

**Minutes  
Clarksville-Montgomery County  
Board of Education  
September 14, 2010**

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, September 14, 2010, in the Board Room, Central Office, 621 Gracey Avenue, Clarksville. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: George Giles, Acting Chairman; Josh Baggett, Ernest Brockman, Eula Gardner Dowdy, Jimmie Garland, Horace Murphy, Jr., 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; 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, John Genis, Dalton Harrison, and Keith Politi.

**Director of Schools Evaluation**

Board Attorney Jill Ayers noted that Board members monitor the Director throughout the year based on compliance with Executive Limitations and Ends policies. In addition, Board members had received a year-end report that had been reviewed. Mrs. Dowdy made a motion declaring that the Director of Schools had met the expectations and performance requirements under his contract during the past year. Mr. Murphy seconded the motion which carried with six votes in favor, and Mr. Baggett abstaining.

**Consideration of Contract**

Mr. Garland made a motion to renew the Director of Schools' contract, seconded by Mrs. Dowdy. Clarification was made by Mrs. Ayers that this contract renewal was separate from the contract amendment passed by the Board the previous month. The motion carried unanimously.

**Point of Pride**

Dr. Rosalyn Evans, High School Director, presented a Point of Pride award to Robert Fisher, Rossvie High School senior. Robert was elected Attorney General of Boys Nation. He was one of two representatives from Tennessee at Boys Nation. Mr. Fisher stated he was thankful to have been a participant and that he had received a great view of American government and policy and had an opportunity to make many new friends from across the nation.

**Special Presentation**

School Board members were joined at the podium by Jim and Dottie Mann. Members of the Board commended Mr. Mann for the many positive contributions made during his 24 years of service to the school system. The Board presented Mr. Mann with a ring and a lifetime pass to CMCSS activities.

**Public Conversation** - There were no requests to address the Board at this session.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

On a motion by Ms. Smithson, seconded by Mr. Garland, Consent Agenda items were approved 7-0. Items on the agenda were:

- August 10, 2010 regular session minutes
- Article VIII, MOA between CMCSS and CMCEA, first reading August 24, 2010
- Surplus Property – Wheel Alignment Machine, first reading August 24, 2010

- Surplus Property – Technology, first reading August 24, 2010
- 2010-2011 Extended Contract Proposal, first reading August 24, 2010
- 2010-2011 Budget Amendments (first quarter), first reading September 7, 2010

### **Policy Monitoring**

EL-11 – Capital Projects – Mr. Harris presented highlights of the policy monitoring report for EL-11 stating that all of the limitations had been followed. Ms. Smithson made a motion declaring full compliance with EL-11 for this reporting period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and carried 7-0.

### **Reports**

Goal 2 – Continue implementation of new curriculum standards. Curriculum and Instruction Director Sallie Armstrong stated that in 2008 the State approved new standards for science, language arts, math, and reading which are closely aligned to the NAEP standards. The district began training and providing support for instructors to ensure their understanding. Academic coaches, consulting teachers, and school administrators provided additional counsel and training. Summer work included rewriting the scope and sequence and benchmarks in those subjects. Dr. Armstrong commended the Board for the support provided to the teachers in the district to improve student achievement. This year Just-in-Time trainings will continue for teachers. Dr. Armstrong added that preliminary data indicates the district is positioned very well considering the change in standards and the way results are measured. Social Studies standards will be revised in the future.

### **Board Discussion and Consideration**

Board Election of Officers – Mrs. Ayers opened the nominations for Board Chair. Mrs. Dowdy nominated Mr. Garland for Board Chair. No other nominations were made. On a vote of 7-0, the Board elected Mr. Garland as Board Chair for the term of October 1, 2010 – September 30, 2011.

Mrs. Ayers opened the nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Murphy nominated Ms. Smithson. There were no additional nominations. The Board voted 6-0 to elect Ms. Smithson as Vice Chair. Ms. Smithson abstained from the vote.

2011 Legislative Interests - Mr. Giles asked if there were any items that Board members would like to pull from the list that had been presented for first reading at the September 7 Board study session. Ms. Smithson asked for item #1 – Statutory Conflicts Affecting School Personnel Law in Tennessee to be pulled and voted on separately. Mr. Baggett asked that item #5 – Local Funding Authority for Boards of Education be pulled from the list.

Mr. Giles stated that the Board would first vote on the remaining items on the document, items 2-4 and 6-13. Mr. Murphy made a motion to adopt the remaining items listed, seconded by Ms. Smithson. The motion carried 7-0. The Board then considered item #1. There was no motion to accept item #1.

Considering item #5, Mr. Murphy made a motion to place the item before the Board for the purpose of discussion. Mr. Garland seconded the motion. Mr. Baggett stated he had a concern that the check and balance in place right now with two separate bodies looking at the budget, namely the County Commission and the School Board, provided assurance to tax payers concerning the use of tax dollars. Mr. Murphy then amended the motion to table the item and discuss it further in a study session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smithson. During discussion, Ms. Smithson added that the Board might want to consider the special school district option which had been previously discussed in study session. The motion carried

on a vote of 6 in favor and Mr. Giles abstaining. Mr. Harris stated that the 2011 Legislative Interests document would be sent to the Tennessee School Boards Association as adopted by the Board.

**Comments**

CMCEA President Carol Berry welcomed the newly-elected Board members. She stated that CMCEA had honored Mr. Mann for his service to the district. Mrs. Berry commented on upcoming classes that CMCEA will be offering to assist teachers and parents.

School Liaison Committee chairman Keith Politi congratulated Mr. Garland and Ms. Smithson on their election and welcomed Mr. Baggett as a new Board member.

**Board Member Comments**

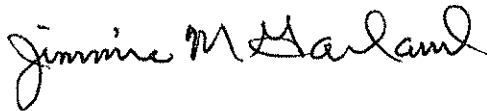
Ms. Smithson and Mr. Murphy welcomed Mr. Baggett to the Board. In addition, Mr. Murphy commented on a visit he had made to the Imagine Academy in Smyrna, Georgia. Mr. Baggett thanked everyone for their hospitality and assistance in helping him as a new Board member.

Mr. Garland also welcomed Mr. Baggett. He thanked the Board members for the confidence they showed in him by electing him Chair for the upcoming year. Mr. Brockman welcomed Mr. Baggett and congratulated the newly elected officers. Mrs. Dowdy said she looked forward to a very productive year. She also welcomed Mr. Baggett, congratulated the new officers, and thanked Mr. Giles for his service as Board Vice Chair. Mr. Giles added his congratulations to the new officers and new Board member.

**Director of Schools Report**

Mr. Harris commented that everything was moving ahead as scheduled on the Montgomery Central High School renovation. Mr. Harris also presented information on the new state evaluation process for teachers and principals brought about by the Race to the Top program. Mr. Harris reminded Board members that three constructions projects would be moving forward this year. Carmel Elementary is in project design now with construction bidding taking place in January and bids coming to the Board in February. Land options are still being reviewed for elementary school #23. The third project is renovation for Northwest High School. A feasibility study has been completed and architect selection will move forward over the next few months. Mr. Harris invited Board members to the grand openings of the Fort Campbell Credit Union branches located at Rossvie High and Northeast High.

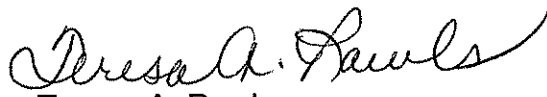
Items on the agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Jimmie M. Garland  
Board Chair



Michael T. Harris  
Director of Schools



Teresa A. Rawls  
Board Secretary