

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

April 10, 2012

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, April 10, 2012, in the Board Room at the 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, 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: Jeremy Bowles, Joe Creek, John Gannon, and John Genis.

Point of Pride

High School Director Dr. Rosalyn Evans recognized members of the Clarksville High School girls and boys basketball teams with Point of Pride awards. Both teams were state semi-finalists this year. The girls' team was coached by Head Coach Brian Rush and assisted by Brad Cooper and Sara Mittura. The girls have gone to the state tournament the last three years. Members of the girls' team are: Ella Baggett, Haley Bearden, Rameja Bell, Sierra Brown, Chandler Cooper, Ke'Oshea Deaver, Bashaara Graves, Tiasha Gray, Micah Holmes, Tsahal Jenkins, Tia Nicholson, Sierra Rozar, Allie Rozelle, Kinashia Russell, and Jessy Ward. Team managers are Jasmine Williams and Kiara Bell. Dr. Evans also noted that Bashaara Graves was nominated for Miss Basketball, played on a gold medal winning USA team, is Gatorade Player of the Year, and hit the winning basket for the McDonald's All-American. Six members of the team have signed to play college basketball.

The Clarksville High School boys' team is coached by Head Coach Ted Young and assistants Mike Head and Jay Bailey. The boys' team has gone to the state tournament twice. Team members are Grant Alberstadt, Tyriek Cheatham, Kyle Dahl, Lawrenz Guerra, Anthony Hightower, Eric Holmes, Chase Knott, Tevin Majors, Jeff Webb, Daijon Williams, and Drake Young.

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Ms. Smithson made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Baggett. The motion carried 6-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- March 13, 2012 regular session minutes
- March 15, 2012 special session minutes
- Textbook Adoption Certification, first reading April 3, 2012

- Special Course Application Requests (3), first reading April 3, 2012

Reports

Goal 7 – Improve the textbook delivery and accountability system Chief Financial Officer Danny Grant presented the report for this goal. Mr. Grant noted that two different software applications had been required to take care of inventory control and accountability. The Work Bench software had become obsolete and was no longer supported, requiring a software change. TIPWeb offered a software application for both inventory and accountability. The TIPWeb software was implemented district wide for approximately one-third the cost of the previous software. This software has made major improvement to inventory and accountability. Textbook delivery has been improved by providing better scheduling. Textbook delivery has gone from almost nine days to 5 ¾ days.

Goal 8 – Implement automated inventory system for Child Nutrition Child Nutrition Director Debbie Mobley presented this report. Mrs. Mobley stated that the implementation process had not been successful with the software application that was in place. Mrs. Mobley reported that after six months of trial and error with cafeteria managers having to deal with large volumes of paperwork, they went back to the previous inventory system. A new RFP has been issued for new software which should be returned by the end of April. Training can begin again to try another new automated inventory system.

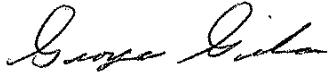
Director of Schools Report

Mr. Harris commented on the QAR accreditation team report that had been received the previous week. The accreditation team chairman, who has been doing school visits for over 30 years, said that this was the best accreditation report she had ever submitted. Mr. Harris stated that it was incredible to get so many “highly functional” marks on the report, not to mention the positive commendations the team gave the district. The report indicated that the district’s 100% Graduation and other graduation work had galvanized the community in many ways. The team was very impressed with the function of the School Board and the way work is conducted between staff and Board. They were complimentary of the professional development being at such a high standard. They were also impressed by our continuous improvement work. Mr. Harris commented that the team is required to leave a district with something to work on and show results towards within two years. The team commented that the district needs to “implement a plan to better inform the external stakeholders on the progress of the district and the budgetary needs to support the human, material, and fiscal resources to achieve expectations for student learning, meet special needs, and comply with applicable regulations.” The team was impressed by what the district does with the \$700-\$800 below state funding per pupil. Their recommendation is that CMCSS do a better job of making sure people understand the needs in the district. Mr. Harris commented that this is an unusual recommendation, but reflects our greatest challenge at this time. This will become part of the work of the district. Mr. Harris commented on how pleased he was with the report.

Mr. Harris also shared photos that had been taken earlier in the day at the STEM Ag Science event at the farm of Phil Baggett. Mr. Harris commented that the event was successful due to

several factors including community participation, partnerships with quality people, hands-on learning, teachers and students learning together, true rigor and relevance, and career exploration. Mr. Harris noted that agriculture science and careers are on the cutting edge of engineering, science, and mathematics. The UT Agricultural Extension Service and John Bartee provided excellent teaching. Mr. Harris commented this is the beginning of what will be a summer institute.

The agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



George Giles
Board Chair



Michael T. Harris
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary