

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

**November 18, 2014**

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, November 18, 2014, in the Board Room, central administration offices, 621 Gracey Avenue, Clarksville, TN. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were: Jimmie Garland, Chairman; Josh Baggett, Eula Gardner Dowdy, Willie Freeman, George Giles, Stephanie Lobdell, and Anne Murtha. Also present were: Dr. 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 Johnson, 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, Ron Sokol, and Tommy Vallejos.

**Special Presentation by State Representative Joe Pitts**

Representative Pitts presented House Joint Resolution 585 passed by the recent legislative session to the widow and family members of Coach Marshall Patterson. Representative Pitts proclaimed him as a great Tennessean, an educator for forty plus years, a father, grandfather, husband, and coach in wrestling and football.

**Point of Pride**

Chief Operations Officer Jim Sumrell presented Point of Pride Awards to bus driver Lisa Winchester and bus aide Teresa Brown. Mr. Sumrell commended the two employees for having saved a family from a home fire. The two were on their route when they noticed a trailer home on fire. As no students were on board the bus yet, they stopped and hurried to the door to awaken any residents that might be inside. Two adults and five children escaped harm thanks to their quick action.

Middle School Director Mary Gist presented a Point of Pride Award to Rebecca Jackman, Media Specialist at New Providence Middle School. Ms. Jackman was chosen by the Tennessee Association of School Librarians as the Clara Hasbrouck Award recipient for the year. This award is given to an individual who is committed to the furthering of school libraries in Tennessee.

CMCSS Student Activities Coordinator Brett Burchwell introduced Christina Webb, NEHS Girls Track Coach, to receive a Point of Pride Award. Mr. Burchwell commented that TSSAA had awarded Ms. Webb the A. F. Bridges District 5 Female Coach of the Year award.

High School Curriculum and Instruction Director Dayna Paine presented Point of Pride awards to Kenwood High School broadcasting teacher Amy Jackson. Ms. Jackson was inducted into the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League Hall of Fame.

Mrs. Paine recognized high school students who had participated and placed in the 2014 Junior Classical League Convention. There were 1,402 JCL delegates from 38 states at the convention. CMCSS students receiving Point of Pride Awards were: Ashley Cash, Lia Hall, Judith Long, Lauren Snapp from CHS; Heston Friedland, Victoria Huynh, Alexander Kee, Ben Munoz, and Ian Slamen from RHS; and Morgan Dalton from WCHS.

Mrs. Paine recognized the Northwest High School Health Science Academy for a Point of Pride Award. She noted that on October 28, 2014, State Commissioner of Health John Dreyzehner, recognized the academy as the "Public Health Champion of the Year". The academy students were commended for their outstanding contributions to the improvement of the community's health.

### **Public Conversation**

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

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

On a motion by Mr. Giles, seconded by Mr. Baggett, the Consent Agenda was approved 7-0. Items on the agenda were:

- October 21, 2014 regular session minutes
- Approval of Fall 2014 teacher tenure list, first reading November 4, 2014
- Request to surplus ink cartridges (RHS), first reading November 4, 2014
- Resolution for Budget Amendments, first reading November 4, 2014

### **Policy Monitoring**

Dr. Worthington read the policy monitoring report for EL-5 – Financial Administration. All limitations were reported to be in compliance. Mr. Giles made a motion declaring compliance with EL-5 limitations for the current reporting period. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dowdy and passed unanimously.

### **Reports**

Goal 9 – Prepare district technology for state assessments was reported on by Chief Technology Officer David Holman. Mr. Holman reminded Board members that the work on this goal began the past year, and most of the work had been completed over the summer. He noted that there had been several requirements from the State that CMCSS needed to meet to be ready to test students. Mr. Holman said that the state had set aside the original testing that had been scheduled and subsequently has adopted new tests. At this time, CMCSS does not have all of the information about the new testing. Mr. Holman commented CMCSS has the bandwidth required for our needs and that our contract allows us to burst up to 1.5 gigabyte. The previous specifications also required one device per student in the largest grade level. The district has leased computers to meet this requirement. The wireless network was rebuilt over the past year. There is now an access point for every classroom and speeds for the new access points are six times faster than the old ones. Based upon calculations given to us last year, we are operating at four times faster than needed. Mr. Holman stated he believes the district is well prepared for whatever the new assessment requirements will be.

Chief Financial Officer Danny Grant reported on progress of Goal 18 – Communicate nutritional analyses of school menus. Mr. Grant stated that beginning in January the monthly menus will be posted on the CMCSS website where students, staff, and parents can see the nutritional value of the meals being offered in schools. The menus will indicate calories, total fats, saturated fats, carbohydrates, and sodium content. So far, entering the nutritional information has been done by hand and is very labor intensive. The goal for next semester is to load all of the nutritional data into the Child Nutrition software that will link with the online meal pay site that parents access. Menu information for parents that do not have access to technology will be available upon request.

**Comments**

**Board Member Comments**

Ms. Murtha commented that she appreciated Representative Pitts coming to present the Joint Resolution to the Patterson family. Mr. Garland noted that the Board members had enjoyed the TSBA convention and the presentation done there by Mr. Giles and Dr. Worthington.

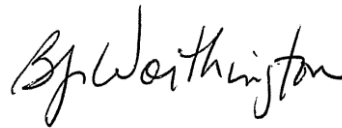
**Director of Schools Report**

Dr. Worthington commented that Governor Haslam has called for a review of standards. CMCSS has posted information links and on the home website for reviewing the standards and for making comments directly to the state. Dr. Worthington announced that the coming Friday was 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Day at Wilma Rudolph Pavilion. He invited Board members to drop by. Dr. Worthington also noted that a student was going to be featured on Channel 2 news. The student had saved her sister's life with a technique she had learned in school.

The agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.



Jimmie M. Garland  
Board Chair



B. J. Worthington  
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls  
Board Secretary