

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

March 8, 2011

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, March 8, 2011, 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; Jill Ayers, Board Attorney; 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, Tommy Vallejos, Dalton Harrison, and Keith Politi.

Special Presentation to the Board

Mr. Jimmy Dunn presented a check to the Board of Education from the Education Foundation for \$25,000. Mr. Dunn stated that the Education Foundation had now contributed \$30,000 of their \$50,000 goal to help put technology in 100% of the core classrooms. He expressed the Foundation's appreciation to the community for their support.

Point of Pride

Middle School Director Sean Impeartrice presented a Point of Pride award to members of the Northeast Middle School Electric Eagles First LEGO League team members. The team placed sixth overall out of more than sixty teams in the Tennessee State First LEGO League Championship at Tennessee Tech University. This was the team's first competition. They also placed second in teamwork points, second in presentation research points, and were in the top eight in robot design and robot performance. Team members are: Gavin Cobb, Justin Doane, Tyler Hagemann, Devan Iturrian, Timothy Kirby, Kyle Brooks, Dalton Claxton, Jacob Kenton, Keya Patel, Alexsis Wade-Rivas, Paul Campuzana, John Gibson, Nathaniel Harris, Nathaniel Lawhon-Thompson, Katelyn Mitchell, and Akshar Patel. Student Coaches are Fiala Bumpers and Lily Joiner. Teacher coaches are Polly Kopp and Whitney Joiner.

CMCSS Activities Coordinator Brett Burchwell presented a Point of Pride Award to the Montgomery Central High School Varsity Cheerleading Squad. For the third year in a row, the cheerleaders placed first in their division at the National High School Cheerleading Championship in February in Orlando, Florida. Members of the cheerleading squad are Ciara Anderson, Leighana Morrison, Harley Rose, Miranda Downing, Charlsie Morrison, Crystal Scott, Shayla Perry, Devin Paulus, Katie Boyce, Bailey McMahan, Kylie Eastin, and Nicole Lynn. Their coaches are Keri Lehman and Paige Walker. Mr. Burchwell added that the team also is involved in many efforts to support the community and community events.

Curriculum and Instruction Director Sallie Armstrong presented a Point of Pride Award to Ali Kingston, Kenwood High School senior. Miss Kingston competed in January in the American Legion's High School Oratorical Contest in Nashville and won first place. Her speech topic was the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. She won the Middle Tennessee Division. Since that competition, she competed in the State event placing second and winning a \$2,000 scholarship.

Dr. Armstrong introduced the STEM integration pilot school principals and presented them with Point of Pride Awards. The principals are Kim Smith, Moore Magnet; Bart Dixon, Kenwood Middle; and Hal Bedell, Kenwood High School. These principals and their faculties are working together to improve academic instruction and teaching strategies for science and math. Their success will eventually be shared across the district.

The 2011-2012 Teacher of the Year candidates were recognized for their individual achievements and presented with a plaque commemorating this honor. The candidates are Chandra Stokes, Clarksville High School for 9-12 grade; Martha Shelton Durrett, Richview Middle School for 5-8 grade; and Cynthia Rogers, Norman Smith Elementary for pre-K – 4th grade. These teachers will now compete at the regional level of this State competition.

Public Conversation

Chris Gonzales, 1657 Valley Road, Clarksville, addressed the Board concerning the inadequacy of the snow days in the school calendar. Mr. Gonzales believes ten to thirteen days should be in the calendar to use for snow days.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Giles made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Baggett. The motion carried unanimously. Consent Agenda items were:

- February 8, 2011 regular session minutes
- February 15, 2011 special session minutes
- 2011-12 Authorized Student Expenditures
- Agreement for Maintenance of Little Bobcat Lane and Storm Drainage System
- Agreement for Maintenance of West Creek Coyote Trail and Storm Drainage System
- 2011-12 April 1 Continuation Budget Request
- FY2010-2011 Capital Projects Change - \$650,000 for Site Work for Carmel Elementary
- Inclement Weather Plan 2010-2011

Policy Monitoring

EL-5 – Financial Administration Mr. Murphy made a motion to declare full compliance for this reporting period. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dowdy and passed 7-0.

EL-12 - Rezoning Mr. Harris noted that no rezoning had taken place for the 2010-2011 school year and none is planned at this time for the 2011-12 school year. Mr. Harris also stated that there is currently a project team in place headed by Chief Operations Officer Jim Sumrell that is studying a comprehensive zone plan for the Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools. The project team is expected to complete their work in May. Mr. Harris clarified that any zoning recommendations made would not be for the 2011-12 school year, but for some time beyond next school year. Mrs. Dowdy made a motion to declare compliance with this executive limitation for this reporting period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and carried 7-0.

Reports

Goal 8 – Implement automated inventory system for Child Nutrition was reported on by Chief Financial Officer Danny Grant. Mr. Grant shared that this goal has been postponed until next school year. The Child Nutrition Assistant Director that had received training on the program resigned this year, and the new Assistant Director will be trained this year with implementation of the program during the 2011-12 school year.

Goal 13 – Continue expanding leadership development opportunities for all staff

Dr. Susan Jones, Professional Development Coordinator, presented an update to the Board of the professional development opportunities offered to all staff in the district. Dr. Jones described the various training programs used by the district. In addition to specialized training in departments, other training opportunities include Just-in-Time Training, Leadership Development I, Aspiring Administrators Academy, Advanced Leadership Seminar series, Balanced Leadership, and executive leadership development opportunities.

Comments

CMCEA President Carol Berry commented on events association members have been involved in over the past month.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Giles stated that all of the Point of Pride recipients were especially representative of the great district that we have. He thanked the Education Foundation for their support. Mr. Murphy also thanked the Education Foundation and Mr. Jimmy Dunn.

Director of School Report

Mr. Harris stated he had no additional report tonight.

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



Jimmie M. Garland
Board Chair



Michael T. Harris
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary