

Minutes
Clarksville-Montgomery County
Board of Education
Special Session
January 22, 2013

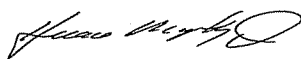
The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met in Special Session on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, in the Board Room, central administration offices, 621 Gracey Avenue, Clarksville, TN. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Horace Murphy, Jr., Chairman; Josh Baggett, 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. The following members of the County Commission School Liaison Committee were present: Joe Creek, John Gannon, Robert Gibbs, Ron Sokol, and Tommy Vallejos.

Board Discussion and Consideration

2013 Proposed Rezoning Plan

Chief Operations Officer Jim Sumrell reviewed the rezoning plan and timeline. The rezoning plan was heard by the Board for first reading on November 27, 2012. Following that presentation, the period for public feedback was opened, and a Public Hearing was held on January 8, 2013. All of the written feedback was reviewed and many of the individuals that spoke at the Public Hearing were met with. Mr. Sumrell noted there are no recommended changes to the middle and high school zones for the 2013-14 school year. The majority of public concern was with regard to student stability with fourth graders having to attend a new school for their fifth grade year and then changing again when they reached middle school. The final recommendation is to allow this year's fourth grade students in three student groups to have an exception option and remain at their current elementary school. Mr. Sumrell commented this could potentially impact 86 students. An exception will also be offered to the currently enrolled younger siblings of the fourth grade students. This would not apply to any younger sibling that is not currently enrolled in school. The exception would remain in place for these students' elementary careers. Any family accepting this option would have to provide their own transportation. Potentially, 126 students will have the exception available. Special education concerns will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Sumrell stated letters would be sent to all affected families in late March. Eligible families would have until April 30 to return their letter notifying the district they want the exception.

Mr. Garland made a motion to move forward with the final recommendation, seconded by Mr. Giles. The motion passed unanimously. The special session adjourned at 6:15 p.m.



Horace Murphy, Jr.
Board Chair



B. J. Worthington
Director of Schools



Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary