

Minutes
Clarksville-Montgomery County
Board of Education

January 8, 2013

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, January 8, 2013, in the Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. following a Public Hearing. 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. The following members of the County Commission School Liaison Committee were present: Joe Creek, John Genis, Robert Gibbs, and Tommy Vallejos.

Point of Pride

Middle School Director Mary Gist introduced the Northeast Middle School Electric Eagles Lego Robotics Gold and Blue Teams and the Rossvie Middle School Hawktronics Team. Twenty-six teams from around the region competed at the University of Memphis for the Western Tennessee First Lego League Pilot Championship. All seven CMCSS middle schools took part in the competition. The Electric Eagles Gold Team won the Champion's Award and have been invited to the LEGOLand Open Invitational which will be held in May in California. The Electric Eagles Blue Team won first place in Programming. Rossvie's Hawktronics Team won first in the Research competition.

Dr. Ann Griffin recognized Burt Elementary teacher Kenzie Neuman for her initiative in entering Burt Elementary School in a state lottery to receive a special presentation on Abraham Lincoln. The program correlates to fifth grade social studies standards. The students will travel to Nashville on February 15 to view the original Emancipation Proclamation and the Thirteenth Amendment.

Lisa Kemmer, attendance clerk at Northeast Elementary, was recognized with a Point of Pride for being selected as the cover photographer for the 2013 Arts and Heritage Cultural Calendar. Her work has been showcased in several other juried events.

Exceptional Children Services Director Cara Alexander recognized CMCSS employees Souette Quinn and Maurice Howard along with Jay Albertia, Progressive Directions, Inc. Director. PDI has worked with Montgomery County for the past 36 years to provide a range of services to children and adults. PDI has this year awarded CMCSS the Supported Employment Award. PDI partnered with CMCSS on Project Search, making CMCSS the first district in Tennessee to have the program. The program allows students with disabilities the opportunity to complete

their senior year out of their school and at a local job site. This year the Montgomery County government offices at Veteran's Plaza are the host site.

Public Conversation

There were no requests to address the Board during the formal session.

Approval of Consent Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Garland, seconded by Mr. Baggett, the Consent Agenda was approved 7-0. The minutes from the December 11, 2012 regular session were the only item on the agenda.

Policy Monitoring

The policy monitoring report for EL-2 – Communicating with the Public was discussed by Dr. Worthington. Dr. Worthington emphasized the work of Senior Leadership members as they lead various communication groups. He noted that four new diversity groups of parents had been identified and meetings with them were in progress. Reports and information are shared with stakeholder groups throughout the year. Mr. Giles made a motion to declare compliance with EL-2 for the reporting period. Mr. Baggett seconded the motion which carried 7-0.

The EL-9 – School Year Calendar monitoring report was presented by Dr. Worthington. Dr. Worthington commented that the 2014-2015 calendar is currently being developed. Dr. Impeartrice is working with the group that discusses the guidelines and prepares the calendar which will then be brought to the Board for approval. Mrs. Dowdy made a motion to declare full compliance with EL-9 for the reporting period. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lobdell and passed unanimously.

Reports

Chief Communications Officer Elise Shelton presented the report for Goal 14 – Expand access to information through the use of online tools. Mrs. Shelton commented on the use of social media in the school system. CMCSS has opened up a Facebook page where information can be accessed and questions can be asked. An online tool was developed this year that allowed individuals to see whether their home address would be impacted by the proposed rezoning. Also, feedback about the proposed rezoning can be made on the website. Online registration is being piloted in a few schools this year. PowerSchool continues to be a very useful online tool for parents. School Messenger was used for the district survey this year, both via e-mail and phone. Mrs. Shelton thanked the Technology department for their assistance in taking the communication ideas and developing them into useable applications.

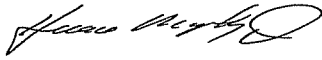
Board Comments

Mr. Murphy asked for input by Board members on any concerns he should take to the upcoming FRN conference in Washington, D.C. Mr. Murphy commented on Dr. Worthington's presentation at a community AARP meeting earlier in the day. He encouraged Board members to ask Dr. Worthington to present at any events in their communities.

Director of Schools Report

Dr. Worthington commented that the middle school robotics teams are possible through the AYPYN (Army Youth Program in Your Neighborhood) grant in our schools. The grant allows CMCSS to have the after school programs that support these teams. The high school teams will compete later in the spring.

Items on the agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.



Horace Murphy, Jr.
Board Chair



B. J. Worthington
Director of Schools



Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary