

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

March 13, 2012

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, March 13, 2012, in the Board Room, central administration offices, 621 Gracey Avenue, Clarksville, TN. 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; Jeanine Chester, 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, Joe Creek, John Gannon, Jeremy Bowles, and Tommy Vallejos.

Point of Pride

Dr. Rosalyn Evans, High School Director, recognized the Montgomery Central High School Varsity Cheerleaders. The cheerleaders are four-time national champions in their division. Members of the cheerleader squad are Miranda Downing-Captain; Katie Boyce-Captain; Harley Rose-Captain; Charlsie Morrison; Crystal Scott; Bailey McMahan, Co-Captain; Kylie Eastin, Co-Captain; Nicole Lynn; Channell Davis; Brooklyn Cilk; Sarah Hedstrom; Ashley Travis; Josie Griffey; Keisha Rugante; Alisha Frost; and MaKayla Fielder. The squad is coached by Keri Lehman, assisted by Paige Walker.

Brett Burchwell, CMCSS Activities Coordinator, recognized high school wrestlers. Northeast High School Girls wrestling team came in 2nd place in the state tournament this year. Wrestlers are Misti Maki; Lyssa Maki; Maygan Reeves; Alysha Hanevold; Teneia Alike; Tori Knier; and Elizabeth Lynn. Managers are Kathryn Mitchell and Ciara Aragon. The team is coached by Angela Wilson-Haley and Rich Knier.

Other wrestlers recognized were Austyn Cardona from West Creek High School and Clarksville High School wrestlers DeQuan Wiggins; Bruno Reagan; Chad Isbell; and Hayden Jordan.

The CMCSS Teacher of the Year candidates were recognized. Candidates receiving a Point of Pride are Tracy Garza-Bramel from Moore Magnet School representing pre-K through 4th grade; and Jennifer Hill from Northeast High School representing 9-12 grade. These candidates will go on to compete in the regional portion of this state competition.

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Ms. Smithson made a motion to approve items on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garland and carried unanimously. Items on the consent agenda were:

- February 14, 2012 regular session minutes
- 2012-2013 Authorized Student Expenditures
- Resolution Appropriating Funds through the Bidding Phase for the Renovation of Northwest High School
- Continuation Budget Request

Policy Monitoring

Mr. Harris commented on EL-5 – Financial Administration, noting that the district is in compliance with all federal, state, and local regulations regarding financial administration at this time. Mrs. Dowdy made a motion declaring compliance for this reporting period. The motion was seconded by Ms. Smithson and carried unanimously.

Mr. Harris commented on the policy monitoring report for EL-12 – Rezoning. Mr. Harris stated this executive limitation was adhered to during the rezoning planning and presentation approved by the Board earlier in the year. Mr. Harris said that a project team had worked on the rezoning plan for ten months. The team included staff from various departments, APSU staff, parents, administrators, and Planning Commission personnel. Mr. Baggett made a motion to declare compliance with this executive limitation for this reporting period. Mrs. Dowdy seconded the motion which carried 7-0.

Reports

Dr. Sallie Armstrong, Curriculum and Instruction Director, presented the report for strategic Goal 10 – Implement use of a new student assessment software in all schools. Dr. Armstrong reminded the Board that the software, TestDrive, was developed to replace software that was not meeting the needs of the district. It was determined that the new software could be developed in-house. A technology development team collaborated with instructors and administrators in designing and improving the software over the past year. The system was tested in May 2011 and went live in August 2011. Dr. Armstrong reported that there were only minor adjustments that needed to be made after the system was implemented. Dr. Armstrong noted that many reports and data are now readily available to instructors and administrators.

Board Discussion and Consideration

Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Construction of Pisgah Elementary School

Mr. Harris announced that bids for Pisgah Elementary School had been opened earlier in the day. He noted that tonight's discussion would be considered first reading, and a special session would be held on March 15, 2012 to vote on the resolution. Chief Operations Officer Jim Sumrell shared that the low bidder of four bidders was R. G. Anderson. R. G. Anderson had been used in the construction of Cumberland Heights Elementary and the renovation of Clarksville High. The construction bid was \$14,728,000. The total project cost as shown on the resolution is \$17,193,893.

Board Member Comments

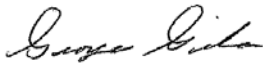
Mr. Garland commented on the MCHS renovation project. He thanked the Commissioners for supporting that project and for their anticipated support of the NWHS renovation. He also expressed his appreciation and pride in the teamwork district personnel display on projects such as TestDrive. Mr. Baggett added his thanks to the technology team for their work on the software and commended the district for the cost savings. Mr. Murphy added his compliments to staff and administrators for the way they work together on projects.

Mr. Giles commented on the MCHS renovation project and on the need to keep our facilities updated.

Director of Schools Report

Mr. Harris reminded Board members of their upcoming meeting schedule. The NCLB waiver will be discussed in detail at the March 20 study session. The district accreditation review will take place April 2-4. Mr. Harris commented that an additional Board meeting would be needed on April 24 to have time to cover the budget with the Board prior to voting on May 8.

Items on the agenda having been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



George Giles
Board Chair



Michael T. Harris
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary