

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

November 9, 2010

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, November 9, 2010, in the Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Jimmie Garland, Chairman; Josh Baggett, Ernest Brockman, Eula Gardner Dowdy, George Giles, Horace Murphy, Jr., and Carol Smithson. Also present were: Michael Harris, Director of Schools; Suzanne Pearson, acting for Board Attorney Jill Ayers; 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: Jerry Allbert, John Genis, Dalton Harrison, Tommy Vallejos, and Keith Politi.

Point of Pride

High School Director Rosalyn Evans introduced Point of Pride recipients Mr. Al Cooper, Mr. John Miller, and Mr. Frank Myers, all of Rossvie High School. These individuals were Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association award winners for Mid-State Coach of the Year, Mid-State Athletic Director of the Year, and Mid-State Administrator of the Year respectively. In addition, Rossvie High School is one of three nominees for the A.F. Bridges Good Sportsmanship Award.

Dr. Evans presented Northwest High School Guidance Counselor Karen Stasiorowski with a Point of Pride. Ms. Stasiorowski has been instrumental in coordinating the College Night for local schools for the past five years. During that time, the event has grown in numbers of participants from colleges as well as in numbers of parents and students attending.

Public Participation

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 Ms. Smithson. The motion passed 7-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- October 5, 2010 regular session minutes
- Adjustment to the 2011-2012 calendar, first reading October 26, 2010
- Surplus property, first reading November 2, 2010

Policy Monitoring

Mr. Harris commented on the policy monitoring report for EL-5 – Financial Administration. Mr. Harris noted that all elements of EL-5 have been met. Mrs. Dowdy

made a motion declaring full compliance with EL-5 for this reporting period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and carried unanimously.

Reports

Goal #15 – Increase parent participation in use of student information system. Chief Communications Officer Elise Shelton reported that increasing parent participation in Power School has been an ongoing cooperative effort between the Communications and Technology departments. This is the third year that Power School has been in use with CMCSS. The emphasis has been to increase the number of parents utilizing Power School through their own passwords rather than their students' passwords. At the beginning of this year, a survey was taken showing approximately 20% of parents were using this technology. The goal this year was to increase that usage by an additional 20%. Mrs. Shelton reported that goal has been met at this time, and work will continue to improve on that number. Mrs. Shelton stated this has been accomplished by involvement of school staff, technology staff attending school open houses and events to assist parents, and using ConnectEd to convey the availability of the technology. In addition, parents had previously only been able to obtain a password by going to the school in person. After legal review, it was determined that there was an acceptable method for mailing the passwords and still protecting students. At this time 8,006 parent accounts have been created. Students and parents that have not accessed Power School have been identified by school and will be followed-up with.

Comments

CMCEA President Carol Berry stated that CMCEA members had recently attended a bargaining conference. She commented that CMCEA is looking forward to celebrating American Education Week beginning November 14.

Ft. Campbell School Liaison Officer Pauline Hutchison noted that the Senior Leaders meeting had been held at Ft. Campbell in October. She announced there would be a conference for school counselors will be held January 19 to provide support for schools as deployed soldiers begin returning home in January possibly affecting student behaviors.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Garland thanked staff for all they do that makes CMCSS one of the best districts in the state.

Director of Schools Report

Mr. Harris shared detailed information with the Board concerning the dropout rate for the district. In 2007-2008 the district had 108 dropouts. In 2008-2009 the number of dropouts decreased to 84, and last year the number dropped to 61. Mr. Harris commented that interventions that have been put in place are working, but there is still work to be done.

Mr. Harris noted that several capital projects will be coming up during this school year. The Northwest High School architect selection and resolution for renovation should be

going to the Board for first reading on December 7. Also, the resolution for elementary school #23 should be presented at that time. Bid opening for Carmel Elementary is scheduled for January 27 and the final resolution should be brought to the Board in February. Mr. Harris stated that all three of these projects are critical to the district to maintain capacity for students as well as quality of facilities.

The items on the agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.



Jimmie M. Garland
Board Chair



Michael T. Harris
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary