

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

August 11, 2009

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, August 11, 2009, in the Board Room, 621 Gracey Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: George Giles, Chairman; Eula Gardner Dowdy, Jimmie Garland, 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; Elise Shelton, Chief Communications Officer; Jim Sumrell, Chief Operations 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, John Genis, Dalton Harrison, and Keith Politi.

Point of Pride

High School Director Rosalyn Evans presented a Point of Pride Award to Dave Taylor, Director of Army Instruction. He was honored with the Brigade Director of the Year for the 7th Brigade which encompasses Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana and represents 400 JROTC units. Also, he is the only CW4 to be a Director of Army Instruction in the United States.

Katie McMillan, a senior at Rossvie High School, was elected to the Tennessee State School Board to serve as a student representative for the 09-10 school year. She will be able to give her input to the school board and also serve as a counted voter on issues.

Harlin Miller, also a Rossvie High School senior, was elected governor at the 2009 Tennessee Boys State Conference. Harlin was elected by 600 of his peer delegates. He will travel to Washington, D.C. to represent Tennessee at Boys Nation.

Business and Community Affairs Coordinator Candy Johnson presented a Point of Pride award to Dr. Daniel Miller on behalf of Premier Medical Group. Premier Medical contributed twelve laptops and 300 jump drives to the Joe Heitz Pass & Go program. The laptops and jump drives were given as prizes to CMCSS high school students who passed Advanced Placement exams.

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Mann, seconded by Mr. Garland, the items on the Consent Agenda were approved 6-0. Consent Agenda items include:

1. July 14, 2009 regular session minutes
2. Retirement insurance option for 2013 retirees, first reading August 4, 2009

Reports

Strategic Work Goal #1 – Implement new state curriculum standards –

Dr. Sallie Armstrong, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, presented this report. The State approved new standards beginning this year for K-12 in science, math, and language arts. The standards are much more rigorous than the previous standards. Standards training began last year for various groups of teachers. In addition, the Curriculum Navigator was rebuilt to include the new standards, staff developments were conducted, and time was used for teacher collaboration. Many more staff developments are planned over this year to prepare and support teachers. Over 700 teachers have participated. All internal benchmark tests were rewritten to align with the new standards being taught.

Board Comments

Ms. Smithson complimented all staff involved in preparing the teachers concerning the new standards. Mr. Murphy thanked members of the Transportation Department for their professional standards. He also thanked the County Commissioners for their approval of the Montgomery Central High School renovation.

Mr. Garland welcomed students and teachers back to school. He stated he appreciated the hard work teachers and staff members do every day. Mr. Mann complimented the Communications Department for the quality and content of the videos available for viewing on the CMCSS website.

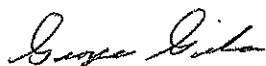
Mr. Giles thanked all of the County Commissioners for their time and efforts this year. He commented on how exciting the Pass and Go program had been. He congratulated everyone for seeing that all schools and facilities were prepared and ready for the first day of school.

Director of Schools Report

Mr. Harris gave Board members a copy of a letter from the State Comptroller outlining a grant opportunity for up to \$20 million. This would be a huge savings to the County in interest-free loans. The application for the grant must be submitted next week and requires Board approval. It will be necessary to hold a Special Session next Tuesday, August 18, for the Board to review the application and act on it.

Mr. Harris commented that school opening had gone well, and on day two of classes we are up approximately 400 students from day two the previous year. He also commented on the Joe Heitz Pass and Go event over the weekend, and a DVD was shown that highlighted the event. The program is scheduled to continue for four more years.

All items on the agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



George Giles
Board Chair



Michael T. Harris
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary