



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes for October 21, 2019

The Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on October 21, 2019 at Montgomery Ridge Intermediate School. Board members present were Nick Black, Chad Hampton, Julie Elder, Candy Morgan, and Bethany Pope. Chairman Pope called the meeting to order promptly at 5:30 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence. MRIS student Will Elder then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

SCHOOL UPDATE

Principal Myers shared an update on the focus of MRIS faculty and staff – starting with a quick overview of the academic focus on literacy and improvements to grading and assessment. He then spent the majority of his time discussing school culture and a renewed emphasis on building capacity for understanding and empathy. In partnership with United Way, the entire faculty participated in a poverty simulation at the beginning of the school year, as well as a visit to the Harmony Family Center to experience programming designed to regulate, relate, and reason. Staff are working to appreciate the experiences and challenges each individual (colleague, parent, or student) might be facing to help guide their response and interactions.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

After a brief welcome, Mrs. Pope called for a vote to adopt the agenda, Candy Morgan made the motion for the agenda adoption. Mr. Hampton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 ayes – 0 nays

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

There were no comments.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Julie Elder made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Nick Black seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

1. Approve Minutes of September 16, 2019 meeting (attachment)
2. Approve Board Policy 3.218 (second reading)
3. Approve MHS Orchestra overnight trip to see the Symphony in Nashville (attachment A1)
4. Ratify Executive Committee approval for MHS yearbook editor's overnight trip to attend Balfour Conference in Dallas, TX. Funding Source: Balfour (attachment A2)
5. Ratify Executive Committee approval for MHS Girl's Golf Team overnight trip to attend TSSAA State Tournament in Manchester. Funding Source: MHS Athletics (attachment A3)

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider Board Policy Manual 1.901 Charter School Applications and Policy 6.300 Code of Conduct (first reading – attachment B1)
 - a. Motion to approve by Candy Morgan, with second by Nick Black. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Consider FY20 Federal Funds Budget amendment (attachment B2)
 - a. Motion to approve by Nick Black, with second by Chad Hampton. Motion carried 5-0.

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Dr. Winstead commented on the appreciation expressed by parents and staff that returning after fall break to a short workweek was an ideal transition. He also noted that this time of year is often less busy as we start another nine week grading period and move toward December when all schools are extremely busy with academics, arts, and athletics before the winter break.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS (Read by Nick Black)

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- Mr. Hampton thanked Mr. Myers for the school update and appreciated the explanation around the concept of restorative practice.
- Mrs. Morgan was pleased to learn about the focus for MRIS, which includes empathy for staff, as well as students.
- Mr. Black expressed his gratitude for the working going on at MRIS and across the district – making Maryville such a terrific place to live and attend school.
- Mrs. Elder thanked Mr. Myers and acknowledged her son Will for stepping up to lead the pledge. She too was pleased the school is including consideration of the challenges staff face in the cultural focus for this school year.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Anglim