



BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes for April 11, 2022

The Maryville Board of Education met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. on April 11 at Maryville Academy. Board members present were Chad Hampton, Julie Elder, Bethany Pope, and Candy Morgan. Chairman Black was not in attendance. Vice Chairman Julie Elder called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. and asked for a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Bruce Muncy.

SCHOOL UPDATE

Maryville Academy administrator Kyle Harris offered the board a brief update on progress in his first year at the school. In his remarks, he noted the vital nature of partnerships to the work of the staff at Maryville Academy. He and his team are working to strengthen both community partnerships and relationships with parents and guardians. His staff has served over sixty students in this school year and have twenty-three resident students now.

Several strategies Harris is using to work more successfully with students include Capturing Kids Heart and adjustments to the point system that doesn't allow points to be taken away once earned. Mr. Harris expressed his appreciation to the board and the Maryville City Schools Foundation for their support. He and his staff are looking forward to moving to the Fort Craig campus in the new school year.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Vice Chairman Elder asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Bethany Pope moved to adopt and a second came from Chad Hampton. The agenda was adopted unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS

No one registered to offer comments on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Candy Morgan made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Chad Elder seconded the motion. The motion carried with full agreement.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of March 21, 2022 meeting.
2. Approve changes to Board Policy section 4.602 – GPA Calculation and Recognition – second reading.
3. Approve five-year lease agreement with Pitney Bowles for postage machine at Maryville Jr. High School.
4. Approve Maryville High School Orchestra overnight trip for TNMEA All-State in Nashville, TN.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Consider a two-year contract extension with the Director of Schools.
 - a. Motion to approve from Chad Hampton. Second from Bethany Pope.
 - b. This action would extend an existing four-year contract due to expire in 2024 to 2026 – adding two years to the agreement.
 - c. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Consider an agreement with Cope Architecture for design work at Maryville High Schools and site planning at Fort Craig and Sam Houston.
 - a. Motion by approve by Bethany Pope. Seconded by Candy Morgan.
 - b. Jim Hinton with Cope Architecture spoke to the board about the pending work for his company if approved. In addition to site planning at the Fort Craig campus that would begin immediately, they would also be working over the next six-nine months to plan expansion options at Maryville High School and Sam Houston Elementary.
 - c. Each phase of the work would require pre-authorization – this agreement focuses on the planning phase.
 - d. Hinton stated that he should have a preliminary report about work needed at the Fort Craig site in the next two month period.
 - e. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Consider addendum to transportation contract with Rocky Top Tours, LLC for the 2022-23 school year.
 - a. Motion to approve by Candy Morgan. Second by Bethany Pope.
 - b. This contract is at the end of a three year agreement with Rocky Top Tour Company. The contract includes the option to extend the contract annually for a period of three years and will include a 4% increase.
 - c. Motion approved unanimously.
4. Consider purchase of a computer server.
 - a. Dr. Winstead reported that the current server system is at the “end of life” and this purchase would be a replacement. The plan is to have this equipment in place for a ten year period.
 - b. Funding source: Technology Equipment
 - c. Cost: \$87,011.04
 - d. Motion approved unanimously.
5. Consider quote for the purchase of a bus through Sourcewell.
 - a. Due to production time, this bus would be delivered in time for the 2023-24 school year and would not affect the budget for two years.
 - b. Funding source: Transportation Equipment
 - c. Cost: \$116,636.64
 - d. Motion approved unanimously.
6. Consider budget amendment number three.
 - a. This amendment reflects \$1.5M in revenue increases, including \$374K from the education funding formula, \$391K from the school lunch program, \$65K from the after school programs, and a \$46K federal grant.
 - b. Motion to approve from Chad Hampton, with a second from Bethany Pope.
 - c. Motion approved unanimously.
7. Consider emergency authorization to contract with McMahan Mechanical for replacement of a boiler at Fort Craig in an amount not to exceed \$300,000.
 - a. Dr. Winstead indicated that after a review of the existing HVAC system and input from the current tenant, it was determined that the boiler must be replaced to produce

adequate head in the next winter season. The actual amount could be closer to \$200K, but no more than \$300K, per the mechanical contractor.

- b. Motion to approve by Candy Morgan, with a second from Bethany Pope.
- c. Motion unanimously approved.

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Dr. Winstead thanked the board for the contract extension and commented on the value of a supportive, professional team and school board. As he said before, “Our best days are ahead of us in the Maryville City Schools.”

As part of the report, Amy Vagnier outlined progress made in the last few weeks to get ready for the opening of Maryville Virtual School. She noted that both the instructional and logistics teams were making headway and have all agreed that the reputation of MVS programming will match that of the other seven schools in quality and challenge for students. She also stated that teachers will not be forced to teach in the virtual environment, but will seek out virtual opportunities. The team hopes to bring many of the homeschool families back to MCS with virtual programming that meets the needs of their children and exceeds the programming they are now receiving elsewhere.

Dr. Winstead reported that the softball hitting facility would receive a certificate of occupancy within the week and has already been used for team play.

Registration and verification of students for 2022-23 will begin on or soon after April 20, with scheduling to begin earlier than ever. With regard to the possibility of moving Maryville Academy to the Fort Craig campus, the academy building on the John Sevier campus could potentially be used for programs such as the Family Resource Center, the employee medical clinic, or the Maryville City Schools Foundation.

RECOGNITION OF STAFF AND STUDENTS

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On April 5th at Maryville College, the following students placed in the 2022 Tennessee Mathematics Teachers' Association (TMTA) contest:

Congratulations to these winners:

Algebra 2:

- 1st place: Coston Autry

Statistics:

- 3rd place: Lauren Turner
- 2nd place: Thomas Tisdale
- 1st place: Adithya Madduri

PreCalculus:

- 3rd place: Michael Miller
- 1st place: Patrick Qiu

Calculus:

- 2nd place: Tie- Eli Stidham and Henry Chen
- 1st place: Teddy Astor

DISTRICT RECOGNITION

- April is the month of the Military Child - set aside to highlight the many sacrifices made by military families to help ensure the security and safety of all Americans. April 20 is the official day when many communities will celebrate by wearing purple - but we are recognizing Maryville military kids all month by sharing information on our website and social media. Thank you to the children of military personnel - both active and reserve.
- CONGRATULATIONS to Sandra Elder, Derek Hunt, Hannah Langham, and Robert Schmidt for the awards received at the 2022 Starlight Gala. Over \$155,000 was raised at this year's gala. Thanks to all who donated, everyone who attended, and the foundation board and staff for planning another terrific event.

COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

- **Chad Hampton** thanked Mr. Harris for his update and work during his first year with MCS. Hampton congratulated everyone at the Foundation on the success of the gala.
- **Julie Elder** thanked Mr. Harris for continuing to reach out to community partners for the programming they do and services offered to students at the academy. She encouraged administrators to enjoy the ride and finish the year strong.
- **Bethany Pope** thanked Mr. Harris and congratulated Dr. Winstead. She said the decision to extend his contract was easy, since they could not find a better director to lead the district, especially during this time of growth and change.
- **Candy Morgan** shared her excited for the work teams are doing to have MVS ready for the new school year. She is also looking forward to seeing the plans from Cope Architecture on the Fort Craig building.
- **Chairman Black** was not in attendance.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sharon Anglim.