

**Minutes
Clarksville-Montgomery County
Board of Education**

July 14, 2009

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, July 14, 2009, in the Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: George Giles, Chairman; Ernest Brockman, Eula Gardner Dowdy, Horace Murphy, Jr., James Mann, and Carol Smithson. Also present were: Michael Harris, Director of Schools; Jill Nolan, Board Attorney; B. J. Worthington, Chief Academic Officer; Danny Grant, Chief Financial Officer; Bruce Jobe, Chief Human Resources Officer; David Holman, Chief Technology Officer; and Teresa Rawls, Secretary, who kept the minutes of the meeting. The following members of the County Commission School Liaison Committee were present: Dwain Etterling, Dalton Harrison, and Keith Politi.

Presentation to the Board

Mr. David Fox, TSBA Mid-Cumberland District Director, presented the School Board with the Board of Distinction Award. Mr. Fox noted this TSBA award is presented only to boards that have met the highest standards of performance. Mr. Giles accepted the award on behalf of the Board.

Point of Pride

Dr. Rosalyn Evans, High School Director, presented Point of Pride Awards to two students that achieved thirteen years of perfect attendance. Those students are Brittany Austin, graduate of Rossvie High; and Holly Batey, Montgomery Central High School graduate.

Elementary Schools Director Dr. Ann Griffin presented a Point of Pride Award to West Creek Elementary School Media Specialist Margaret Hausauer. Mrs. Hausauer received the Louise Meredith School Media Award from the Tennessee Library Association. This award is given to a school library media specialist who has made unique and worthy contributions to the total school instructional program.

Public Conversation

There were no requests to address the Board at this session.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mrs. Dowdy. The motion carried 6-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- Minutes from the June 9, 2009 formal Board session
- Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Design Development Phase for the Renovation of Montgomery Central High School, first reading July 7, 2009

Policy Monitoring

Mr. Harris noted some highlights from the policy monitoring report for EL-6 – Asset Protection concerning various insurance policies. He also commented on the back up plans and measures that are in place to protect intellectual property and data. Mr. Mann made a motion to declare full compliance with Executive Limitation 6 for this monitoring period. The motion, seconded by Ms. Smithson, carried 6-0.

Mr. Harris stated that EL-7 – Emergency Superintendent Succession requires that no fewer than two school system executives shall be prepared to act in the Director's absence should circumstances deem it necessary. Mr. Harris commented that the two designated executives are Dr. Worthington and Mr. Jobe. Mr. Murphy made a motion declaring full compliance for this reporting period. Mr. Mann seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Reports

Mr. Harris noted that the report on Strategic Goal 15 – Inaugurate assessment phase of cultural proficiency was the final report from the 2008-2009 Strategic Goals and Work. This goal supports building leadership capacity. Professional Development Coordinator Susan Jones commented that a cultural proficiency needs assessment for the district was desired in order to focus on enhancing personalization and cultural proficiency to support student achievement. The process involved a focus group assessment using members of senior leadership, principals, and assistant principals to identify strengths and opportunities for improvement in maintaining a positive learning environment in a diverse population. The assessment did not identify any one demographic factor that needed to be focused on. However, awareness levels can be improved to better connect to students and increase student achievement. Professional development will be used to improve cultural proficiency within the district.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Murphy commented he had made a visit to West Creek High School and was pleased with the enthusiasm of staff members he encountered there. Mr. Mann noted that he is looking forward to another school year getting under way.

Mr. Giles congratulated the students that had perfect attendance along with Mrs. Hausauer on her achievement. Mr. Giles thanked the Board for the work they have done and for the members' support to him this year as Chair.

Director of Schools Report

Mr. Harris outlined topics for upcoming work sessions from July through December and provided an update on Rossvie Elementary and West Creek High School. Rossvie Elementary faculty had toured that facility today. At Rossvie Elementary classrooms are being cleaned and library furniture is in place. The A-wing should be ready by the end of next week. B and C wings are complete and are being cleaned. The cafeteria and kitchen are complete.

West Creek High School is approximately 99% complete. The original completion date was scheduled for April and was adjusted several times this year due to weather as well as other reasons.

Mr. Harris announced Melissa Izatt has been selected as the new assistant principal at Glenellen and Lt. Col. Corwin Robinson has been selected as assistant principal at Clarksville High School.

Mr. Harris told Board members that they had been awarded the National School Public Relations Association Award of Excellence for the 2008-2009 school calendar and the NSPRA Golden Achievement Award for work on the 100% Graduation Project. Mr. Harris thanked Bi-County Solid Waste for their support in producing the calendars.

All agenda items having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

George Giles
Board Chair

Michael T. Harris
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary