Minutes Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education July 13, 2010

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, July 13, 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, Horace Murphy, Jr., George Giles, and Carol Smithson. Also present were: Michael Harris, Director of Schools; Jill Ayers, 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, John Genis, Dalton Harrison, and Keith Politi.

Presentations to the Board

Chief Communications Officer Elise Shelton presented the Board with several recognitions from the National Schools Public Relations Association (NSPRA). Recognition included an Award of Excellence for the 2009-2010 calendar; an award for our Focus website and JROTC video; and an honorable mention for the Education Foundation website. Mrs. Shelton reported that 801 entries were reviewed and CMCSS was among 54 selected for these honors.

Point of Pride

Dr. Rosalyn Evans, High School Director, presented Point of Pride awards to two Northwest High School students. Elizabeth Coleman was recognized for being a successful researcher who defended independent and experimental research on the state level for two years in a row. She has been published in the <u>Tennessee Junior Academy of Science Handbook</u>. Over 100 papers are submitted annually to compete on a state level. Of those, twenty-five are selected and only seven are published.

Richard Henderson was recognized for being selected this year as Governor of Boys State. Over 500 students participated this year. In just one week's time, students organized political parties and established city, county and state governments by election; competed in primaries and political campaigns.

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Giles made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Murphy. The motion carried 7-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- June 8, 2010 regular session minutes
- Acceptance of Montgomery County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, first reading June 29, 2010
- Inclement weather makeup plan for 2010-2011, first reading June 29, 2010

Policy Monitoring

Mr. Harris highlighted the policy monitoring report for <u>EL-6 – Asset Protection</u>. He noted that the district maintains adequate insurance to protect assets and provide liability coverage. In addition, the most recent audit by the Comptroller's office reported no audit findings. Mr. Murphy made a motion declaring full compliance with EL-6 for this reporting period. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dowdy and carried 7-0.

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Mr. Harris commented on the <u>EL-7 – Emergency Superintendent Succession</u> monitoring report. He noted that Dr. B. J. Worthington, Chief Academic Officer, and Mr. Bruce Jobe, Chief Human Resources Officer, are the two executives designated to handle district business in his absence. A motion was made by Mr. Giles and seconded by Mrs. Dowdy to declare full compliance for this executive limitation for this reporting period. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Mr. Harris presented a report on the End of Year Review. He stated that the district's consistent focus on four major goals have proven successful. Those goals are: Improving Student Achievement; Improving Efficiency and Effectiveness; Building Leadership Capacity; and Engaging the Public. He provided detailed information about the key performance indicators used to measure progress toward the goals.

Comments

<u>CMCEA</u> President Carol Berry reported that CMCEA had won an award from TEA for their publication <u>The Collective Voice</u>. She reported that ten CMCEA members had attended the NEA convention. She stated CMCEA would be doing their part to support new teachers and student achievement.

<u>Ft. Campbell School Liaison Officer</u> Pauline Hutchinson stated she would check on linking the CMCSS website to the Ft. Campbell website to make access more readily available to parents that are deployed. She noted that administrators should be aware that two deployments will be coming up in August and September which will affect our students. She also reported that all schools will have a Family Life Consultant available this year.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Murphy commented on the success of student athletes at Northeast High School.

Mr. Garland noted that parents of successful students are to be congratulated. Mr. Giles thanked Mr. Harris for the report tonight and commented on how successful the district is even with a smaller per pupil expenditure than other districts. Mr. Giles commended all school system employees for their hard work. Mr. Mann commented on the need for the community to stay informed about the district's goals and work. He thanked Mr. Harris for the report.

Director of Schools Report

Mr. Harris told the Board that he would be addressing the public at several locations over the next week and would be sharing budget impact, STEM focus, Race to the Top, and other district initiatives. Mr. Harris also reminded Board members of the upcoming Joe Heitz Pass and Go event scheduled for August 14. Mr. Harris also shared information about the construction at Montgomery Central and plans for opening school.

Items on the agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

James T. Mann Board Chair Michael T. Harris Director of Schools

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