinley (MJHS) who will retire in mid-October after a stellar 30-year career in the Maryville City Schools.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

MHS National Merit Semifinalists named: Alex Robertson, Ryan McCrory, Charlie Hasting, Vivan Chen, Kendra Day, and Josh Driskill.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Chad Hampton thanks the Mr. Myers and the administrative team for their update and for hosting the meeting. He noted that his family also “seeks normalcy” on a regular basis. He loves the outdoor classroom idea and congratulated Lisa McGinley on her retirement.
- Julie Elder is excited about the student leadership opportunity that is currently in development and volunteered to join some of the classes. She welcomed Sarah Pritchard to the central office and thanked Mrs. McGinley for her service.
- Bethany Pope also welcomed Ms. Pritchard and thanked Mrs. McGinley. She went on to share how proud she is of the way everything around COVID-19 has been handled and communicated by the district. She also wanted to thank the staff who work the gates at the football games.

- Candy Morgan said, via Zoom, how much she appreciated MRIS for their hard work to find moments of normalcy for students and staff. She also acknowledged Lisa McGinley for her leadership and years of service.
- Chairman Black thanked MRIS for reminding the board of the importance of showing gratitude and for the gifts. He noted that Lisa would always be “Ms. McGinley” to him and noted that she will be greatly missed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Anglim