

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

June 14, 2011

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, June 14, 2011, in the Board Room, 621 Gracey Avenue, Clarksville, TN. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Jimmie Garland, Chairman; Josh Baggett, 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: John Genis, Dalton Harrison, Keith Politi, and Tommy Vallejos.

Point of Pride

Elementary Education Director Ann Griffin presented a Point of Pride Award to the Native Cultural Center for their outstanding contributions of Native American literature to CMCSS elementary school libraries. To date, NCC has given nine different titles to each elementary school.

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion, seconded by Mrs. Dowdy, carried 6-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- May 10, 2011 regular session minutes
- Energy Efficient Schools Initiative Grant – MCHS, first reading June 7, 2011
- Surplus School Vehicles, first reading June 7, 2011
- Vehicle Transfer to Intergovernmental Agency, first reading June 7, 2011
- Change to 2011-2012 School Year Calendar, first reading June 7, 2011

Policy Monitoring

Mr. Harris presented the policy monitoring report for EL-8 – Commitment to Accomplishment, Accountability, Accreditation, and Reporting to the Public. Mr. Harris commented that the backbone of the district's accountability is the strategic planning process which this year included specifying Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). All KPIs will be reported on in the End of Year Review which should be complete by July 31. Mr. Harris noted that academic conferences also add to the accountability of the district. During academic conferences, principals meet with members of the Instructional Team to discuss issues in each school. Mr. Harris stated that plans are to reinstate process management personnel and be re-certified under ISO9001. Mrs. Dowdy made a motion declaring full compliance with this executive limitation for this reporting period. Mr. Giles seconded the motion which carried 6-0.

Reports

Strategic Goal 10 – Assess and complete model classroom project rollout Chief Technology Officer David Holman reported that at the beginning of the 2010-11 school year, 87% of the classrooms had been completed with the model classroom set up. Due to budget cuts, the district did not expend any funds for model classroom set ups this year. Five additional set ups were furnished by the Education Foundation, which did not change the percentage of classrooms. The percentage remains at 87% of completion. Mr. Garland asked if this year's

budget would allow for additional classes to be completed. Mr. Holman commented that labs and replacement cycle would be a higher priority, and model classrooms would be looked at later in the year if funds still remained available in the budget.

Strategic Goal 6 – Replace current benchmark assessment software to address specific district and state needs Senior Computer Programmer Joe Williams presented this report. Mr. Williams commented that CMCSS had entered into a contract in 2004 for Edusoft to provide benchmark assessments and reports to support student achievement. Over time, reliability and support from the vendor for the software decreased and it became necessary to look for alternate software. Finding no software that met the district's specific needs, a decision was made to develop the software in-house. The software development began in April 2010 with Instruction and Technology departments determining a timeline and requirements for the project. Last month a beta version of the new software was made available to instructional department staff, consulting teachers, and academic coaches. The new software, Test Drive, updates information on a daily basis versus Edusoft updating every two weeks. The new software also allows pre-slugging of test information increasing the accuracy of the information. The first testing of the software was just completed with Summer Literacy Camp teachers. Results are very positive. On July 1, Test Drive will become the district's sole benchmark assessment software. Technology and Instruction will continue to work together to identify and improve the system as it is used this year with classroom teachers.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Dowdy thanked the County Commission for supporting the school district needs by passing the budget. Mr. Giles agreed and added that the action of the County Commission would help pay down the County debt. Mr. Murphy also thanked the Commissioners and Jimmy Settle, Leaf Chronicle reporter, for his articles on budget issues. Mr. Garland added his thanks to Commissioners for their courageous action.

Director of Schools Report

Mr. Harris shared a resolution from the Tennessee General Assembly recognizing the 100% Graduation Initiative. Over 100 businesses are recognized in the resolution. Mr. Harris also presented Board members with a schedule of study session topics for the first half of the 11-12 school year and some information about the new legislation concerning "collaborative conferencing". Mr. Harris noted that the district desires to support teachers through the development of administrative policies that will replace some of the issues previously found in the Memorandum of Agreement. The current agreement will expire on June 30, 2011.

The items on the agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Jimmie M. Garland
Board Chair



Michael T. Harris
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary