

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

September 17, 2013

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, September 17, 2013, in the Board Room, 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; 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: Robert Gibbs, John Gannon, Tommy Vallejos, and Ron Sokol.

Point of Pride

Secondary Curriculum Director Dayna Paine introduced representatives from businesses and governmental agencies that provided STEM externship opportunities for CMCSS instructors over the summer. Over one hundred teachers spent approximately one week in various industries. Businesses and agencies recognized were UT Agricultural Extension; Porter's Farrier Service; private farms held by Stephanie Barnett, Betty Barnett, Jay Head, Wes Foster, and Tom Daniels; APSU GIS Department; Clark and Associates; City of Clarksville project manager; CDE Lightband; Clarksville Fire and Rescue; Clarksville Gas and Water; Clarksville Regional Airport; Clarksville Street Department; Akebono Brake Corporation; Harris One-Hour Heating & Air; NyrStar-Clarksville; Gonzalez Tennessee LLC dba Smithfield Industries; Bi-County Solid Waste Management; Montgomery County Property Assessor's Office; CEMC; and TVA Cumberland Steam Plant. Ms. Paine also recognized CMCSS STEM Coordinator Dale Rudolph for her work in organizing and scheduling the externship programs for the teachers.

Dr. Sean Impeartrice, Chief Academic Officer, presented a special Point of Pride award to the family of Mr. John Bartee, Sr. Mr. Bartee was instrumental in the development of the STEM program in CMCSS and in the externship program. Mr. Bartee's contributions include a partnership with local farms to provide training for STEM Academy students. He implemented a partnership with the UT Agricultural Extension Service and STEM Academy students and teachers for a "conception to consumption" program. He assisted with a program which gave students an opportunity to work with Vanderbilt and MTSU professors to identify an issue affecting the local cattle industry. Mr. Bartee worked with STEM Academy students to enable them to visit local tobacco farms and learn about the economic impact of agriculture on the local economy. He provided a week long externship in agriculture business CHS for academy students. He provided STEM externships for Glenellen teachers, STEM Academy students, and biology and chemistry teachers. Mr. Bartee was a speaker at the state STEM training in Oak Ridge for the past two years and was always the highest-rated speaker. Dr. Impeartrice noted his contributions to the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System have left a lasting impact on students and teachers in the district. Mr. Murphy expressed his appreciation for Mr. Bartee personally and for all he has done for the school system.

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 Mr. Baggett, the items on the consent agenda were approved 7-0. Items on the consent agenda were:

- August 13, 2013 regular session minutes
- Naming proposal for former Jostens building and central office, first reading September 3, 2013
- 2013-2014 Extended Contract Proposal, first reading September 3, 2013

Policy Monitoring Report

The policy monitoring report for EL-11 – Capital Projects was read by Dr. Worthington. He commented that all limitations have been met for this policy. Mr. Baggett made a motion to declare compliance with the executive limitation for this reporting period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Giles and passed unanimously.

Reports

Goal 2 – Implement College and Career Academies in high schools

High School Director Rosalyn Evans gave background information on the academy development. She stated that the academies provide smaller learning communities with college preparatory curriculum and career themes. Students are able to see the application of their studies to various fields of work. CMCSS academies were determined by student survey and regional and national job trend data over five year period.

Dr. Impeatrice added that students and teachers have an opportunity to partner with outside individuals and businesses via guest speakers, externships, and job-shadowing experiences. A video featuring students from various academies was shown with the students telling their story of why they chose to go to an academy. Academies are: CHS – Academy of Business and Finance; KHS – STEM Academy; MCHS – Academy of Plant and Animal Systems; NEHS – Academy of Computer and Gaming Programming; NWHS – Health Science Academy; RHS – Academy of Media Arts and Technology; and WCHS – Academy of Criminal Justice and Homeland Security.

Secondary Curriculum Director Dayna Paine explained the process of communicating with parents and students the plans and registration process for the academies that took place last spring. Teachers were trained during the summer and designed their first projects. There is an emphasis on technology integration. Edmodo, OneNote and Google docs programs were introduced to teachers during training. Ms. Paine stated that each academy will have at least one integrated challenge for each nine weeks. This year, eighth grade students will be exposed to the academies during Career Day on November 22. Currently, 338 freshmen are enrolled at the academies with bus transportation provided between some school locations.

Board Discussion and Consideration

Board Election of Officers – Board Attorney Jill Ayers opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair for the term of October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014. Mr. Baggett nominated Mr. Giles for Board Chair. No additional nominations were made. Mr. Giles was elected by unanimous vote. Nominations were opened for Board Vice Chair. Mr. Giles nominated Mr. Garland. No additional nominations were made. Mr. Garland was elected 7-0.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Garland thanked Mr. Murphy for his leadership over the past year and said he looked forward to working with Mr. Giles as Board Chair again. Mrs. Murtha commented on how outstanding the externship program is. Mrs. Lobdell said that the externship program had been a very positive experience for her and other CEMC employees. She commended the teachers for their hard work during the summer.

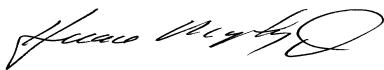
Mr. Giles thanked members of the Board for their vote of confidence in him to be Chair. He commented on the positive aspects of students being exposed to work experiences. Mr. Giles thanked the staff for the work on these programs. Mr. Baggett stated that the externship program is excellent and thanked the staff for their work. He commented it had been good to work with Mr. Murphy this year as Board Vice Chair.

Mr. Murphy thanked all for their positive comments. He reminded Board members of the TSBA Fall District Meeting coming up later in the week.

Director of Schools Report

Dr. Worthington noted that the DoDEA Grant that is a partnership between CMCSS and Christian County had been announced earlier in the day. He commented that he was proud to see the business community members and teachers that were present tonight and how unique the externship program is with the emphasis on student success. He thanked Dale Rudolph for the extra time spent on the scheduling of the externship program. He noted his appreciation in working with Mr. Murphy as Chair and Mr. Baggett as Vice Chair over the past year.

Items on the agenda having been concluded, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Horace Murphy, Jr.
Board Chair



B. J. Worthington
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary