

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

**September 13, 2011**

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, September 13, 2011, in the Board Room of the central administration offices, 621 Gracey Avenue, Clarksville, Tennessee. 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, John Genis, Keith Politi, and Tommy Vallejos.

**Point of Pride**

School Support Coordinator Brett Burchwell recognized Point of Pride Award recipients from Montgomery Central Middle School who had placed in the State Skeet, Trap, and Sporting Clays competition. Members of the teams are Ben Smith, Trace Crockett, Trey Johnson, Jacob Morse, Kelley Adkins, John Michael Baggett, Miles Wilbur, Matthew Cellusta, Cooper Cunningham, and Hector Quintero. Ben Smith also competed in the Junior Olympics where he won the silver medal. Team members that qualified for the Academic All-State Team are Ben Smith, John Michael Baggett, and Trey Johnson. The teams are coached by Marty Moore and Jeff Stanfill.

Mr. Burchwell recognized Point of Pride Award recipients from the Cumberland Heights Elementary Skeet and Sporting Clays teams. Team members are Trent Crockett, Hunter Roney, Jared Parchman, Landon Morrison, Preston Bridges, and Clayton Yates. Trent Crockett and Hunter Roney qualified for the Academic All-State Team. Coaches are Marty Moore and Jeff Stanfill.

**Public Conversation**

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mr. Giles made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 7-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- August 9, 2011 regular session minutes
- 2011-2012 Extended Contract Proposal, first reading August 23, 2011
- 2012 Legislative Interests, first reading August 23, 2011

**Policy Monitoring**

Mr. Harris provided information to the Board concerning the EL-11 Capital Projects policy monitoring report. Mr. Harris commented that quarterly construction reports help to keep Board members informed on the progress of all construction and renovation projects. Mr. Harris noted that the district usually receives one half of the capital projects budget requested. Capital projects are prioritized as follows: 1) student and staff safety, 2) educational needs, 3) environmental impact, and 4) aesthetics. Mr. Murphy made a motion declaring full compliance with this executive limitation for this reporting period. The motion, seconded by Mrs. Dowdy, passed unanimously.

### **Reports**

#### **Goal 2 – Implement common core standards**

Curriculum and Instruction Director Sallie Armstrong presented the report for Goal 2. Dr. Armstrong noted that the district already had gone through a similar change from the state standards to the Diploma Project standards. Common Core is part of the agreement the state made when receiving the Race to the Top Grant. Tennessee belongs to one of two consortiums that together total 44 states involved in the Common Core Standards project. Dr. Armstrong noted that we have many students that move here from other states. Common Core standards will mean those students will have had similar standards taught when they transition from one state to another. This project will not be completed until 2014-15. She commented that the new standards will help ensure high school graduates are college or career ready.

### **Board Discussion and Consideration**

#### **1. 2012-13 Proposed School Rezoning**

The proposed 2012-2013 rezoning plan was presented to the Board for first reading on July 26, 2011, and a Public Hearing was held September 6, 2011. Mr. Harris explained that since the public hearing, the project team had met and several changes to the plan were being recommended based on feedback from the public. Mr. Harris noted the changes are only for the middle and high school rezoning plan and that no changes had been made to the elementary plan. Recommended changes to the plan include:

- Implementation timeline changed to include students currently in high school. All students currently in 9<sup>th</sup> grade or higher will have the option of staying in their current school until graduation provided they furnish their own transportation.
- Student Group 1 – Kenwood to Northwest. No changes made to the initial plan.
- Student Group 2 – Kenwood to West Creek. Students will remain at Kenwood
- Student Group 3 – West Creek to Northeast. The zone lines will be changed; however, students in grades 6 – 12 will have the option of staying in the West Creek schools provided they furnish their own transportation. This change is due to the fact that these same students have been rezoned on previous occasions.
  
- Student Group 4 – Rossvie to Kenwood. This group was partially changed. Students living south of the Red River will not be rezoned to Kenwood, but will remain at

Rossvie. The group north of the Red River will go to Kenwood. This will provide for better socio-economic balance.

- Student Group 5 – Clarksville High and Richview Middle to Rossvie schools. No changes made to the initial plan.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to implement the plan with the recommended revisions. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smithson. The motion carried 6-1, with Mrs. Dowdy voting against.

## 2. Board election of officers

Mrs. Ayers opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair. Mr. Baggett nominated Mr. Giles for Board Chair. No other nominations were made. The Board elected Mr. Giles unanimously.

Mrs. Dowdy nominated Mr. Murphy for Board Vice Chair. No other nominations were made. Mr. Murphy was elected Vice Chair 7-0.

## Comments

Ft. Campbell School Liaison Officer Tayranette Williams commented on the upcoming building resilience training.

## Board Member Comments

Mr. Giles thanked the Board members for their confidence in him and for their future support. Mr. Murphy echoed those comments. Mr. Garland thanked the Board for their assistance and encouragement during his year as Board Chair.

## Director of Schools Report

Mr. Harris noted that the Partners in Education Breakfast would be held the following day. He thanked all of the Partners in Education businesses and individuals for their generosity during the year.

Items on the agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Jimmie Garland  
Board Chair



Michael T. Harris  
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls  
Board Secretary