

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

April 20, 2010

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, April 20, 2010, in the Board Room. 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; 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: Keith Politi.

Point of Pride

Dr. Sean Impeartrice, Middle School Director, introduced Melanie Yarbrough, school nurse for New Providence Middle School. Ms. Yarbrough was recognized with a Point of Pride Award for her quick recognition of and response to a medical emergency of a student with an extremely high pulse rate. Ms. Yarbrough called an ambulance and contacted the parents. The student was sent to Gateway Hospital and then by Life Flight to Vanderbilt where he underwent successful cardiac surgery.

Public Participation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Giles, seconded by Mr. Garland, the consent agenda was approved 7-0. Items on the consent agenda were:

- March 9, 2010 regular session minutes
- April 6, 2010 special session minutes
- Special Course Applications (2), first reading April 6, 2010
- Architect Selection, elementary school #23 in zone II, first reading April 6, 2010

Reports

Strategic Goal #7 – Implement district-wide energy conservation strategies

Facilities Manager Norm Brumblay and Assistant Facilities Manager Damian Maloney presented a report on the progress made in energy conservation during this school year. Mr. Brumblay reported that during the 2008-2009 school year, a district energy management policy was created and strategies developed. The 2009-2010 work has been to implement the district-wide strategies. Mr. Brumblay stated that the strategies include a “going green” initiative. This initiative included each building identifying an energy champion and a competition between buildings. A set-point temperature policy has been implemented to establish a range of temperatures for the heating and cooling seasons. Also, custodial and kitchen employee start up and shut down instructions

have been implemented. Mr. Brumblay reported that the set point policy has had a major affect in reducing our energy consumption. Ways to share information were created including an on-line database and newsletter. The work for 2010-2011 will focus on continuing follow up with set point policy; continuing with start up and shut down work instructions, monitoring progress and collecting data, continuing the energy competition, and expanding the smart energy campaign by establishing an energy committee in each building to develop energy plans and goals for their location.

Mr. Maloney presented some statistics concerning energy consumption and costs. He noted that the five-year trend for electricity consumption shows an average increase of approximately \$64,000 per year. The expected increases this year, with the addition of a new elementary and high school, did not occur due in part to the creation of the energy management program. This lower energy usage will have continued cost avoidance in the future. As of February 2010, cost avoidance of \$406,000 has been realized. It is projected by the end of this year that the cost avoidance figure could be \$604,000, and by the end of the 2010-2011 school year, a cost avoidance of \$1.2 million could be realized.

Strategic Goal #13 – Provide new public feedback opportunities

Chief Communications Officer Elise Shelton reported that in support of this goal, some of the stakeholder advisory groups had been reorganized for this year. The professional networking tool, Linked In, has been used for the Teacher Communications group this year in addition to their monthly meetings. Student Communications, Parent Communications, Minority Communications, and Classified Staff Communications groups meet regularly. The student and parent groups had an added dimension of having actual projects and products come from their groups this year. The student group has been working on the green initiative and will be premiering videos they have produced. The parent group focused their efforts on Power School and getting other parents more involved in their students' educational lives. The parent group developed a campaign for educating other parents about Power School. The Community Consortium had their first meeting in March. This group consists of representatives from business, organizations, university, and churches. Each of these groups provides input on system initiatives, policies, and issues. Their feedback is often used to develop district goals for the upcoming year. The School Board also met with stakeholder groups earlier in the year.

Mrs. Shelton stated that the district-wide survey has been conducted again this year and results would be posted on line for viewing. In addition, there are several on-line avenues for input. Questions@cmcss provides an opportunity for anyone to ask questions about CMCSS.

Comments

Ft. Campbell School Liaison Officer Pauline Hutchinson thanked CMCSS for allowing Ft. Campbell staff into schools to share information. She commented that they had held a Teen Fair with good representation from CMCSS schools. Students were given information about summer jobs as well as post-secondary education options. She also commented that JROTC students would be attending a Holocaust presentation. Also,

she noted that currently there are Military Life Consultants in schools with at least 350 military students. Beginning next year, all schools with a military child will have a consultant.

Board Member Comments

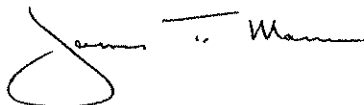
Mr. Giles thanked staff for the goal report on energy savings. He commented that savings ultimately help students in the classroom. Mr. Giles also noted the passing away of Rossvie Middle School teacher Gordon Ramsey. He thanked Mrs. Neubauer and other staff members for taking the time to recognize Mr. Ramsey with a memorial service.

Mr. Mann reported on the Tennessee Family School Community Engagement Summit he had attended. One of the focal points of the conference was looking at ways to engage the community. Mr. Mann stated that Dr. Worthington and David Smith had done a presentation on the district's 100% Graduation Initiative which was well received. Conference attendees included members of the State Board of Education, current and retired teachers, and members of volunteer and other organizations.

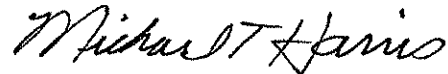
Director of Schools Report

Mr. Harris reported on plans for the STEM Academy at Kenwood High School. The academy will be a part of Kenwood High School and will have an integrated core curriculum along with engineering classes that will prepare these students for college and for the workforce in careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. The academy is scheduled to open in August and will build over the next four years. Approximately 400 middle school students have been invited to attend informational meetings across the county. Invitations were based on the students' Explore math and science benchmarks. The district is working with APSU and MTSU on plans for the academy. A key component in the academy is Project Lead the Way, an acclaimed program that promotes pre-engineering projects. Mr. Harris provided the Board with a timeline of expected progress for the academy.

There being no further items on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



James T. Mann
Board Chair



Michael T. Harris
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary