

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

**September 11, 2012**

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, September 11, 2012, in the Board Room, central administrative 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, Stephanie Lobdell, Horace Murphy, Jr., and Anne Murtha. Also present were: Dr. B. J. Worthington, Director of Schools; Jill Ayers, Board Attorney; Sean Impeartrice, 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: Joe Creek, John Gannon, John Genis, and Tommy Vallejos.

**Point of Pride**

High School Director Rosalyn Evans recognized Jerome Henderson, Clarksville High School graduate. Jerome is the first CMCSS athlete to win both the 100 meter and 200 meter races in the same TSSAA meet, making him the State champion. He was part of the 4x100 relay team that finished second in the state last year. Jerome has committed to TSU to run track.

Dr. Evans presented a Point of Pride award to Northwest High School graduate Kymmalett Ross. Kymmalett captured the 3A Girls' 400 meter title at the state championship in May. She has signed with APSU women's track and field team. She was named as The Leaf Chronicle All Area Girls Track Athlete of the Year.

Dr. Evans recognized the Montgomery Central High School Shooting Sports Teams 2 and 3 for Point of Pride Awards. Sports team Number 2 won the national championship in the Senior Varsity High School Division. MCHS Shooting Sports Team 3 placed third in the competition. Team members include Kelly Adkins, Evan Celusta, Travis Dahlstrom, John Downing, Cooper Dunn, Dale Hambrick, Billy Jackson, Kyle Lafferty, Drew Madden, Nathaniel Martin, Bobby Melton, Cameron Miller, Jack Roney, Ben Smith, Brooke Weesner, Brian Wilkins, Aaron Williams and Rachel Wilson. Coaches are Robb Dunn and Scott Celusta with Teresa Celusta as advisor.

Members of West Creek High School staff and band boosters were selected for Point of Pride Awards. Principal Tosha Diggs, Lead Custodian Ronnie Kail, band boosters, and instructors Jim DeFoe and Blake Gority were recognized for their willing participation in the state-wide Common Core training hosted by West Creek High School. More than 600 educators from around the state participated. The staff members' and boosters' "whatever it takes" positive

attitude was commended. While having the training in the district placed a burden on West Creek High School staff, it saved the district the expense of paying for out-of-county travel for our educators.

### **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 Consent Agenda was approved 7-0. Consent Agenda items were:

- August 14, 2012 regular session minutes
- Collaborative Conferencing Management Team, first reading August 28, 2012
- 2012-2013 Extended Contract Proposal, first reading August 28, 2012
- Surplus Vehicles, first reading August 28, 2012

### **Policy Monitoring**

Dr. Worthington presented the EL-11 – Capital Projects policy monitoring report. Mr. Murphy made a motion declaring full compliance with this executive limitation for this reporting period. Ms. Murtha seconded the motion which carried 7-0.

### **Reports**

Curriculum and Instruction Director Sallie Armstrong presented the report combining Goal 2 – Continue the implementation of Common Core Standards and Goal 3 – Align Balanced Assessment with Common Core implementation. Dr. Armstrong noted that a little over two years ago the district began studying assessments for quality, rigor, and alignment with curriculum. As Common Core began to be implemented, it was determined that there was alignment with Common Core. Dr. Armstrong stated that Common Core and the assessments for Common Core along with other classroom teacher-made assessments weave nicely together and result in an assessment program that is high-quality, challenging to the students, and working toward college and career preparedness.

### **Board Discussion and Consideration**

#### **Election of Board officers**

Board Attorney Jill Ayers opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair for the year beginning October 1, 2012. Mr. Garland nominated Mr. Murphy for Board Chair. There were no further nominations for Chair. Mr. Murphy was unanimously elected Board Chair.

Mr. Giles nominated Mr. Baggett for Board Vice Chair. There were no further nominations. On a vote of 6 in favor, and Mr. Baggett abstaining, Mr. Baggett was elected Vice Chair.

### **Comments**

Ft. Campbell School Liaison Officer Tayranette Williams thanked the district for sending students to the recent Student to Student training. A group also will be attending upcoming training in Dallas.

**Board Comments**

Mr. Baggett and Mrs. Dowdy welcomed the two new Board members. Mr. Garland welcomed new members and commented on the school system's quality staff. Mrs. Lobdell thanked other Board members for their support and noted she is proud to be involved in the school system and to represent her community. Ms. Murtha stated that she hoped to add value to the mission of the school district. Mr. Murphy thanked the Board for their vote of confidence in selecting him Chair. Mr. Giles thanked Board members and staff for their support during the past year as he served as Board Chair.

**Director of Schools Report**

Dr. Worthington welcomed new Board members and congratulated Mrs. Dowdy on her return to the Board. He congratulated Mr. Murphy and Mr. Baggett on their elections. Dr. Worthington thanked the Commissioners for their support of the Northwest High School renovation project. He stated that the project should be ready to begin within the next couple of weeks. Dr. Worthington reminded Board members of the meeting with NSPRA auditors the following week.

Having completed all items on the agenda, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



George Giles  
Board Chair



B. J. Worthington  
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls  
Board Secretary