

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

**August 10, 2010**

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, August 10, 2010, in the Board Room, 621 Gracey Avenue, Clarksville, TN. 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; 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; Sean Impeartrice, Acting Chief Academic 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.

**Point of Pride**

Dr. Rosalyn Evans, High School Director, presented a Point of Pride Award to members of the Clarksville High School Trap Team. The team competed in the National Scholastic Clay Target Program Team Championships in Sparta, Illinois, in July and won third place in the nation. One of this past season's students received an \$80,000 scholarship for his abilities. This was the first time in the competition's history that a Tennessee team placed at all. Teri Lindsey is teacher sponsor and Bruce McGaha is coach for the team.

Debbie Mobley, Child Nutrition Director, recognized members of the Northeast Middle School child nutrition staff. NEMS celebrated National School Breakfast Week with many creative breakfast promotions encouraging participation. Breakfast participation was up by 27% for the week.

CMCSS Child Nutrition personnel were recognized for their quick planning and effort to utilize \$40,000 worth of fresh produce within a three-day timeline. The field staff members and some of the summer school workers helped to blanch and blast-chill produce including 15,000 lbs. of red and green peppers, 20,000 lbs. of broccoli, and over 10,000 lbs. of red and yellow onions. Chief Financial Officer Danny Grant added that another point of pride concerning our Child Nutrition Department is that it is totally self-funded. No local tax dollars are used to support the program.

**Public Conversation**

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

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Ms. Smithson made a motion to approve items on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garland and carried 6-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- July 13, 2010 regular session minutes
- Retiree insurance option for 2014 retirees, first reading August 3, 2010
- Approval of Hearing Officers, first reading August 3, 2010

### **Reports**

**Goal 4 – Begin Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) Integration in K-12.** Mr. Harris commented that the report tonight would focus on the STEM Academy at Kenwood High School, and a second portion of the report would be given at the Board study session on August 24. Dr. Sean Impeartrice noted that today was the first full day of school at the new STEM Academy. He introduced Christi Fordham, KHS Lead Administrator for the academy, who presented the report. Ms. Fordham introduced STEM faculty members. Parent presentations about the academy were held in the spring followed by application and selection processes. Selected students were notified before the end of school in May 2010. Over 100 students applied, and 46 are currently enrolled. Over the summer months, the instructors attended PRIDE Academy training, honors training, and specialized training. Following training, the teachers worked on integrated lesson planning. Ms. Fordham also reported that members of the community have volunteered their time and expertise to come in and assist the academy.

### **Board Discussion and Consideration**

**Employee Charge Certification** – Board Attorney Jill Ayers commented that these were additional charges that would supplement original charges the Board had certified at an earlier date. Board members had been given these additional charges prior to the meeting. Mrs. Dowdy made a motion that if the charges are true, they warrant the dismissal of the teacher. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garland and carried 6-0.

**Amendment to the Director of Schools Contract** – Board Attorney Jill Ayers commented that she had previously sent Board members the Director's requested amendment to his contract concerning health insurance benefits. Mrs. Dowdy made a motion to approve the amendment to the contract. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

### **Comments**

**CMCEA** President Carol Berry commented that they would be recognizing instructors from each level as well as administrators each month.

**Ft. Campbell School Liaison Officer** Willa Garrett commented that Military Family Life Consultants arrived today to help in our schools with students having problems dealing with parent deployment. She asked for input from staff as to how they might be able to assist the district with our students and staff members.

County Commission School Liaison Committee chairman Keith Politi noted that the committee had enjoyed working with Mr. Mann over the years on the Board.

**Board Member Comments**

Mrs. Dowdy congratulated Mr. Mann on his 24 years of service on the Board. Mr. Garland thanked Mr. Mann for all he had done for him as a friend and mentor over the years. Ms. Smithson stated how much she appreciated Mr. Mann's assistance to her as a new Board member. Mr. Murphy commented he had enjoyed serving with Mr. Mann for sixteen years. He noted that Mr. Mann had made many contributions to the district and the Board. Mr. Giles expressed his appreciation to Mr. Mann for all he had done for him and the district over the years. Mr. Mann commented on how much he had enjoyed serving on the School Board for the past 24 years. He stated he will continue to be focused on children throughout his life.

**Director of Schools Report**

Mr. Harris stated he would forego a report at this meeting. He commented that Mr. Mann was an advocate for children par excellence and had done much at the local, state, and national level to do the right thing for children and in sharing with others what it means to be a good Board member and what it takes to be a good School Board. Mr. Harris said that he appreciated Mr. Mann's leadership in the school district.

Mr. Giles commented that by his calculations, Mr. Mann had influenced the lives of 121,436 people by improving education in this county. He said that he did not know anyone else personally that had influenced so many others, and those people will go on to influence others. A plaque was presented to Mr. Mann along with a formal resolution adopted by the members of the School Board enumerating Mr. Mann's accomplishments over the past 24 years and thanking him for his dedicated service.

The items on the agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

George Giles  
Vice Chair

Michael T. Harris  
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls  
Board Secretary