

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

**November 13, 2012**

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, November 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: Horace Murphy, Jr., Chairman; Josh Baggett, Eula Gardner Dowdy, Jimmie Garland, George Giles, Stephanie Lobdell, and Anne Murtha. Also present were: 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. Members of the County Commission School Liaison Committee were not present due to the County Commission meeting being held the same night.

**Special Recognition**

Chief Financial Officer Danny Grant introduced Steve Horton from the United States Department of Agriculture. Mr. Horton presented awards to seventeen CMCSS schools that had met the criteria for Healthy US School Challenge. To meet the criteria, schools must offer additional physical activity for students, provide additional nutrition education, and provide more nutritious meals for students. Mr. Horton shared that there are approximately 100,000 schools in the US participating in the school lunch program serving 32 million students every day. Out of those 100,000 schools, only 4,000 in the nation are certified as Healthy US Schools. Tennessee now has 177 certified schools. Mr. Horton thanked Child Nutrition Director Debbie Mobley and staff for their hard work. Schools receiving awards were presented with a banner, a plaque signed by the Secretary of Agriculture, and a monetary award of \$500 for Bronze award winners and \$1,000 for Silver award winners. Schools receiving awards were:

Barkers Mill – Silver; Burt; Silver; Byrns Darden-Silver; Cumberland Heights-Silver;  
East Montgomery – Bronze; Glenellen –Silver; Hazelwood – Silver; Kenwood Elem. –  
Silver; Liberty – Silver; Minglewood – Silver; Northeast Elem – Silver; Ringgold – Silver;  
Rossvie Elem – Bronze; St. Bethlehem – Silver; Sango – Bronze; West Creek Elem –  
Silver; Woodlawn –Silver

**Point of Pride**

School Support Coordinator Brett Burchwell introduced members of the Clarksville High School girls' soccer team for a Point of Pride. The girls represented CHS in their first state tournament. The team won the District 5 and Region 5 championships.

Vicki Moncrief, Clarksville High School Golf Coach, received a Point of Pride for being recognized by TSSAA as the Golf Coach of the Year.

Dr. Sallie Armstrong, Curriculum and Instruction Director, recognized Social Studies Consulting Teacher Nancy Dye for a Point of Pride. Ms. Dye was instrumental for bringing the Smithsonian "Let's Do History" tour to the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System in October. The program involved nearly 350 CMCSS teachers. This Smithsonian project supports K-12 social studies teachers. CMCSS was only one of ten districts in the country to have this opportunity.

Chief Academic Officer Sean Impeartrice recognized Minglewood Principal Jane Winter with a Point of Pride. Ms. Winter was selected as the Tennessee Elementary Principal of the Year.

Dr. Ann Griffin and Mrs. Priscilla Story, Elementary Education Directors, recognized Montgomery Central Elementary School and Woodlawn Elementary School with a Point of Pride award for achieving Tennessee Reward School status. Schools must be in the top 5% of all schools in Tennessee either in achievement or TVAAS (student growth) to receive this recognition. Woodlawn was in the top 5% in achievement, and Montgomery Central was in the top 5% in each category. This is the second year that MCES has been recognized as a Rewards School.

Montgomery Central Elementary also was awarded a Point of Pride for being one of two Tennessee schools recognized as a National Title I Distinguished School.

Dr. Rosalyn Evans introduced Middle College High School students for a Point of Pride award. These students won the 2012 Tennessee School Board Association video contest with their entry "You Don't Know Me Yet, but You Will".

### **Public Conversation**

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

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Dowdy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Giles and carried 6-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- October 2, 2012 regular session minutes
- Surplus Property, Child Nutrition Department, first reading October 23, 2012
- CMCSS 2013 Legislative Interests, first reading November 6, 2012

### **Policy Monitoring**

Dr. Worthington read the policy monitoring report for EL-5 – Financial Administration for the current reporting period. Mr. Baggett made a motion declaring full compliance for this EL for the reporting period. The motion, seconded by Mr. Garland, carried 6-0.

### **Reports**

Communications Director Elise Shelton presented a report on Goal 15 – Conduct a communications audit. Mrs. Shelton shared that during the month of September 2012, members of the National School Public Relations Association had conducted the communications audit. Twenty-one different groups representing different stakeholders came

and met with auditors during the three-day audit. Mrs. Shelton stated it had been ten years since the last audit. The auditors looked at what is working effectively and what we can do to improve our communications and messages inside and outside the district. Mrs. Shelton said the final report from NSPRA should be available in December.

STEM Coordinator Dale Rudolph presented the report for Goal 4 – Expand STEM integration in K-9. Mrs. Rudolph shared that Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics are the key subjects that students need to be globally competitive. What students do with the knowledge they have is what is called 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills. “STEM the CMCSS Way” is the way the district teaches science and math while using the engineering design process to solve problems. CMCSS has focused on training our teachers. Through STEM, learning is much more rigorous for our students as science and math are integrated through the use of technology using the engineering design process. Mrs. Rudolph added that CMCSS focuses on “problem-based” rather than “project-based” learning. STEM is a way of applying knowledge in a new situation to solve a problem that has meaning in the student’s life. Rigor and relevance have both been increased in the classroom.

In 2010-2011, STEM was piloted at KHS in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade, KMS in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and at Moore Magnet in K-5. Professional development has been crucial to success along with the appropriate supplies and materials. Last year, STEM was integrated across the district in every 9<sup>th</sup> grade class, 8<sup>th</sup> grades, and elementary schools selected 3rd, 4th, or 5<sup>th</sup> grade for STEM integration.

Mrs. Rudolph shared that during this first full year of implementation there have been many contributors to the program. A partnership was formed with the UT Agricultural Extension Office. They have provided resources and inspiration to students and instructors. Since STEM is problem based, the question of “How are we going to feed the nine billion people that will be in the world in 2050?” was focused on with a full-day trip to the farm. In addition, Austin Peay provided a platform through the “STEM Challenge” with professors providing support and feedback to students. Teams of science and math teachers shared in STEM Externships with local businesses. Through this program they learned the relevance of what they teach.

Data supports the success of the STEM initiative. This year STEM has expanded into two grades in every middle and elementary school. CMCSS STEM Academy students are now participating in research projects through Vanderbilt. STEM is now expanding to after-school programs.

Mrs. Rudolph stated that plans for the future include expanding STEM externships, development of internships for high school students, continuing training for instructors, and continuing development of student and teacher skills.

### **Board Member Comments**

Mr. Giles commented on the Point of Pride Awards representing the well-rounded district that CMCSS is. Students, academics, administrators, and classified food service employees were all represented. Mr. Garland and Mr. Baggett reiterated Mr. Giles’ comments. Mr. Murphy thanked Mr. Baggett for filling in for him as Chair during his absence.

**Director of Schools Report**

Dr. Worthington thanked the Board for their continued support of the work of the district. Dr. Worthington announced a Career Fair for eighth grade students would be held on Friday of this week at APSU.

The agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.



Horace Murphy, Jr.  
Board Chair



B. J. Worthington  
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls  
Board Secretary