

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

May 8, 2012

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, May 8, 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; 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: Joe Creek, John Genis, and John Gannon.

Point of Pride

Elementary Education Director Priscilla Story presented Mark Banasiak, Geri Grimmert, and Laura Vaden, Sango Elementary physical education instructors, with Point of Pride awards. Seven years ago the three PE teachers asked to attend a "Share the Wealth" conference. They have attended every year since then making many contributions to the conference and bringing back information to share with teachers here. All three were presented the Merriman-Puckett Professional of the Year Award for their outstanding work as physical education teachers at Sango.

School Support Coordinator Brett Burchwell presented a Point of Pride Award to Alex Poythress, Northeast High School senior basketball player. Alex's accolades include: District 10-AAA MVP; District 10-AAA All Tournament Team; All Region Tournament Team; Leaf Chronicle All-Area Team; Tennessee Sports Writer's Class AAA All State basketball team for a second year; AAA Mr. Basketball; Tennessee's Gatorade Player of the Year; ESPN All American; Parade All American; USA Today All American; McDonald's All American. Alex averaged 30 points and 14 rebounds per game this past season while ranking 9th in his class at NEHS with a GPA of 3.9.

Dr. B. J. Worthington, Chief Academic Officer, recognized students receiving Point of Pride awards for having placed at the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League State Tournament. Students were: Ali Kingston, Christian Daschle, John Walker, Danny Zydell, Webb Booth, Phillip Ray, Anna Shackelford, Haedyn King, Hayden Linfoot, Reid Edington, Hugh Poland, Sean Williams, Rebecca Jacks, Christana Jones, Alex Huggins, Mason Soto, Trevor Wilcox, Kyusok Lee, Jacob Curry, Robert Yates, Tori Bennett, Briar Moroschak, and Eden Cohen.

Career Tech Education Coordinator Karen Pitts recognized students receiving Point of Pride awards for having placed at the Career Tech Student Organization State Tournament. Recognized for Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) were Amanda O'Dell, Abbigail Ellis, Page Crawford, Lauren Ritter, Nathan Martin, Lindsey Compton, Zachary Piechowski, Lucas Bearden, Mary Ann Dennis, Codie Kunstmann, Jackson Price, Bradley Perry, and LaKryslin Williams. Recognized for Family Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) were: Daisalynn Olivo, Brandi Johnson, Brittini Malone, Sha-ron Mallard, Tiana Nance, Aylana Pike, Rebecca Corbin, and Elizabeth Ward. Recognized for Health Occupation Students of America (HOSA) were George Porter, Brittney Mason-Sensabaugh, Tyra

Fairchild, Luke Ashabranner, Alexander Wood, Emily Reeve, and Dominique Williams. Recognized for Skills USA were Imani Caldwell, Brhea Harper, Jade McLester, Audrey Puentes, Jessica Ramey, Jade Rico, Carolie Schroeder, Anniko Jusiono, Richard Mosley, Ed Wojtyna, Annie Kuhnert, Constance McKown, Kurt Jones, Rebecca Raine, Mariah Hughes, and Kayln Doxley.

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Harris requested that the Child Nutrition Fund budget for 2012-2013 as well as the 2011-2012 Child Nutrition Fund budget amendments be pulled from the Consent Agenda. Ms. Smithson made a motion to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and carried 7-0. Consent Agenda items were:

- April 10, 2012 regular session minutes
- April 17, 2012 special session minutes
- 2012-2013 Consolidated Budget Request (all funds except Child Nutrition), first reading April 24 and May 1, 2012
- 2011-2012 Final Budget Amendments (all funds except Child Nutrition), first reading May 1, 2012.

Policy Monitoring

EL-5 – Financial Administration – Mr. Harris commented that all items for EL-5 are in compliance for this reporting period. Mr. Garland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baggett, to declare compliance for EL-5 for this reporting period. The motion passed 7-0.

EL-13 – Career Technical Education Programs – Mr. Harris noted compliance with all items of EL-13. He reported that the CTE advisory committee had met twice this year and proposed three recommendations. One concern is to better promote our CTE programs and educate parents about our programs. A video series was produced describing our CTE programs. He commented that we will also try to do a better job educating our eighth grade parents about CTE courses and paths. The Education Foundation is providing scholarships for career-technical education students. Mr. Harris noted that eight students had applied this year for special transfers in order to take particular CTE courses. Two new CTE programs were put in place this year – Precision Production at CHS and Engineering Technology at NEHS.

Partnerships are being put in place. Dual enrollment programs are available through Nashville State Tech Community College and the Tennessee Technology Center. Certifications are awarded in some of the programs. Ms. Smithson made a motion declaring full compliance for this reporting period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garland and passed unanimously.

Reports

Dr. Susan Jones, Professional Development Coordinator, presented the report for Goal 4 – Continue Balanced Assessment Training. Dr. Jones reported that balanced assessment training began in 2009-2010 with a number of district employees receiving training for the program. In 2010-2011 the goal was to initiate balanced assessment training. A three-year implementation was planned beginning with administrators and taking it down to teacher level. The purpose is to train school leaders to ensure that our assessments of learning and assessments for learning are fully understood, communicated, and

deployed to all stakeholders. Assessment methods need to align with and measure progress toward the achievement of state standards and district scope and sequence. In 2011-2012 balanced assessment training was suspended due to the need to focus on the new teacher evaluation model put in place by the State. Dr. Jones stated that Common Core is now being introduced so the focus has shifted to merge balanced assessment training with common core state standards which will continue into the 2012-2013 school year.

Board Discussion and Consideration

11-12 Child Nutrition Fund Budget Amendment and 12-13 Child Nutrition Fund Budget (pulled from the consent agenda). Mr. Harris noted that a new state requirement resulted in a change being made to this fund's budget amendments for 11-12 and proposed budget for 12-13. The state requires there be a value to the USDA commodities which must be shown on the budget. This shows up under Federal Revenues, line item 47112. Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the 11-12 Child Nutrition fund budget amendment, seconded by Mr. Garland. The motion carried 7-0. Ms. Smithson made a motion to approve the 12-13 Child Nutrition Fund budget, seconded by Mr. Baggett. The motion carried unanimously.

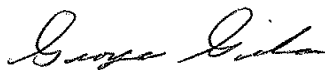
Comments

Mr. Giles commended the Point of Pride honorees and noted the importance of the CTE program in education today.

Director of Schools Report

Mr. Harris noted that TCAP is now behind us for the year and reminded Board members that scores will count 15% of the second semester grade for students. We are awaiting results from the state. Graduation is only two weeks away. Mr. Harris announced that the ISO recertification was coming up beginning May 21 with seven days of audits. Mr. Harris commented that a group would be meeting about summer externships the following day. A group of businesses will be hosting teachers this summer and working collaboratively with the district on coming up with problems to solve through the STEM initiative. This will bring real-world challenges to the STEM program.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.



George Giles
Board Chair



Michael T. Harris
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary