

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

**May 13, 2014**

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, May 13, 2014, in the Board Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: George Giles, Chairman; Josh Baggett, Eula Gardner Dowdy, Jimmie Garland, Horace Murphy, Jr., 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, Robert Gibbs, John Gannon, Ron Sokol, and Tommy Vallejos.

**Point of Pride**

High School Director Rosalyn Evans introduced Rossvie High School students Hugh Poland and Reid Edington to receive a Point of Pride Award. The students received “Best Actor” and “Best Actress” respectively for their performances in “The Diaries of Adam and Eve” at the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League. They are coached by Luellyn Wilcox.

Dr. Evans presented a Point of Pride Award to Clarksville High School Librarian Beth Frerking who was awarded the Louise Meredith School Library Media Award by the Tennessee Library Association. The award recognizes a School Library Media Specialist who has made unique and worthy contributions to the total school instructional program.

Elementary Education Director Ann Griffin presented a Point of Pride Award to Minglewood Elementary instructor Amy O’Neill. Mrs. O’Neill has been selected to attend the 2014 Mickelson ExxonMobil Teachers Academy. Mrs. O’Neill is one of two Tennessee teachers selected out of 1100 teachers across the nation. She will attend a week-long training session in New Jersey during the summer.

Middle School Director Mary Gist presented Point of Pride Awards to history teams from Richview Middle and Northeast Middle Schools. Students represented their schools in the Tennessee National History Day competition and will advance to National Competition in Washington, DC, in June. Students are Catherine Howard, Maddie Montague, Sidney Sensing, Lindsay Birge and Kayla Enquist from Richview Middle and Ellen Padgett, Teodor Slavchev, and Danna Lacour-Wessel from Northeast Middle.

**Public Conversation**

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

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Dr. Worthington asked that the Resolution for Budget Amendments be pulled from the Consent Agenda and be considered separately. Mr. Garland made a motion to approve the remaining items on the Consent Agenda. His motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy and passed unanimously. Consent Agenda items approved were:

- April 15, 2014 regular session minutes
- 2014-2015 CMCSS Consolidated Budget Request, first readings April 8 and April 22, Public Hearing May 13, 2014
- 2014-2015 Authorized Student Expenditures, first reading April 22, 2014
- Special Course Applications (3), first reading May 6, 2014

### **Board Consideration of Resolution for Budget Amendments**

Chief Financial Officer Danny Grant explained necessary changes made to the resolution since the Board had first reading on May 6. Revenue on insurance recovery was increased (pg. 2) due to two claims. This is also reflected in Insurance Premiums (pg. 6). Also, he shared that on page 7 and 10 under Equipment, three high schools were purchasing band uniforms. Mrs. Dowdy made a motion to approve the Resolution for Budget Amendments. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Murphy. Mr. Baggett, Mrs. Dowdy, and Mr. Giles each certified, per TCA 49-2-202, that they had a relative employed by the school system and cast their votes in the best interest of the school system. The motion carried 6-0.

### **Policy Monitoring**

Dr. Worthington presented the monitoring reports for EL-5 – Financial Planning. Mr. Baggett made a motion declaring compliance with EL-5 for this reporting period. Mrs. Dowdy seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Dr. Worthington presented evidence of compliance for EL-13 – Career Technical Education Programs. Ms. Murtha made a motion declaring full compliance for this reporting period. Mr. Garland seconded the motion which passed 6-0. Mr. Giles commented on the positive growth of the career technical education programs in the district over the past few years.

### **Reports**

School Board Attorney Jill Ayers provided background information on an Executive Order dated April 22, 2014. This Executive Order pertained to the completion of documents associated with contracts and a Quitclaim Deed for the property for the Oakland Elementary School construction.

Chief Technology Officer David Holman presented the report for Goal 9 – Improve organizational efficiency through technology. Mr. Holman noted that his department looks at the way each department works and tries to determine ways to improve efficiency of each in areas pertaining to the use of technology. Mr. Holman noted that a database has been created in support of the Communications Department to manage school volunteers. Schools will be able to post opportunities for volunteers and volunteers will be able to register online. The CMCSS website is constantly being updated. Adjustments will be made in the future to ensure the website is more compatible with the use of smartphones. In support of the Operations

Department, technology has provided software upgrades to assist with bus monitoring and Trip Planner. In addition, the Technology Department is assisting with GIS mapping to enhance student transportation and provide accurate information for planning and rezoning purposes. Custom reports for the Business Affairs Department are used during the budgeting process. Enhancements have been made to PowerSchool to assist in the tracking of students with lost books and fees owed. MUNIS financial software will be upgraded this fall to keep software current. The department is in the process of automating mileage and travel reimbursement via an electronic program rather than on paper.

For the Instruction Department, technology has developed a program to track student attendance and print required letters to parents. Student online pre-registration is being developed to assist parents entering the district over the summer when school offices are closed. This will also assist schools with the data backlog encountered at the beginning of the year. TestDrive software was developed by the CMCSS technology department and saved the district over \$230,000 a year when first developed. TestDrive continues to be enhanced for use in the district. The Human Resource department has been supported by Technology with programs to use in the hiring and application processes. PowerSchool has been modified to provide easier, faster access for nurses and teachers to view appropriate student information.

#### **Comments**

Ft. Campbell School Liaison Officer Pauline Hutchinson reported that almost all schools in CMCSS will have a Military Family Life Consultant. The qualification is that a school must have at least 350 military-connected families to qualify. Some of CMCSS schools will share a consultant due to this requirement. These consultants are licensed psychologists and psychiatrists who work in schools in small groups of students. Ms. Hutchinson passed along a thank you from the Garrison Commander for the support to military students and families in the district.

County Commission School Liaison Committee Member Tommy Vallejos stated that he believed we have the best school system in the state and that Dr. Worthington is above the rest in the state as a Director of Schools. Mr. Vallejos noted that while the past few weeks had provided challenges to the relationship between Commission and school system, the primary concern is for the children and in providing them with the best that can be offered. He stated that he and Dr. Worthington agree that better bridges of communication need to be created, and he stated he is looking forward to building trust and communication that is open to all.

#### **Board Member Comments**

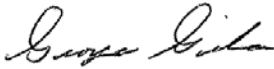
Ms. Murtha commented that she agreed with the Commissioner's sentiment that communication needs to be open and we need to work together. Mr. Giles reminded Board members of the district retirement reception coming up on Thursday.

#### **Director of Schools Report**

Dr. Worthington thanked Commissioner Vallejos for his comments. He noted that the TN Lead Grant is being closed out this week. He stated that it is exciting to see what has been done in

curriculum delivery in the schools. Dr. Worthington reminded Board members about the upcoming graduation schedule. Dr. Worthington talked about STEM learning going on in schools and STEM Academy student research projects. Dr. Worthington shared that SLT members have been going to each school to provide an end of the year wrap-up and thank you to school staff.

The agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



George Giles  
Board Chair



B. J. Worthington  
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls  
Board Secretary