

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

**December 10, 2013**

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, December 10, 2013, in the Board Room at central administration offices, 621 Gracey Avenue, Clarksville, TN. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: George Giles, Chairman; Josh Baggett, Eula Gardner Dowdy, Jimmie Garland, Stephanie Lobdell, Horace Murphy, Jr., and Anne Murtha. Also present were: Dr. B. J. Worthington, Director of Schools; Jill Ayers, Board Attorney; Dr. 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.

**Point of Pride**

Elementary Education Director Ann Griffin introduced Montgomery Central Elementary Principal Nancy Grant for a Point of Pride. Mrs. Grant has been with CMCSS for forty-four years, thirty of those years have been as the principal at Montgomery Central Elementary. Mrs. Grant was this year's Mid-Cumberland Regional nominee for the Tennessee State Department Principal of the Year Award.

Middle School Director Mary Gist presented a Point of Pride Award to members of the Rossvie Middle School robotics team. This team won the top prize from the Tennessee West Regional competition achieving excellence and achievement in the Robot Game and Project. The team will travel to the World Festival competition in April 2014 in St. Louis, Missouri where they will compete against eighty-four teams, forty-two from other countries and forty-two US and Canadian teams. Members of the Team Hawkbotics 8272 team are: Alex Brundage, Jacob Connett, Ashlee Rands, Briana McMurchie, Jacob Patton, Strati Young, Devon Richie, Divya Sriram, Sathya Burle and Ben Zirkle. The team is coached by Jason Piersbacher, Bridget Harding, and Teri Summers.

Elementary Education Director Priscilla Story introduced Jada Majors, a Moore Magnet Elementary student, for a Point of Pride Award. The Clarksville Housing Authority Board of Commissioners along with other Commissioners and staff recognized Jada in the elementary category for her poster entry in the "What Home Means to Me" poster competition. She now is headed to the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials National Poster Competition.

High School Director Rosalyn Evans recognized local winners of the TSSAA's A. F. Bridges awards. Nominations are made in each athletic division with final selection made by TSSAA state selection committee. Three of the winners this year are from Clarksville-Montgomery County School System. The female TSSAA Coach of the Year is Vickie Moncrief, Clarksville High Girls Golf Coach. TSSAA male Coach of the Year is Brian Rush, Clarksville High School basketball coach. Mr. Rush could not be at the meeting due to a basketball game and will be recognized at a later date. TSSAA School Administrator of the Year is Mr. Brett Burchwell, CMCSS School Support Coordinator.

Dr. Evans also recognized Brandon Anderson, a Rossvie High School student, for receiving first place in a license plate design contest sponsored by the Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network. His design, along with other entries, will be incorporated into a new license plate if there is adequate public interest. Proceeds from the sale of the plate will help fund suicide prevention awareness and programs statewide.

Mr. Brett Burchwell, CMCSS School Support Coordinator, recognized the Northeast High School football team members. The team is only the second in district history to make it to the state semi-finals. The team was the District 10-AAA champion.

#### **Public Conversation**

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

#### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mrs. Lobdell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garland and passed unanimously. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- November 12, 2013 regular session minutes
- 2013 LEA Compliance Report, first reading November 5, 2013

#### **Policy Monitoring**

The policy monitoring report for EL-1 – Global Executive Constraint was presented by Dr. Worthington. Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Baggett, declaring full compliance for this reporting period. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Reports**

##### **Goal 11 – Continue implementation of energy efficiency initiatives**

Chief Operations Officer Jim Sumrell presented this goal report. Mr. Sumrell commented that fuel and utilities account for \$9.5 million of the total budget. Between 2000 and 2005, the school district began seeking ways to be more energy efficient. Geothermal mechanical units were used in several locations and lighting was upgraded in all buildings. Energy management systems now are in every building which allows for Operations to monitor the temperature in all locations. A policy for temperature "set point" was established. Improvements have been made to some of the bus fleet by using a small motor to prepare the buses to operate rather than starting the diesel engine. This means significant savings in carbon emissions and some savings in fuel cost. A significant portion of funds for these improvements has come through

grants. A TVA program through CEMC will provide a TVA audit in each of our schools outside of the city. These energy audits will be completed this year. In the future, CMCSS will ask for this TVA program through CDE for the schools within the city. Mr. Sumrell noted it is now becoming more economically advantageous to begin to switch some of the district's vehicles and buses to propane power. Many of the small pieces of equipment used such as buffers, mowers and weed eaters, are now available in a propane-powered form.

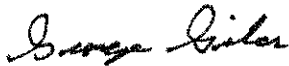
**Board Member Comments**

Mr. Murphy announced that he will not seek re-election to the Board in August. Board members wished all a Merry Christmas. Mr. Garland commented it had been a pleasure to have served with Mr. Murphy in the past.

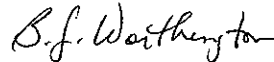
**Director of Schools Report**

Dr. Worthington invited Board members to attend the Christmas luncheon on December 20. He stated that NCAA Clearinghouse meetings have been well attended this year. A Focus video was shown that featured the Rossvie High School football coach and his emphasis on academics.

Items on the agenda being concluded, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



George Giles  
Board Chair



B. J. Worthington  
Director of Schools



Teresa A. Rawls  
Board Secretary