

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

December 14, 2010

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, December 14, 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; 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, Tommy Vallejos, and Keith Politi.

Public Conversation

Ms. Cindy Mahan requested to address the Board on the subject of the Northwest High School renovation project. Ms. Mahan stated she encouraged the Board members to vote for the complete renovation of Northwest High School. Ms. Mahan commented on the many projects that parents have taken on themselves to upgrade the school. Parents and students have raised money for various items for the school. Ms. Mahan asked that Board members give back to the parents and students by supporting a full renovation of Northwest High School.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Ms. Smithson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda which was seconded by Mrs. Dowdy and passed unanimously. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- November 9, 2010 regular session minutes
- Changes to Board Policies: delete GP-2(E)a and GP-2(E)b; add new GP-2A; revised GP-16; revised policy monitoring frequency schedule, first reading November 16, 2010
- 2012-2013 School Calendar, first reading December 7, 2010
- Architect Selection for Northwest High School Renovation, first reading December 7, 2010
- Resolution appropriating funds for the renovation of Northwest High School and Construction of elementary school #23, first reading December 7, 2010

Policy Monitoring

Mr. Harris commented on the policy monitoring report for EL-1 – Global Executive Constraint. Mr. Harris noted that no violations of federal, state or local law have occurred. An independent audit has been conducted by Stone, Rudolph, and Henry with no findings. There have been no incidences of Title VI or Title IX findings against the school system. Mr. Murphy made a motion to declare compliance with this

executive limitation for this monitoring period. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dowdy and carried 7-0.

Reports

Strategic Goal #12 – Initiate assessment training with school leaders was reported on by Chief Academic Officer B. J. Worthington and Professional Development Coordinator Susan Jones. Dr. Worthington noted that training, which began some time ago, is ongoing in the district. Dr. Worthington described the balanced assessment system, summative and formative assessments, and how benchmarks are used. Dr. Worthington commented that the purpose of assessments is to know exactly where each student is in their learning and then apply teaching appropriately. Assessments are for the benefit of students and instructors. Dr. Worthington explained that standards are broken down into smaller “targets” which are then tied to assessments. Next steps for this goal include appropriate assessment design and effective communication of assessments. Dr. Jones explained how the professional learning communities (PLC’s) are working on sharing balanced assessment concepts.

Strategic Goal #16 – Increase community contributions was reported on by Communications Director Elise Shelton and Community Relations Coordinator Candy Johnson. Mrs. Shelton stated there are three main areas that have been the focus of this goal - Partners in Education; Education Foundation; and community relations efforts. This year there has been emphasis on collecting data concerning this goal and in creating opportunities for community contributions. Mrs. Johnson shared progress that has been made during the first half of this school year. She reported that our district has experienced an increase in community contributions. The Teacher Warehouse had over 46,000 items donated and is completely staffed by volunteers. Premier Medical sponsored coats for students in need again this year. Over \$8,000 worth of printing services has been donated by Jostens Printing and Publishing for producing Kinder Kit cards. These kits will be distributed during spring orientations for students entering kindergarten next year. A \$50,000 grant was received from Dow-Corning to support the STEM initiative. Nine new Partners in Education were added this school year and giving and volunteer hours have increased. Vision to Reality contributions increased \$31,000. In addition, over 200 local businesses have signed up to participate in a district fundraiser with buy one-get one free offers. Proceeds will go to the schools. Participation in Business after School, TN Score events, and the 100% Graduation Initiative has increased over last year as well.

Comments

CMCEA President Carol Berry reported that the association’s focus in November had been on teacher appreciation and providing assistance for needy families. She stated that there would be an upcoming workshop on using technology to improve student achievement and education.

Board Member Comments

Each Board member shared their wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Director of Schools Report

Mr. Harris commented that due to the days missed already this week and uncertainty about the weather for the remainder of the week, exams will be delayed until students return in January. January 5 and 6 are to be exam review with exams on January 7 and January 10. The approved inclement weather plan had called for using December 20 and 21 as makeup days, however, staff recommended not using those dates on such short notice.

There being no further items on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Jimmie M. Garland
Board Chair



Michael T. Harris
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary