

AGENDA

Murfreesboro City School Board  
6 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 2015  
Council Chambers

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD CHAIR

Pledge of Allegiance  
Moment of Silence

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

III. COMMUNICATIONS

MCS would like to thank the following individuals for their financial support of the Franklin Heights student activities:

Kristen Hampton  
Thomas & Kristen Chase  
Leah & Brian Bartley  
Michael's Homes

MCS Community Outreach would like to thank the following:

United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties for providing school supplies and backpacks for students  
North Boulevard Church of Christ for providing school supplies, which were distributed to teachers  
Rutherford County Farmers Co-Op for a \$5,000 donation to the Backpack Food Program  
Farm Credit Services for their donation of a copy machine, table, and chairs

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes: June 9, 2015 Meeting

VI. REPORTS/INFORMATION

Report on Summer Camps and Activities  
Construction and Maintenance Updates  
Enrollment Updates  
Update on Growth Funds for 2014-15 School Year

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES  
Murfreesboro City School Board  
6 p.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2015  
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ATTENDANCE

Chair Butch Campbell, Vice Chair Nancy Rainier, Jared Barrett, Andy Brown, Phil King, Nancy Phillips, Collier Smith

Staff: Dr. Linda Gilbert, Gary Anderson, Karen Hawkins, Caresa Dodson, Kim Frank, Joe Marlin, Robin Newell, Lea Bartch, Shavon Davis-Louis, Lisa Trail, Kim Fowler, Ralph Ringstaff, Crystal Farris, Karen Hawkins, Emily Spencer, Sandy Scheele, Meri-Leigh Smith, Lisa Trail, Lea Bartch, Greg Lyles, Tammy George, Stacey Burt, Ty Batts, and Jamara DeBerry

City Attorney Susan McGannon, Council Liaison Ron Washington  
Others: Lyle Lynch, Gary Green, Rita Shackett

I. CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD CHAIR

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ty Batts and Jamara DeBerry.  
Moment of Silence

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Brown moved to approve the agenda. Mr. King seconded the motion, and all approved by saying aye.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

MCS would like to thank the following individuals for their support of our outreach programs:

Peggy Seneker  
Jim & Judy Smythe  
Advance Financial  
Stones River Mall  
Murfreesboro Lioness Club

IV. CONSENT ITEMS

Minutes: May 26, 2015 Meeting  
Board Policy STU 22 Code of Acceptable Behavior and Discipline  
Board Policy STU 23 Discipline Procedures

*Second Reading*  
*Second Reading*

Mr. Barrett moved to approve the consent items. Ms. Smith seconded the motion, and all approved by saying aye.

## V. ACTION ITEMS

### Year-End Budget Amendments

Mr. Anderson stated that the revenue stream does not end until August, but the trustees collections were \$30,000 more. BEP growth funds originally projected at \$800,000, but the District is hopeful it will receive more than that but do not know yet. Mr. Anderson reviewed the fiscal year-end 2015 budget amendments by category. Mr. Anderson said the district is asking the Board to approve the additional budget amendments for the 2014-2015 school year as a matter of housekeeping for the year-end.

Ms. Phillips asked if the principal increase is due to the educational levels. Mr. Anderson said that is a factor as well as the number of people they supervise.

Ms. Philips moved to approve the 2014-2015 year-end budget amendments. Ms. Rainier seconded the motion, and all approved.

Mr. Anderson reviewed the City Schools Cafeteria Fund, which requires a budget amendment. Dr. Brown moved to approve the amendment, and Mr. King seconded the motion. All approved by saying aye.

Mr. Anderson said the next amendment ties into the 2015-2016 school year, and comes from City Hall. He said the purpose of this is so that MCS' records match City records. He said this is for the school debt service fund that was put into law about two years ago, noting that even though the City is paying for it, it is for the schools.

Ms. Rainier motioned to approve the School Debt Service Fund, and Ms. Phillips seconded the motion. All approved by saying aye.

### Approval of Federal Project Funds (IDEA, Title, etc.)

Mr. Anderson explained the Federal and State Project Revenues for 2015-2016. The original budget contained last year's figures, and the current figures came in May. Mr. Anderson said the Board must now approve the new figures.

Mr. King moved to approve, and Mr. Barrett seconded the motion. Ms. Smith asked who would be assuming the federal projects position. Dr. Gilbert said Ms. Hawkins will assume those duties. Chair Campbell asked if Ms. Hawkins' package would change, and Dr. Gilbert replied that it would not. All approved Mr. King's motion by saying aye.

### Approval of Community Technology Center Site

Dr. Gilbert introduced Ms. Shacklett with Linebaugh Library to discuss the Community Technology Center (CTC) project. Ms. Shacklett said that former Mayor Tommy Bragg wanted to make technology available to more citizens of our community including high speed internet connections. She said the most central location for a facility is along the Mercury Boulevard corridor, and she approached Dr. Gilbert about using Hobgood as a location. Ms. Shacklett said with the expansion plans for Hobgood, it seemed like it would work into our plans. This is a combined public/private endeavor. Mr. Green stated they are asking the Board to go on record as supporting this project through the long-term land lease for a portion of Hobgood campus, between 5,000 and 6,000 square feet. He stated the project will enhance the community, and will be open for Hobgood families during special hours just for their use.

He explained the facility will be paid for by fundraising, and ongoing operations will be paid by City and County budgets. Ms. Smith asked how many employees would be on site. Ms. Shacklett said 2.5 people plus the outreach library, which would include two part-time library associates. Ms. Smith asked what the experience would be like. Ms. Shacklett said it is a bookless library with meeting rooms, and study rooms. She said a small business person could reserve a meeting room, or get computer training--all for free with a library card. She added that students could use rooms for projects. There will be computers and projectors. Ms. Shacklett said a person will be able reserve computers and select the operating system they prefer using. She said there will be a children's area with educational games and 3D printers, and they will work with teachers as far as STEM and STEAM. She said there will be an IT staff on hand. Operating hours will be from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. either six or seven days a week.

Ms. Smith asked how it would relate to children at the school during school hours. Ms. Shacklett said students will have the opportunity to attend classes at the facility before operating hours. Ms. Phillips said her biggest concern is security for the children, and asked if limitations will be put on the computers as to what can be accessed. Ms. Shacklett said there are very strict firewalls, and they will use eRate, which also has very strict rules. Ms. Shacklett said technically, they cannot access something inappropriate. Ms. Phillips asked how it would be handled if someone did. Ms. Shacklett said they can shut them down from their office, and ask them to leave. If the problem becomes ongoing they will be asked not to return.

Mr. Barrett said if successful would they want to expand this location or seek other locations. Ms. Shacklett said that she thinks this size is all this location would allow, but thinks there are other areas such as Blackman and Smyrna that could use facilities like this as well. Dr. Brown said he has been in other cities that have this concept with great success, and asked if there is a Rover stop. Ms. Shacklett said they have talked to the City, and if there is not one close enough, the City will add one. Dr. Brown said he believes they will have volunteers who can teach classes, and he hopes they can use college interns too.

Ms. Phillips asked if there is childcare for patrons. Ms. Shacklett said they do not provide child care because we do not allow anyone under 12 unaccompanied. She said there is also the issue of people just dropping kids off at the facility they would like to avoid adding that she would like to say a library is the safest place on earth, but it is still a public place. Mr. King asked about parking, and Dr. Gilbert said parking for CTC would be directly southeast of the building providing up to 75 spaces, and teachers would not be displaced. He asked if the CTC would look

similar to the school building, and they said it would have a little more modern look adding that it would blend but stand out.

Mr. Anderson said the School Board would need to endorse this project since it is on school property then it would be up to City Council to decide if property would be leased or how they would handle it. Chair Campbell asked for clarification that an endorsement would not make MCS responsible for upkeep or security. Ms. McGannon said expenses would be borne by Linebaugh Library. Chair Campbell asked about zone changes. Ms. McGannon said she does not think zoning will come into play under a lease as opposed to a sale. Ms. Smith asked if this would affect future Hobgood expansions. Mr. Anderson said this campus would not be eligible for further growth after this expansion. Mr. King asked for the street address to be Minerva not Baird to maintain as much of a different address as possible from Hobgood to avoid confusion.

Dr. Brown moved to approve the community technology center site. Ms. Phillips and Ms. Smith seconded the motion. All approved by saying aye.

#### Approval of Surety Bond for Finance Director

Mr. Anderson explained the state requirement that the finance director have a surety bond in the amount of \$1,500,000.

Dr. Brown moved to approve the surety bond. Mr. King seconded the motion. All approved by saying aye.

## VI. REPORTS/INFORMATION

### Coordinated School Health: Year in Review

Ms. Smith presented a year in review to the School Board of the Coordinated School Health Department. Ms. Smith said the report hits the highlights, but is, by no means, everything they have done for the year. She explained the report before the Board is the official data for BMI on students, which shows a 5.6 percent reduction in BMI from 2008 to 2012-2013. She added this is the most current data available. In addition to showing a great reduction in BMI, the report shows we are below the state average on the number of obese children. Ms. Smith discussed grants received, and the Junior Chef program. She said MTSU has been a great partner offering camps such as soccer camp, and providing interns on a regular basis. Ms. Smith said 1200 MCS students visited the MTSU dairy farm. She said under USDA grants, a farmer educator was hired, and that raised vegetable garden beds have been planted to offer more fresh fruits and vegetables and get students into the aspect of education and where fruits and vegetables come from. Ms. Smith reported that MCS screened over 3,500 students for BMI, height, weight, vision, and hearing, noting the effort to remove barriers for students who do not have access to healthcare.

Dr. Brown said, as a pediatrician/physician, he cannot say how amazing it is to see a drop in BMI considering the culture we live in today. He thanked Ms. Smith for her work in changing the lives of children, adding that there are health effects that will be prevented 20-30 years down the road.

Ms. (Collier) Smith said she is so glad we have the farm-to-table, and she asked about the health screening process. Ms. Smith said if a child fails a screening, a report is sent to the parent along with instructions on how to interpret the report. A report goes to the teacher to follow up with the parent for care, including providing vouchers to parents for the children to be seen by a physician. Ms. Smith said we could not do any of this without partners in the community and the schools, especially Sandy in nutrition.

#### MTSU/MCS Gifted Academy Sponsored by the Jennings & Rebecca Jones Foundation

Dr. Gilbert reported that 33 teachers across all MCS schools were represented at MTSU last week receiving 80.5 hours of training to receive the employment standard to teach students who are gifted without any consultation. She said Lea Bartch and Stacey Burt worked closely with Leslie Craig-Unkefer at MTSU learning strategies used for gifted students that will help all students.

#### Attendance (PTR) Report

Mr. Anderson said enrollment dropped slightly but that is expected because people wait to move until after TCAP testing. He said the average attendance is still 97 percent, even at the last month of school.

#### VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Campbell reminded Board members about the fall district meetings, and noted that TSBA came out with an explanation of cut [TCAP] scores. Dr. Gilbert thanked the Board and City Council for their continued support because without out, MCS could not have been named 23<sup>rd</sup> on a list of cities with the best schools in the nation. Ms. Phillips welcomed and thanked Ms. McGannon for attending the meeting in Ms. Baker's absence.

#### VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barrett moved to adjourn the meeting, and Dr. Brown seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:08 p.m.

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Director of Schools

**MURFREESBORO CITY SCHOOLS**  
**DISTRICT-WIDE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION AND MAJOR MAINTENANCE PROJECTS**  
**UPDATE**  
**August 11, 2015**

This information is being provided to you so that you will know where we are on all construction, renovation and major maintenance projects throughout the district.

**BRADLEY ACADEMY PAINTING AND CLASSROOM CONVERSION**

Bradley was closed this summer for a complete paint job plus the renovation of the old library into two classrooms. Both projects were completed prior to school starting.

**NORTHFIELD HVAC REPLACEMENT**

Northfield had a catastrophic breakdown in its HVAC system this summer. To bring it back on-line and to have it ready for the beginning of school, we did an emergency purchase and had to replace the chiller on the entire system. System was repaired before teachers reported back and is now operating properly.

**HOBGOOD NEW ADDITION FOR CLASSROOMS AND GYM**

Hobgood construction documents are signed and construction is to begin soon. Projected completion date is July 15, 2016

**CUSTODIAL SERVICE CONVERSION TO IN-HOUSE OPERATION**

The new in-house Custodial Service Department did all major cleaning this summer and prepared the schools for the start of the new school year. All schools were prepared for the start of the new school year.

**ERMA SIEGEL CLASSROOM CARPET REPLACEMENT**

We replaced the worn out carpet in 12 classrooms at Erma Siegel. Originally, we were going to do this at CLA based on the Capital Outlay sheet, but when we cleaned the carpets this summer, the ones at Erma Siegel started to separate from the sub floor and put ripples in the carpet which became a trip hazard.

**REEVES-ROGERS GYM FLOOR AND PORTABLE BUILDING WORK**

The gym floor was sanded down to the wood and restriped and the proper mascot for the school was laid out in the center.

The back portable had a new sub-floor and tile installed as well as being painted.

**DISCOVERY SCHOOL AT BELLWOOD GYM FLOOR**

The gym floor was sanded down to the wood and restriped and the proper mascot for the school was laid out in the center.

### **SCALES GYM DUCT WORK AND KILN FIREWALL**

The gymnasium A/C supply duct work was stripped, primed and painted.  
A brick firewall was built around the kiln for safety during art classes

### **CASON LANE WINDOWS**

Thirty-one thermal-pane windows were replaced where the seals between the glass sections had failed.

### **DISCOVERY SCHOOL AT BELLWOOD ELECTRICAL PANEL INSPECTIONS**

Thermal scans and inspections have been completed at Bellwood on all electrical panels with them all being found to be in good working order. This was a safety inspection item.

### **BLEACHER SAFETY INSPECTIONS AT ALL SCHOOLS**

This year we are conducting safety inspections on all of our schools bleachers. To date we have inspected Erma Siegel, Cason Lane and Reeves-Rogers. The inspections are done by an outside contracting company that specializes in these types of inspections and repairs.

### **ENERGY EFFICIENT SCHOOLS INITIATIVE PROJECTS**

Final documents are being prepared for the projects. Will seek approval from the School Board and City Council once we have all paperwork prepared. The projects are based on a ten year loan from the State of Tennessee with the savings from the projects paying the loan. Payback is calculated to occur before the loan is finished. Projected work to be performed at:

- New Lighting - Cason Lane, Black Fox, Bradley
- Gym Lighting – John Pittard, Erma Siegel, Scales
- HVAC Retro-Commissioning and Controls – Cason Lane, Black Fox, Northfield, Erma Siegel, Scales

These may be in phase II depending on overall funding allowed by the State and City

- Chiller Replacement – Cason Lane, Black Fox
- Boiler Replacement – Northfield, Black Fox
- Window and HVAC Replacement – Bellwood, Bradley, Mitchell-Neilson

# Murfreesboro City Schools

MEMO TO: School Board Members, Dr. Linda Gilbert, Kelley Baker  
FROM: Gary Anderson  
DATE: 8/11/15  
SUBJECT: Growth Payment for 2014-2015

We received the final figures from the State on the amount of Growth Funds we earned this past school year. As previously reported to you the original estimate from the State back in January was \$818,000 of which we received at that time one half of the amount, \$409,000. But, since we continued to grow during the school year, the State recalculated our growth amount this summer and we received an additional \$1,100,500 bringing our total growth payment for the 2014-2015 school year to \$1,509,500. Based on all the extra teachers we had to hire to cover the total number of additional students, these funds came in handy. Basically, it was money to reimburse what we had already paid out of our budget.

We have been advised by the State that this money needs to be allocated in the 2014-2015 school year accounting even though it was received in July. Therefore, at the 8/25/15 school board meeting, we will be bringing you this budget amendment for your approval. It is not to be added as additional money for the 2015-2016 school year budget.

Thank you!