

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
“Special Called Meeting”
July 24, 2023
5:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

III. APPROVE BOARD AGENDA

IV. APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Request Approval to Add New Teaching Positions at South Pittsburg Elementary School, Monteagle Elementary School and Jasper Elementary School, due to the Increase of Student Enrollment** *Dr. Griffith*
- B. Request Approval for Monteagle Elementary School to Apply for CMA Grant to Assist in Funding a Music Program** *Dr. Griffith*
- C. Amend Board Policy 6.310 “Dress Code”** *Dr. Griffith*
- D. Request Approval of Stipends for the Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) for the High School Welding Teachers** *Sherry Prince*
- E. Request Approval to Renew Schoolytics** *Becky Bigelow*
- F. Request Approval for SchoolinSites Contract Renewal** *Mike Ogden*
- G. Approve 2023-2024 Non-Faculty Volunteer Coaches:**
 - South Pittsburg High School – Erin Harveston (*Volleyball*)
Patrick Ferguson (*Academy Football*)
 - Whitwell High School – Kyle Antal (*Football*)
Chandler Britton (*Football*)
- H. Approve School Sports Schedules:**
 - Marion County High School – Football, Golf, & Volleyball
 - Whitwell Middle School - Softball

Subject: Special Called Meeting

From: Ruby Gamble <rgamble@mctns.net>

To: Nathan Billingsley <nbillingsley@mctns.net>, Donna Blansett <dblansett@mctns.net>, Ruby Gamble <rgamble@mctns.net>, Linda Hooper <lhooper@mctns.net>, Brian (Bo) Nunley <bnunley@mctns.net>, Ryan Phillips <jphillips@mctns.net>, Mark Raines <mraines@mctns.net>, Nathan Billingsley <nathanbillingsley@yahoo.com>, Linda Hooper <whitwelltraveler@gmail.com>

Cc: Mark Griffith <mgriffith@mctns.net>

Date: Thursday, 07/13/2023 3:05 PM

Good afternoon,

Dr. Griffith is requesting a **"Special Called"** Meeting on Monday, July 24, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Please respond if you will be able to attend.

* The primary purpose is for the Board to approve new teaching positions at South Pittsburg Elementary School, Monteagle Elementary School and Jasper Elementary School , due to the increase of student enrollment.

Thank you all,

Ruby Gamble
Executive Assistant to the Director of Schools
Board Secretary

Marion Co. Board of Education
204 Betsy Pack Drive
Jasper, TN 37347
(423)-942-3434 ext. 2001

Subject: Re: CMA Grant Questions

From: Ruby Gamble <rgamble@mctns.net>

To: Veronica Rogers-Horton <vrhorton@monteagleelementary.org>

Date: Monday, 07/17/2023 8:06 AM

Good morning,

I received your request and will give this item to Dr. Griffith for approval to add to the July 24th Meeting.

Thank you,

Ruby Gamble

**Executive Assistant to the Director of Schools
Board Secretary**

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On Monday 07/17/2023 at 7:49 am, Veronica Rogers-Horton wrote:

Good morning, Brandee,

Before we can do it, I will need Dr. Griffith's and the board's approval to write a grant for the district. I have included him and Ruby in this email so we may get it on the added board meeting scheduled for July 24th.

Dr. Griffith,

* This grant can assist with funding any musical program in the district. Monteagle is partnering with the university and VISTA students to add a choir for our 5th-8th grade, with Ms. Burns being the school coordinator. This grant would afford us to purchase needed equipment and supplies for the start-up of a choir program. The link is included in Ms. Burns' email. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Kind regards,

Veronica Rogers-Horton

Principal

Monteagle Elementary

vrhorton@mcnts.net

Phone: 931-924-2136

Fax: 931-924-2104

On Sat, Jul 15, 2023 at 5:05 PM Brandee Burns <bburns@monteagleelementary.org> wrote:

I have looked into the CMA grant information that you referenced in your email. What I have found is a "State of the Arts" grant for Tennessee schools through the Country Music Association Foundation. When I went to sign up our school to be a part of the

Marion County Board of Education

**204 Betsy Pack Drive
Jasper, Tennessee 37347**

**Dr. Mark A. Griffith
Director of Schools**

**Telephone (423) 942-3434
Fax (423) 942-4210**

Memorandum

To: Board Members

From: Becky Bigelow

Date: July 18, 2023

Re: Request to Amend Board Policy 6.310 "Dress Code"

Removal of (7) Shoes, 3rd Sentence – Shoes must have a back or heel strap, no flip flops. Revision would read (7) Shoes- Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes or slippers are not allowed. This request is made following a June discussion with school administrators.

