

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

November 8, 2011

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, November 8, 2011, in the Board Room, central administration offices, 621 Gracey Avenue, Clarksville, Tennessee. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: George Giles, Chairman; Josh Baggett, Ernest Brockman, Eula Gardner Dowdy, Jimmie Garland, 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, Dalton Harrison, and Keith Politi.

Aspire Presentation to the Board

Mr. James Chavez, President of the Montgomery County Economic Development Council, presented a \$10,000 check to the Clarksville-Montgomery County School Board on behalf of the Aspire Foundation in support of STEM initiatives.

Point of Pride

Elementary Education Director Priscilla Story presented a Point of Pride Award to Principal Jane Winter from Minglewood Elementary. Mrs. Winter has served on the Tennessee State Principals Study Council Steering Committee for ten years and has recently been named the Chair for the council. Mrs. Story commented that Mrs. Winter has been an advocate for this council, for our principals, and for our County.

Dr. Rosalyn Evans, High School Director, presented a Point of Pride Award to Montgomery Central High School instructor Mike Brown. The State of Tennessee has named Mr. Brown as a finalist for the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. The Presidential Award is the highest recognition a teacher can attain in the United States. The program recognizes teachers for their contributions to teaching and learning and their ability to help students make progress in mathematics and science. Up to two secondary math teachers are selected every other year for this award.

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Garland, seconded by Mrs. Dowdy, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda items. Items were:

- October 4, 2011 regular session minutes
- Resolution Accepting EESI Funds for Montgomery Central High, first reading October 25, 2011
- Board Resolution Supporting Accountability in Public Education, first reading October 25, 2011
- Board Resolution Supporting Appointed Superintendent/Director of Schools in Public Education, first reading October 25, 2011
- Board Resolution Supporting Local Board of Education Establishment of Academic Calendars, first reading October 25, 2011
- Report of School System Compliance, first reading November 1, 2011
- Collaborative Conferencing: Special Question Committee, first reading November 1, 2011

Policy Monitoring

Mr. Harris shared highlights from the policy monitoring report for EL-5 – Financial Administration. Mr. Murphy made a motion declaring full compliance with this executive limitation for this reporting period. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dowdy and passed unanimously.

Reports

Student Achievement Data – Mr. Harris commented that the official State Report Card data has not been released for this year at this time. Chief Academic Officer B. J. Worthington shared information and statistics on student achievement data that is available. Dr. Worthington noted that this report was based on information that is evolving due to the State requested waivers. Currently, goals call for annual improvement of 3-5%. Dr. Worthington described how Just-In-Time Trainings are used in the schools to improve instruction as well as scores. Race to the Top funds are used in support of these trainings. Emily Vaughn, Sango Elementary Principal, described the process used in her school to identify areas of need for Just-in-Time Training and plan and conduct the trainings. Jamie James, Math Consulting Teacher, described how data is used to determine areas of need and plan Just-in-Time trainings for middle school math teachers. Teachers share their lesson plans that have proven to be successful for teaching the standards. Teachers leave the training with 6-8 high-quality lessons to teach. High School Director Rosalyn Evans commented on the high school ACT prep classes.

Comments

Ft. Campbell School Liaison Officer Tayranette Williams reported on a Student-to-Student conference she had attended along with three Kenwood High School students in Huntsville, Alabama. Students from twelve states attended the conference.

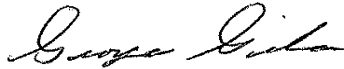
Board Member Comments

Mr. Baggett thanked Dr. Worthington and staff members for their report. Mr. Giles congratulated MCHS instructor Mike Brown on his nomination.

Director of Schools Report

Mr. Harris had no further comments.

Items on the agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



George Giles
Board Chair



Michael T. Harris
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary