

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

**July 10, 2012**

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, July 10, 2012, 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 Jill Ayers, Board Attorney; B. J. Worthington, Chief Academic Officer (acting on behalf of Michael Harris, Director of Schools); Danny Grant, Chief Financial 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, Jeremy Bowles, John Gannon, Joe Creek, and Tommy Vallejos.

**Point of Pride**

Before introducing those receiving Point of Pride awards, a video was shown highlighting a recent STEM agricultural event that several from the agriculture extension and three UT Knoxville professors participated in. The program followed the “conception to consumption” of agricultural science. Dr. Sallie Armstrong, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, introduced John and Lois Bartee, Phil Morris and Cathy Baggett, Julie Newberry, Bobby Forest, and Trevor Beard. Dr. Armstrong additionally recognized UT Knoxville professors Dr. Michael Buschermohle, Dr. Lannette Edwards, and Dr. Neil Schrick, who were unable to be present at the Board meeting. The program covered three comprehensive days of training for approximately fifteen students and twenty teachers.

Dr. Sheila Pirkle, former CMCSS instructor and recently retired from Austin Peay State University, was recognized with a Point of Pride for developing STEM studies at APSU and for her work with CMCSS on writing the STEM grant.

High School Director Rosalyn Evans introduced a group of individuals representing companies that participated in the STEM summer externship program. Businesses participating and receiving Point of Pride awards were OEM Tubing, Hendrickson, Clarksville Gas and Water, Smithfield Manufacturing, Hemlock Semiconductor, Trane, Bi-County Waste Management, Bridgestone Metalpha, and Clarksville Department of Electricity. The program ran from June 4 – July 27. In the program, teachers received real-world experience to relate to their students. Dr. Worthington added his thanks to CMCSS instructor Dale Rudolph for her work on this project.

**Public Conversation**

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Consent Agenda items were:

- June 12, 2012 regular session minutes
- 2012-2013 Inclement Weather Plan, first reading June 26, 2012

Dr. Worthington commented that Board members had been provided a corrected copy of the June 12 minutes. Mr. Garland made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda with the noted correction to the minutes. The motion received a second from Mr. Baggett and carried unanimously.

**Policy Monitoring**

EL-6 – Asset Protection – Dr. Worthington presented highlights for this monitoring report.

Mr. Murphy made a motion declaring compliance with the terms of this executive limitation for this reporting period. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dowdy and carried 7-0.

EL-7 – Emergency Superintendent Succession – Dr. Worthington noted there was compliance with this executive limitation. Mr. Garland made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smithson, declaring full compliance with the executive limitation for the reporting period. Mr. Giles reminded Board members that this still pertained to Mr. Harris' designees. The motion passed 7-0.

**Reports**

Dr. Worthington reported that two Executive Orders, dated June 14, 2012 and June 26, 2012, had been executed. Both executive orders pertained to the data breach incident. Board members had been notified as required by Board policy.

**Board Discussion and Consideration**

1. Resolution Appropriating Funding for the Renovation of Northwest High School – Chief Operations Officer Jim Sumrell reported to the Board that the design for the project had been completed in May 2012 and put out for bid June 1. The pre-bid construction estimate had been \$10,750,000. The total project estimate was established at \$13.5 million. The construction bids were opened June 28 with three general contractors bidding on the project. The low bid was \$14,494,000 for construction only. This would make the total project cost in excess of \$16 million dollars. Based on these facts, Mr. Sumrell stated staff recommended the resolution be removed from the Board's consideration at this time to provide an opportunity for staff, architect, and contractor to try to bring the project in line. The resolution will most likely be brought back to the Board for first reading on August 7 and a vote on August 14, 2012. If passed, the County Commission would then vote on the resolution in September.

2. Resolutions (3) for Depository Authorizations for new Superintendent's signature

Mr. Giles commented that these authorizations were to be presented for first reading; however, since a special session was not going to be needed for a vote on the NWHS renovation resolution, it would expedite matters if the Board would waive first reading on these depository authorizations. Mr. Murphy made a motion to waive first reading for this

item, seconded by Mrs. Dowdy. This motion passed unanimously. Ms. Smithson then made a motion to approve the three depository authorizations. This motion was seconded by Mr. Baggett and passed unanimously.

**Comments**

Mr. Giles commented on the need for real-world experience such as what students received from the STEM agriculture project that had been highlighted in tonight's Point of Pride awards. He stated that programs like these will make a difference for students.

**Director of Schools Report**

Dr. Worthington commented that the school district is continuing to work with experts to get our technology systems up and running in light of the breach the previous month. Staff members are committed to have systems up and ready for the opening of school.

Dr. Worthington also introduced the ISO team that accomplished getting the district re-certified in record time. Team members assisting are Tia Harris, Courtney Chapman, and Susan Jones. Dr. Worthington reported that today the district received official notice of re-certification.

Dr. Worthington stated that Common Core training was taking place within the district and has been going well. TEAM training is also taking place this summer.

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



George Giles  
Board Chair



B. J. Worthington  
Chief Academic Officer

Teresa A. Rawls  
Board Secretary