Marion County Board of Education

Monitoring:

Descriptor Term:

Descriptor Code: Issued Date:

Review:
Annually,
in April

Dress Code

6.310 07/24/23

Rescinds: Issued:

6.310 08/08/22

(1) Rationale

The principals, designated by the Board of Education as the educational leaders of Marion County Schools are generally responsible for the attitude, manners, and conduct of the students and staff. Therefore, the principal, subject to confirmation by the Director of Schools and the Board of Education, has specific authority to determine a standard of dress and good grooming that will be compatible with a wholesome school situation. All students are expected to adhere to common practices of modesty, cleanliness and neatness; to dress in conformity with the accepted standards of the community; and to contribute in such manner to the academic atmosphere and not detract from it. No attempt will be made to dictate fashion styles as long as they are in keeping with Marion County Schools' policies. It should be noted, however, that it is the responsibility of the student and parent to adhere to the Dress Code. The Administrators of the Marion County Schools shall have the right to appraise any current fashion or fad and determine whether or not it is appropriate for school. Fashions that the principal deems a distraction to the educational process will not be allowed. In matters of opinion, the judgment of administrators will stand.

In order to provide a safe and secure school, strengthen the educational focus, and establish an orderly learning environment while preparing students for success in the professional work place, students, parents and faculty at Marion County Schools have established the following standards for student dress and appearance.

(2) General Information

Students are expected to adhere to dress code at all times while on campus during regular school hours. The school staff will correct any fixable violations, with repeated violations possibly carrying disciplinary consequences. If a student arrives at school and cannot comply with the dress code, he/she will not be allowed to attend classes. The student will be isolated, and a parent called to bring appropriate clothing. If there is a question regarding a questionable item, please obtain clarification from the school administration before wearing the item.

(3) All Apparel:

- Must be size appropriate, and free from holes, rips, tears, cuts, or frayed hems.
- No article of clothing may be worn which implies or otherwise promotes alcohol, sex, tobacco, drugs, violence, gangs, racial or offensive language. This includes belt buckles and jewelry
- Extraneous zippers, metal studs, or dangling cloth strips are forbidden.
- Any item bearing the logo of any school other than the school the student attends is strictly forbidden. College, military or professional sports team logos are acceptable.
- Solids and patterns are permitted.
- No undergarments should be visible at any time.
- No holes that show skin above fingertips or show undergarments. Leggings may be worn under clothing to cover holes.

(4) Bottom Wear:

- Shorts and skirts length must be at or below fingertips.
- Slacks, shorts or skirts will be worn at or above the hip point and be able to stay up without a belt, NO undergarments are to be visible at any time.
- Leggings are required to be covered by clothing that extends to or below the fingertips.

(5) Dresses and Skirts

For female students, dresses or skirts are acceptable if they meet guidelines for top/bottom wear. Dresses or blouse must have sleeves, no slender straps or tanks, no cold shoulders.

(6) Shirts:

- Shirts must cover midriff area and have a modest neckline. Any style or pattern is acceptable as long as it is modest and appropriate.
- Unacceptable items include but are not limited to: items with a low neckline, made of see-through material, shirts with cutouts, or jerseys unless issued by school.
- Shirts must be worn under team jerseys.

(7) Shoes

- Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes or slippers are not allowed.

(8) Coats/Jackets

- Lightweight jackets including sweaters, vests, sweatshirts, or raincoats are permitted.
- No long or trench coats are allowed no exceptions.
- Coats are not permitted to be worn in the school building (exception: when entering or leaving the building or when there is a defect in the heating system)
- Coats are defined as items that are normally associated with outdoor wear and/or worn over indoor clothing for protection from outside elements.

(9) Accessories

- Headwear is not to be worn by any student while in the school building.
- This includes hats, ball caps, wool hats, beanies, bandanas, do-rags and skull caps.
- Large, long and/or heavy chains, studded or chained accessories are prohibited including wallet or belt chains.
- Sunglasses indoors are prohibited.

(10) Special Situations

If a student cannot comply with the standardized dress code based on religious belief, vertical disability or by the request of a doctor, a parent or guardian may write a letter explaining the situation to the principal with a copy to the Director of Schools. Each case will be evaluated on an individual case by case basis and if the parents and student are not satisfied an appeal may be sent to the Director of Schools.

Legal Reference:

1. TCA 49-6-4215; TCA 49-1-302(2)(h)

Cross References:

Suspension/Expulsion/Remand 6.316

Memo

To: Marion County Board of Education, Dr. Mark Griffith
From: Sherry Prince, CTE Director
Date: July 18, 2023
Re: Approval of Stipends from TCAT

Approval requested in order to pay stipends to the three high school welding teachers.

TCAT (Tennessee College of Applied Technology) will reimburse the school system for stipends and related costs. The stipends are determined by the amount of students taught in dual enrollment TCAT welding classes.

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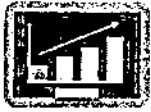
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Director of Schools
Mark A. Griffith

MEMO

TO: Board Members & Dr. Griffith
FROM: Becky Bigelow
DATE: July 18, 2023
RE: Request to Renew Schoolytics

Please approve the purchase of the website platform, Schoolytics at a cost of \$18,500 for school year 2023-24. This will be our second year to use the website that manages Marion County data pertinent to principals in an easily understood format.



Schoolytics

Marion County School District - Renewal

Marion County School District

204 Betsy Pack Drive

Jasper, TN 37347

United States

Prepared by: Aaron Wertman

aaron@schoolytics.com

Reference: 20230714-101516376

Quote created: July 14, 2023

Quote expires: September 12, 2023

Total **\$18,500.00**

PRODUCTS & SERVICES	SKU	QUANTITY	BILLING FREQUENCY	PRICE
Unified Data Platform	SLT-D2-SDP	1	Annually	\$18,500.00 / year for 1 year
SUBTOTALS				
Annual subtotal				\$18,500.00

Total	\$18,500.00
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Comments

TO: MARK GRIFFITH
FROM: MIKE OGDEN
SUBJECT: CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR SCHOOL INSITES
DATE: 07/17/2023
CC:

I am asking for approval for SchoolInsites annual contract renewal and payment of 18,526.00. SchoolInsites hosts our website, MarionCountySchools.org and MCTNS email service.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Ogden

Subject: Board approval

From: Heath Grider <hgrider@mctns.net>

To: Ruby Gamble <rgamble@mctns.net>

Date: Tuesday, 07/18/2023 11:41 AM

I need to submit these names for board approval

- * Erin Harveston - volleyball - asst. coach - non-paid volunteer
- * Patrick Ferguson - Middle School football - asst. coach - non-paid volunteer

Heath Grider
Assistant Principal \ Athletic Director
South Pittsburg High School
717 Elm Avenue \ South Pittsburg, TN 37380
Phone: (423) 837-7561

* Non-Fac. Volunteers

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Subject: Board Approval

From: Ruby Gamble <rgamble@mctns.net>

To: Teena Casseday <tcasseday@mctns.net>

Date: Monday, 07/17/2023 9:13 AM

Good morning,

Per your request, I will give the following names to Dr. Griffith for approval to add to the "Special Called" meeting on July 24th:

- * Kyle Antal - Non-Faculty Volunteer - Football
- * ~~Colton~~^{chandler} Britton - Non-Faculty Volunteer - Football

Thank you,

Ruby Gamble
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* non. Fac. Volunteers

Schedules

Sport: School:

Marion Co. High School

2023-2024 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Day	Opponent	Notes	Result
Aug. 18, 2023	Fri	East Ridge High School		7:00 PM 
Aug. 25, 2023	Fri	at Dade County, GA		7:00 PM 
Sep. 1, 2023	Fri	Chattanooga Central High School		7:30 AM 
Sep. 8, 2023	Fri	Fayetteville High School *		7:00 PM 
Sep. 15, 2023	Fri	Sequatchie Co. High School		7:00 PM 
Sep. 22, 2023	Fri	at Brainerd High School *		7:00 PM 
Sep. 29, 2023	Fri	Tyner Academy		7:00 PM 
Oct. 6, 2023	Fri	at Forrest High School *		7:00 PM 
Oct. 20, 2023	Fri	at Cannon Co. High School *		7:00 AM 
Oct. 27, 2023	Fri	Cascade High School *		7:00 AM 

Record: 0-0


All times local.

* - denotes region/district game

N - denotes neutral site game

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📅 2023-2024 Boys' Golf Schedule

[+ Add Games/Events](#)

Date	Time	Opponent	Notes	Result
Tue. Aug. 1, 2023	5:00 PM	Chattanooga Christian School (N)		Edit X
Tue. Aug. 1, 2023	5:00 PM	South Pittsburg High School (N) *		Edit X
Tue. Aug. 8, 2023	4:00 PM	Bledsoe Co. High School *		Edit X
Tue. Aug. 8, 2023	4:00 PM	South Pittsburg High School (N) *		Edit X
Tue. Aug. 8, 2023	4:00 PM	Chatt. School for the Arts & Sciences (N) *		Edit X
Tue. Aug. 22, 2023	4:00 PM	Bledsoe Co. High School (N) *		Edit X
Tue. Aug. 22, 2023	4:00 PM	Silverdale Baptist Academy (N)		Edit X
Tue. Aug. 22, 2023	4:00 PM	South Pittsburg High School (N) *		Edit X
Mon. Aug. 28, 2023	4:00 PM	at Bledsoe Co. High School *		Edit X
Tue. Sep. 5, 2023	4:00 PM	at Bledsoe Co. High School *		Edit X
Tue. Sep. 12, 2023	5:00 PM	at Silverdale Baptist Academy		Edit X

All times local.

* - denotes region/district game

N - denotes neutral site game

Notes:

Games your opponents enter will automatically fill your schools' schedules. Likewise, games you enter will fill your opponents' schedules.

If your school's schedule for this sport is marked as incomplete (red icon on Dashboard checklist) but you have verified that the schedule is in fact complete, click the Confirm Completed Schedule button above.

If you notice a time or date that doesn't look correct, confirm the correct information with your opponent's athletic director. A quick call or email can save everyone a lot of time and confusion.

Only the school that added the contest may delete it from the schedule.

MCHS 2023 Volleyball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time	
7/29	Grundy Tournament	Grundy	TBA	
8/5	Play Day	Boyd Buchannan	TBA	
8/14	Ridgeland	Dade	JV 5:00	V 5:00
	Dade County	Dade	JV 6:00	V 6:00
8/15	WHS	MCHS	JV 5:00	V 6:00
8/17	Van Buren	Van Buren	JV 5:00	V 6:00
8/19	Hixson Tournament	Hixson	TBA	
8/22	Hixson	Hixson	JV 4:30	V 5:30
8/24	Bledsoe	Bledsoe	JV 5:00	V 6:00
8/28	Dade County	MCHS	JV 3:30	V 4:00
	St. Andrews/Dade	MCHS		V 5:00
	St. Andrews/MCHS	MCHS		V 6:00
8/29	Sale Creek	Sale Creek	JV 4:30	V 5:30
8/31	Sequatchie County	MCHS	JV 4:30	V 5:30
9/5	SPHS	MCHS	JV 4:30	V 5:30
9/7	WHS	WHS	JV 5:00	V 6:00
9/11	Sequatchie County	SCHS	JV 4:30	V 5:30
9/12	Van Buren	MCHS	JV 5:00	V 6:00
9/14	St. Andrews	St. Andrews	JV 4:30	V 5:30
9/18	Grundy County	MCHS	JV 4:30	V 5:30
9/19	Bledsoe	MCHS	JV 5:00	V 6:00
9/21	Sale Creek	MCHS	JV 4:00	V 5:00
9/23	Grundy JV Tournament	Grundy	TBA	
9/25	Grundy County	Grundy	JV 4:30	V 5:30
9/26	Hixson	MCHS	JV 4:30	V 5:30
9/28	SPHS	SPHS	JV 4:30	V 5:30
10/2-3	District Tournament	Marion	TBA	
10/10	Regionals			
10/12	Sectionals			
10/17-20	State			

***All times are Central Standard Time

***District games are bold

***Senior Night 9/26

Subject: Softball
 From: Joshua Holtcamp <jholtcamp@whitwellmiddle school.org>
 To: Ruby Gamble <rgamble@mscsl.net>
 Date: Thursday, 07/20/2023 8:47 AM

August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 @ CCS 5:00 PM CST	11	12
13	14 vs. South Pitt 5:00 PM CST	15	16	17 @ Bledsoe 5:30 PM CST	18 vs. Grundy 5:00 PM CST	19
20	21 @ Grundy 5:00 PM CST	22 @ Sequatchie 5:00 PM CST	23	24 vs. Kimball Christian 5:00 PM CST	25	26 JV vs. Bledsoe 5:00 PM CST
27	28	29 vs. Sequatchie 5:00 PM CST	30 vs. Jasper 1:00 PM CST	31		

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 @ Kimball Christian 5:00 PM CST	6	7	8	9 JV @ Sequatchie 10:00 AM CST
10	11 @ South Pitt 5:00 PM CST	12	13 @ Jasper 1:00 PM CST	14 JV Tourney @ Grundy TBA	15	16
17	18 vs. CCS 4:00 PM CST	19 vs. Bledsoe* 5:30 PM CST	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 SVC Tourney @ Jasper TBA	27	28 SVC Tourney @ Jasper TBA	29	30 SVC Tourney @ Jasper TBA

7/29 Play Day @ South Pitt
 *8th grade night

2023 Lady Tigers Softball

WHITWELL MIDDLE SCHOOL



Sent from my Dr. Holtcamp's iPhone