

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

August 12, 2014

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, August 12, 2014, in the Board Room, 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, and Horace Murphy, Jr. Also present were: B. J. Worthington, Director of Schools; Jill Ayers, Board Attorney; 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: John Gannon, Joe Creek, Ron Sokol, Robert Gibbs, and Tommy Vallejos.

Point of Pride

Glenellen Elementary School received a Point of Pride Award for being the top “Jump Rope for Heart” school in the state, raising \$21,351.07 for the Heart Association.

Kenwood Middle School was recognized for being the only school in the state to receive the “Worksite Innovation Award” from the American Heart Association. The school also received the “Fit Friendly School Award” from the Heart Association for making the health and wellness of their staff and students a priority.

Middle School Director Mary Gist introduced E. K. Russell, a fifth grade teacher at East Montgomery Elementary, to receive a Point of Pride Award. Ms. Russell served as an interpreter during a recent meeting with the South Korean parents who have relocated here with Hankook Tire.

Northeast High School instructor Lindsay Knapp was recognized for having received a grant from the Global Volunteer Network through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Ms. Knapp was able to do research in Peru over the summer and will use her experiences in her classes.

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Garland, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion passed 6-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- July 8, 2014 regular session minutes
- MOU for 2014-2015 between CMCEA, PET, and CMCSS, first reading August 5, 2014
- Retiree Insurance Option for 2018 Retirees, first reading August 5, 2014

Reports

The report for Goal 4 – Pilot Response to Instruction and Intervention was presented by Dr. Mason Bellamy, Director of Services for Exceptional Children. Dr. Bellamy noted that Response to Instruction and Intervention (RTI2) was mandated by the state to begin implementation as of July 1, 2014.

Dr. Bellamy explained the three-tiered approach to reading and mathematics instruction. Tier I – all students receive a set amount of reading and math instruction daily depending on grade level. Tier II – Students identified by the universal screener receive additional intervention time. Tier III – Students still not successful with Tier I and II supports will receive additional intervention time. Response to Instruction and Intervention uses skills-based rather than standards-based assessments to determine students' abilities. Every student will be screened three times per year. Students will be placed into the most appropriate tier for their ability and will receive interventions daily. Students will move in and out of tiers as appropriate during the year. The process will be phased into schools over the next three years with all elementary schools implementing this year, followed by middle schools in 2015-2016 and high schools in 2016-2017.

Board Discussion and Consideration

Director's Annual Evaluation - Board Attorney Jill Ayers stated that pursuant to state law and policy B/SL-3, the annual evaluation for the Director of Schools had been prepared based on compliance with all executive limitations throughout the year and the monitoring of Ends policies through the 2013-2014 End of the Year Review for the district. Board members had received and reviewed the evaluation. Mr. Baggett made a motion supporting the evaluation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garland and passed 6-0.

Comments

Fort Campbell School Liaison Officer Pauline Hutchinson shared the Garrison Commander's appreciation of the work the CMCSS schools do in assisting military-connected students.

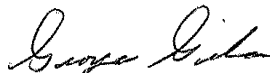
Board Member Comments

Mr. Baggett thanked staff for the good report and wished the best to Mr. Murphy. Mrs. Lobdell thanked Mr. Murphy for his mentoring and all he has done for the district. Mr. Garland thanked the County Commission for passing the CMCSS budget. Mr. Garland commented that he appreciated Mr. Murphy's leadership and how he has been a role model to him. Mr. Giles also thanked the County Commission for their vote for the budget.

Director of Schools Report

Dr. Worthington thanked the members of the County Commission for passing the budget. Dr. Worthington commented that the new Leadership CMCSS class would be welcomed during a reception hosted by the Education Foundation on August 25. Dr. Worthington also noted that the enrollment as of today was 31,804 students. He also thanked Mr. Murphy for all he has done during his years on the Board.

The agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



George Giles
Board Chair



B. J. Worthington
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary