

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

May 11, 2010

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, May 11, 2010, in the Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: James Mann, Chairman; Eula Gardner Dowdy, Jimmie Garland, George Giles, Horace Murphy, Jr., and Carol Smithson. Also present were: Michael Harris, Director of Schools; Jill Ayers, 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.

Special Presentations

State Representative Joe Pitts and State Senator Tim Barnes presented CMCSS Teacher of the Year candidates Deborah Chancellor, Jenny Moore, and Kay Subhawong with a resolution from the legislature honoring them for their accomplishments.

Point of Pride

Chief Communications Officer Elise Shelton presented Point of Pride awards to Kenwood High School Broadcast Media students Ashley McDonough, Richard Merino, Rowan Knight, Aaron "CA" Carmichael, Laura Klatt, and Tiffany Johnson. These students qualified for national competition. Ashley, Richard and Rowan each won first place gold awards at the State Skills Competition in Broadcasting, Video Production, and Radio Production. Laura Klatt and Tiffany Johnson won bronze in the DVD category. Their instructor is Amy Jackson. In addition, Amy Jackson was recognized at the state tournament as Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League Teacher of the Year, the Ruth Krider award.

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Harris requested that the 2010-2011 proposed CMCSS budget request be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed as an item under Board Discussion and Consideration due to updates primarily concerning the Race to the Top funds. Mr. Giles made a motion to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Garland. The motion carried 6-0. Consent Agenda items approved were:

- April 20, 2010 regular session minutes
- 2010-2011 Authorized Student Expenditures – first reading May 4, 2010
- 2010-2011 Revisions to Student Code of Conduct – first reading May 4, 2010
- FY2011 Federal Consolidated Entitlement Grant – first reading May 4, 2010

- Approval of Agreement with Project Lead the Way – first reading May 4, 2010
- 2009-2010 Budget Amendments, all funds – first reading May 4, 2010

Policy Monitoring

Mr. Harris noted all elements of EL-5 – Financial Administration were in compliance for this reporting period. He commented on EL-13 Career-Technical Education Programs concerning the job markets portion and the course sequence in place to prepare students to go into the program at APSU that will lead to possible employment at HSC. Mr. Giles made a motion to declare full compliance with EL-5 for this reporting period. The motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, carried 6-0. Mrs. Dowdy made a motion to declare full compliance with EL-13 for this reporting period, seconded by Mr. Giles. The motion carried 6-0.

Reports

Strategic Goal #4 – Increase Career-Technical Opportunities

Chief Academic Officer B. J. Worthington and Career-Technical Coordinator Biba Kavass presented this report. Ms. Kavass commented on the current career-technical course offerings at each high school and the enrollment in those programs. Technology Engineering, Health Science Program, and Jobs for Tennessee Graduates are some of the programs that have been added. Ms. Kavass noted that dual enrollment opportunities are increasing and industry certification programs are expanding. Ms. Kavass stated the automotive program at NWHS is being upgraded so that students may achieve NATEF (National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation) certification. EMS First Responder courses will be available at Kenwood High and West Creek High which will allow students to graduate with a first responder certification. Upgrades to the HVAC program at Kenwood High and the Culinary program at Rossvie High are planned. Also, Ft. Campbell Federal Credit Union is opening student banks at Northeast and Rossvie High Schools.

Dr. Worthington presented information concerning the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) initiative as well as details for the STEM Academy at Kenwood High School. Dr. Worthington commented that the STEM initiative will be piloted in Moore Elementary, Kenwood Middle 8th grade, and Kenwood High for the upcoming school year.

Dr. Worthington stated the STEM Academy at Kenwood High School is scheduled to begin in August 2010 with a class of freshmen. Each year the academy will expand to eventually accommodate 9-12 grade students. Race to the Top money will be used over the next four years along with Perkins federal grant money to begin this academy.

Board Discussion and Consideration

2010-2011 Proposed CMCSS Budget Request, all funds - Mr. Harris noted there had been some minor changes to the budget document since the Board had first reading on the proposed budget. Chief Financial Officer Danny Grant explained adjustments related to a decrease in revenue funding as well as an increase in expenditures. He also noted that the fund balance meets the State 3% requirement. Mr. Garland made a motion to approve the draft budget of the 2010-2011 consolidated budget request and submit it to the County Commission. Mrs. Dowdy seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Race to the Top Scope of Work

Dr. B. J. Worthington explained the local Scope of Work plan for using Race to the Top funds. This plan will be submitted to the State for approval. Dr. Worthington commented that funds would be used for new programs such as the STEM Academy and for expansions of some existing programs. Ms. Smithson made a motion to waive first reading on this item due to the deadline to submit the plan to the State. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garland and carried 6-0. Ms. Smithson then made a motion to approve the Race to the Top Scope of Work, seconded by Mr. Garland. The motion carried 6-0.

Employee Charge Certification – Board Attorney Jill Ayers reminded Board members of dismissal procedures for a tenured teacher which require that the charges be brought before the Board to determine if the charges are true, they would warrant dismissal. Mrs. Ayers read the written charges against Lisa Kitchen, tenured instructor at Norman Smith Elementary School. Mrs. Dowdy stated that if the charges as presented are true they are of the nature to warrant the dismissal of the teacher and made a motion for the Board to certify the charges. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and carried 6-0.

Comments

CMCEA President Ted Gilcrest announced CMCEA award winners. They are: Nancy Grant, Administrator of the Year; Tara Gant, CMCEA's overall winner; Tawana Blake, ESP winner. Also, CMCEA awarded a student scholarship to Summer Brown from MCHS. Miss Brown plans to go into the field of education. Mr. Gilcrest stated he had enjoyed working with the Board and serving as President of CMCEA during the past year.

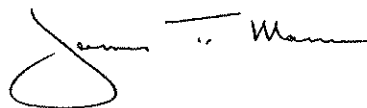
Board Member Comments

Mr. Garland thanked the staff for their hard work on the budget. Mr. Mann expressed his pride in the students that had been recognized during Point of Pride. He also commended staff for the difficult work that staff members had done on the budget issues during this budget process.

Director of Schools Report

Mr. Harris commented that all high school graduations would be taking place the following week.

The items on the agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.



James T. Mann
Board Chair



Michael T. Harris
Director of Schools



Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary