

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

May 14, 2013

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, May 14, 2013, in the central administration Board Room, 621 Gracey Avenue, Clarksville, TN. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Eula Gardner Dowdy, Acting Chair; 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, and Ron Sokol.

Point of Pride

Point of Pride Awards were presented to students from West Creek Middle, Northeast Middle, and Northeast High for their performance in the Tennessee History Day state-level competition which was held in April. Four hundred students from across the state participated. Fourteen CMCSS students have qualified for the national-level competition to be held at the University of Maryland at College Park the week of June 9-13. WCMS students Samuel Newell and Ahmad Thomas won the Special Award for Best Project in Military History. NEHS students Keya Patel, Katelyn Mitchell, and Lily Joiner won second place for their performance. Scott Moore won first place for Junior Individual Exhibit. NEMS students Katie Conner, Rennison Kelley, Kennedy Parham, Jaqurion Scales, and Madison Edwards won first place for Junior Group Exhibit and also won the Special Award for Best Project in Tennessee History. Gavin Berlyak took first place in Junior Individual Performance. Kalie McClain and Alex Myers took second place in Junior Group Documentary. Gavin, Kalie, and Alex are also NEMS students.

State HOSA winners were recognized with a Point of Pride Award. They are KMS students Deyla Brito, Jordan Shade, Mikeria Busby, Anthonique Green, and Tiana Nance; all qualifying to compete in the nationals. KHS students Joey Hall and Allana Turner placed first on Focus on Children FCCLA State. MCHS students Lauren Ritter, Abbigail Ellis, and KayCee Lindberg each placed first and qualify for nationals. RHS student Shelton Walker placed first in Business Procedures FBLA state and qualifies for nationals. WCHS student Emily Reeve placed first in the state for Clinical Nursing and will compete at the national HOSA conference at the end of June.

The West Creek High School JROTC Drill Team "Coyote Guard" received Point of Pride awards for winning the National Champion Drill Team. They captured the "Overall Armed Division – Challenge Level National Championship". This year's competition included 50 teams from JROTC programs worldwide. 1SG Darall Lockett is the instructor and Commanding Cadets are Khianna Anthony and Christopher West.

Following awarding of the Point of Pride Awards, Mr. Horace Murphy, Jr. made a statement via telephone stating that he could not be in attendance at the meeting, but wanted to let his constituency know that he did support the approval of the 2013-2014 proposed school system budget.

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Giles made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garland and passed 5-0. Consent Agenda items were:

- April 9, 2013 regular session minutes
- Special Course Application – Foundations of Game Programming, first reading May 7, 2013
- Resolution to Establish and Updated Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan, first reading May 7, 2013
- Resolution for Amendments to the 2012-2013 CMCSS Budget, first reading May 7, 2013

Policy Monitoring

Dr. Worthington presented the policy monitoring report for EL-5 – Financial Administration. Mr. Giles made a motion declaring full compliance for the reporting period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garland and carried 5-0.

The policy monitoring report for EL-13 – Career-Technical Education Programs was presented by Dr. Worthington. Mr. Garland made a motion declaring full compliance with the EL for the current reporting period. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lobdell and passed 5-0.

Reports

Goal 12 – Automate travel reimbursement procedure. Dr. Worthington commented that no progress was made towards this goal during the current year due to personnel changes in the technology department. Dr. Worthington stated that there are many smaller pieces of work that accompany this large main piece. The district will attempt to complete this work next year.

Board Discussion and Consideration

2013-2014 CMCSS Consolidated Budget

Dr. Worthington commented that the full budget had been presented over several meetings to the Board. In addition, the opportunity was made available to meet individually with Board members and members of the School Liaison Committee to go over any questions about the budget. Dr. Worthington noted that he and staff had met with the County Commission Budget Committee to answer questions. He said that we are presenting a balanced budget for this year. Mr. Garland made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 CMCSS Consolidated Budget. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lobdell and carried 5-0.

Comments

Dr. Worthington commended Pauline Hutchinson, Ft. Campbell School Liaison Officer, for her assistance in a meeting he had held with military parents. He commented that he planned for improved communications with our military families for next year. He thanked Mrs. Hutchinson for her assistance.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Garland thanked staff and County Commissioners for working with the district on the budget. He thanked staff for the time taken to have thorough discussion and explanations as budget work progressed. Mrs. Murtha commented that the budget is primarily personnel, and that is the most important piece in working with students. Mr. Giles thanked all staff for their hard work during the school year.

Director of Schools Report

Dr. Worthington commented that Board members had received a budget handout booklet to assist them in answering questions that might come up. He noted that there would be a NWHS site tour the following day. He reminded Board members about the Retirement Reception on Thursday, May 16.

Items on the agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Eula Gardner Dowdy
Acting Board Chair



B. J. Worthington
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary