

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

May 10, 2011

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, May 10, 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; 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, and Keith Politi.

Point of Pride

CMCSS School Support Coordinator Brett Burchwell recognized several student athletes. Misti Make, Northeast High School, won a State championship in wrestling. All-State football players receiving recognition were: C.J. Board, West Creek High; Reco Williams, Northeast High. All-State basketball players receiving recognition were: Rachel Allen, Northeast High; Bashaara Graves, Clarksville High; Alex Poythress, Northeast High; Zavion Williams, West Creek High; and Andre Brown, Northwest High.

Mr. Harris recognized several community members that volunteered during the Operation Serve program. The group was led by Andy Lyons. Other volunteers recognized were Rog Hill, Christy Crosby, Lindsey Frey, Ashley Van Sickle, and Mike Monroe.

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Harris requested that the 2011-2012 Budget Request - All Funds be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Mr. Giles made a motion to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and carried unanimously. Consent Agenda items were:

- April 5, 2011 regular session minutes
- 2010-2011 Final Budget Amendments, first reading May 3, 2011
- FY12 Federal Consolidated Entitlement Grant Application, first reading May 3, 2011
- 2011 Tenure List, first reading May 3, 2011
- School Board Attorney Fees Letter of Understanding, first reading May 3, 2011
- 2011-12 Changes to the Student Code of Conduct, first reading May 3, 2011

Policy Monitoring

Mr. Harris presented the monitoring report for EL-5 – Financial Administration commenting that the district is in compliance with all items. Mrs. Dowdy made a motion declaring full compliance with EL-5 for this monitoring period. The motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, carried 7-0.

The monitoring report for EL-13 – Career-Technical Programs was presented. Mr. Giles made a motion declaring full compliance for this reporting period. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smithson and carried unanimously.

Reports

1. Chief Academic Officer B. J. Worthington and CTE Coordinator Karen Pitts presented the report for Goal 3 – Increase career-technical certification programs and dual enrollment options. Mrs. Pitts commented that State funding for the upcoming year would be a challenge as funding had been cut by approximately 20% due to federal Perkins funds having been cut. Mrs. Pitts described the career-technical areas, where the programs are located, and number of students enrolled for the district. A total of 4,981 students are currently enrolled in CTE programs, up 197 students from the prior school year. Expanded programs include Kenwood High's engineering program and Montgomery Central's Health Science program. Mrs. Pitts presented details about certification and dual-enrollment programs. EMS First Responder certification will be available to students enrolled in that program at Kenwood High beginning next year due to partnership with Montgomery County EMS. This year, upgrading the automotive program at Northwest High began and will continue through next year. The student bank program will be expanded to Clarksville High next year as well. The technology engineering program at Northeast High will be revitalized. Mrs. Pitts commented on the first Career Exploration Day that had been held at APSU for all eighth grade students. This event will take place again in the 2011-12 school year.

2. Communications Assistant Director Andrew Pitt and Webcast/Video Producer Danielle Kras presented the report for Goal 14 – Increase exposure of Focus TV. Mr. Pitt stated that Focus TV started in 2009 as a way to share positive stories throughout the district. The program allows individuals to watch videos on demand. This format also allows the district to share the needs and concerns of the district. Mrs. Kras shared that to promote interest in Focus TV, the program is advertised in the CMCSS employee newsletter, through Broadcast classes in the schools, was advertised in the City Saver coupon book, and on the newly-created CMCSS Facebook page. Unique hits to the Focus website have been monitored since February 2010. The data indicates whether hits are from inside the CMCSS network or from outside and which videos are of the most interest. Data has shown a steady increase in unique viewers and a more dramatic increase in total viewers. STEM videos were the most watched this year. Mr. Pitt stated that their department would be looking for ways to increase the use of Focus TV as well as ways to improve the programs.

3. Report of Executive Order - Mr. Harris commented that an Executive Order had been executed to meet the May 1 application deadline for a TSBA award made on behalf of CMCSS to recognize David B. Smith for his support and work on behalf of the "100% Graduation is Clarksville's Business" project. Mr. Harris noted that Board members had been notified as required by Board policy.

4. 2011-2012 Budget Request – All Funds This item had been moved from the Consent Agenda. First reading on the budget occurred on April 19 and 26, 2011. Mr. Harris commented on two changes that had been made since the Board had first reading. Mr. Harris noted that on the General Purpose School Fund Expenditures, the Director of Schools fund 72320, line 399 Community Relations Contracted Services, had been increased by \$15,000 to allow for audits connected with ISO certification next year. The line increased from \$10,000 to \$25,000. The second change is in the Transportation Fund, line 72710, line 189. This line was decreased due to elimination of one position. Mrs. Dowdy made a motion to adopt the 2011-2012 Budget Request for all funds. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. Mr. Baggett noted his concern about asking for funding of three school building projects as well as a tax increase to fund the budget. The motion carried 6-1 with Mr. Baggett voting against.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Baggett stated that while he had voted against the budget, he believed that the budget did represent the needs of the district, not just desires of the district.

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