

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

January 12, 2010

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, January 12, 2010, in the Board Room, 621 Gracey Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: James Mann, Chairman; Ernest Brockman, Eula Gardner Dowdy, Jimmie Garland, George Giles, Horace Murphy, Jr., and Carol Smithson. Also present were: Michael Harris, Director of Schools; Jill Nolan, Board Attorney; B. J. Worthington, Chief Academic 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: Jerry Allbert, Dwain Etterling, and Keith Politi.

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Dowdy and seconded by Ms. Smithson to approve the December 8, 2009 regular session minutes. The motion carried 7-0.

Policy Monitoring

EL-2 - Communicating with the Public Mr. Harris commented on changes that have been made to district communications groups this year that will lead to input and sharing information with even more individuals. The district survey has been completed and results will be reviewed in the future. The State of the Schools webcast will be available January 26 on the district website. Mr. Garland made a motion to declare full compliance with EL-2 for this reporting period. The motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, passed unanimously.

Mr. Harris highlighted the **EL-9 - School Year Calendar** policy monitoring report. The 2010-2011 calendar has already been approved. The 2011-2012 calendar has been developed and is in the process of being presented to stakeholder groups to get their input. The calendar is expected to come before the Board for approval in February. Mr. Giles made a motion to declare full compliance for this reporting period. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smithson and carried 7-0.

Reports

Chief Academic Officer B. J. Worthington presented a report on **Strategic Goal #2 – Increase use of rigor and relevance in all classrooms**. Dr. Worthington noted that the district uses a 3-year implementation model for new programs. Teaching rigor and relevance has gone through the 3-year implementation model and is now in the fourth year. Dr. Worthington commented that principals are using observations during classroom walkthroughs to determine the level of rigor being used in each classroom. So far this school year, 25,799 classroom observations have been conducted by principals with a 68% proficiency rate. Dr. Worthington noted also that State assessments are much more rigorous this year.

Dr. Cara Alexander, Director of Exceptional Children's Services, reported on **Strategic Goal #6 – Develop an improvement plan for special education services**. Dr. Alexander noted that stimulus funds from the federal government became available after an improvement plan had been developed. Some of these funds have been used to implement aspects of the plan and to

fund several positions. Transition services have been coordinated and unified across the school district. A Behavior Coordinator and two additional Behavior Consultants have made it possible to respond more quickly to needs and help create and maintain a positive learning environment. All assisted technology has now been inventoried and is housed at Greenwood where teachers can check items out. Five itinerant gifted teachers have been hired to serve all of the elementary schools. Other improvements were made to the areas of professional development as well as materials, supplies, and equipment.

Board Discussion and Consideration

Proposed Middle and High School rezoning for 2010-2011

Chief Operations Officer Jim Sumrell commented on the timeline that had been followed for the proposed rezoning recommendation. Nine individuals submitted written feedback forms, and two individuals spoke at the public hearing on January 5, 2010. One concern stated is that parents will have students at two different campuses. Mr. Sumrell stated that the district could not promise that students from a household would only attend one campus. Mr. Sumrell commented that after review of the feedback, staff recommended approval of the plan as presented for first reading on December 1, 2009. Ms. Smithson made a motion to approve the recommendation, seconded by Mr. Garland. The motion carried unanimously.

Comments

CMCEA President Ted Gilcrest noted that he had been involved in discussions with TEA and others concerning the Race to the Top application and proposed legislation.

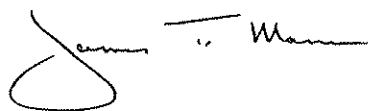
Board Member Comments

Mr. Murphy commented on the positive reception received at Hazelwood Elementary on a recent visit there. Mrs. Dowdy stated she appreciated the informative reports that had been presented. Mr. Mann also thanked staff for the reports. Mr. Mann noted that the scheduled February 2 study session had been cancelled. He also announced that the TSBA Day on the Hill event was scheduled for February 23 and a Business After School event is scheduled for February 10 at Rossview Elementary School.

Director of Schools Report

Mr. Harris commented on some of the items contained in the proposed legislation concerning the Race to the Top application. He stated he would keep Board members informed as information became available.

The items on the agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



James T. Mann
Board Chair



Michael T. Harris
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary