

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

**September 16, 2014**

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, September 16, 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, Willie Freeman, Jimmie Garland, Stephanie Lobdell, and Anne Murtha. Also present were: B. J. Worthington, Director of Schools; Jill Ayers, Board Attorney; Danny Grant, Chief Financial Officer; Elise Shelton, Chief Communications 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, Ron Sokol, John Gannon, and Tommy Vallejos.

**Board Consideration of Director of Schools Contract**

Mrs. Ayers reminded Board members that Dr. Worthington's contract had two remaining years. A motion was made by Mrs. Dowdy, seconded by Mr. Baggett, to renew the contract adding another year. The motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Ayers stated that the contract would now run until July 31, 2017.

**Point of Pride**

High School Director Bryan Johnson recognized Clarksville High School student Preston Albertia. Preston was named District Governor of the Jr. Civitan Club and raised more than \$15,000 for the Civitan International Research Center which is conducting studies on developmental delays. Preston was subsequently named International President of the Jr. Civitan organization. He received a \$2,000 scholarship and will get to travel to various locales during the year.

Elementary Director Beth Unfried recognized Minglewood Elementary teacher Ellen Luckoski with a Point of Pride Award. Ms. Luckoski is a second year art teacher and spent her summer drawing and painting a mural at Minglewood. She also spearheaded a group to finish painting the school hallways over the Saturday and Sunday prior to the first day of school.

Chief Communications Officer Elise Shelton recognized Antonio Murgas from Domino's Pizza for his store's sponsorship of the Pass and Go program. Domino's supplies pizza for the visits to each high school promoting Pass and Go as well as for everyone that attends the actual event during the summer. Other sponsors that provide prizes but were not present for the meeting include William Beach Oil, Premier Medical Group, and Wyatt Johnson car dealership.

Ms. Jaime Wilson, STEM Coordinator, introduced STEM externship business partners to receive Point of Pride Awards. A video featuring one business partner, Force X, was shown. A total of 28 businesses and organizations took part in the 2014 Summer Teacher Externship program

with CMCSS. One hundred four STEM and Academy teachers participated and forty-four administrators received one-day mini externships.

Hazelwood Elementary School was awarded a Point of Pride for being recognized as a top 5% school in the state in both the Achievement and Growth categories. Governor Haslam and Tennessee Education Commissioner Kevin Huffman visited the school to make the announcement earlier in the month. A video of their presentation was shown.

### **Public Conversation**

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

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Mr. Baggett made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. His motion was seconded by Mr. Freeman and passed 7-0. Items on the consent agenda were:

- August 12, 2014 regular session minutes
- Surplus CMCSS Vehicle (Bus #00-23), first reading September 2, 2014
- Collaborative Conferencing Management Team, first reading September 2, 2014
- Adjustments to the 2015-2016 School Year Calendar, first reading September 2, 2014

### **Policy Monitoring**

Dr. Worthington presented the policy monitoring report for Executive Limitation 11 – Capital Projects noting compliance with each limitation. Mr. Baggett made a motion declaring full compliance with the executive limitation for the current monitoring period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garland and carried unanimously.

### **Reports**

1. Report of Executive Order – Board Attorney Jill Ayers explained that this Executive Order was in response to the unexpected news that CMCSS had received monies as a result of asbestos litigation begun in the 1980's or 1990's. This particular claim had just been settled. The Executive Order dated August 12, 2014 was executed in order to approve the settlement and receive the proceeds (\$409,844.80) in a timely manner.

2. Goal 2 – Expand existing college and career academies in high schools – Dr. Bryan Johnson, High School Director, presented the report. He stated that this is the second year for the college and career academies in the district. He noted that research shows that smaller learning communities have a positive effect on students. The academies align well with the CMCSS vision of all students graduating college and/or career ready. The smaller learning communities provide opportunities for local community involvement. Local business support provides mentoring and networking opportunities, real-world experiences, and classroom support such as one-to-one technology for students. During the past summer, focused training for teachers and administrators was provided. Planning for the third and fourth years of the academies is already taking place. Expansion of dual enrollment opportunities and certification programs is being studied.

**Board Election of Officers**

Mrs. Ayers opened the floor to nominations from the Board members to select a new Board Chair. Mr. Baggett nominated Mr. Garland. No additional names were placed into consideration. Mr. Garland was elected Board Chair 6-0, with Mr. Garland abstaining. Mr. Garland nominated Ms. Murtha for Vice Chair. No additional names were placed into consideration. Ms. Murtha was elected Vice Chair 6-0, Ms. Murtha abstaining. The Board officers will serve October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015.

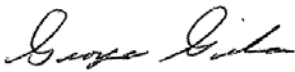
**Board Member Comments**

Mr. Garland thanked the Board members for selecting him as Chairman. Mr. Giles thanked Board members and staff for all of their support as he served as Chairman over the past year.

**Director of Schools Report**

Dr. Worthington expressed his thanks to the Board for renewing his contract an additional year and to all of the staff and community for supporting the district.

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