

Minutes
Clarksville-Montgomery County
Board of Education

February 10, 2015

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, February 10, 2015, in the Board Room, central administration offices, 621 Gracey Avenue, Clarksville, TN. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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, John Gannon, Robert Gibbs, Ron Sokol, and Tommy Vallejos.

Point of Pride

Elementary Education Director Beth Unfried presented a Point of Pride Award to Deputy Tim Adair, SRO Officer at Moore Magnet Elementary. Deputy Adair created a program called "K.I.D. Deputy", a four-week program to help students develop character while creating positive relationships. The acronym K.I.D. stands for knowledge, integrity, and discipline and is the foundation of the program. The last session connects college and career ready with students questioning a panel of individuals in various positions within the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

Schools and school bookkeepers were recognized with Point of Pride Awards for their exemplary records of no audit findings for at least three years. Schools and bookkeepers from 14 of 38 schools were recognized including: 10 years no findings for Montgomery Central Elementary. Six years with no findings: Hazelwood, Kenwood Elementary, Minglewood, Norman Smith, Northeast Middle, and Rossvie High. Three years with no findings: East Montgomery, St. Bethlehem, Sango, West Creek Elementary, Montgomery Central Middle, Richview, and West Creek Middle.

Middle School Director Mary Gist introduced the Rossvie Middle School Hawkbotics Gold Team 4570 to receive a Point of Pride. The West Tennessee State Lego League Robotics competition was held for the western half of Tennessee with 42 teams competing. The Hawkbotics team placed first in the competition. Team members are: Briana McMurchie, Kyleigh Colp, Krista McSwain, Tatiana Hernandez, Jonathyn Edwards, Mackenzie Richey, Chloe Yoder, Andrew Joosse, and Jariel Jimenez-Lopez. The team is coached by Bridget Harding, Roxanne Morris and Teri Summers. They advance to the World Festival in St. Louis.

Dr. Gist recognized the Northeast Middle School E3-Soar Team. The team placed second in the FLL Championship competition. Team members are: Tyrese Belcher, Cleveland Brookhart, Arian Collazo, Navarone Dupont, Ava Ploeckelman, Gabe Quintero, Lauren Veltri, and McKenzie Ward. They are coached by Polly Kopp and Whitney Joyner with student mentors Nick Boudier, Bailyn Dupont, and Scott Moore. The team has been invited to compete at the North American Invitational Championship at Lego Land in Carlsbad, California.

Dr. Bryan Johnson, High School Director, presented a Point of Pride Award to Mr. Frank Myers, Rossvie High School Principal. Rossvie High School has been recognized as one of the top AFS (American Field Study) schools in the nation for foreign exchange students. Over the past fourteen years, Rossvie has hosted at least one student per year from a foreign country.

Dr. Johnson presented the Valedictorians and Salutatorians for 2015 for a Point of Pride. Valedictorians are: Emily Watson, CHS; David Zhang, KHS; Allison Schmittou, MCHS; Ricky Pugalee, NEHS, Gauge Sellmer, NWHS, Samuel Boehms and Akash Patel (exact tie), RHS; and Hannah Chong, WCHS. Salutatorians are: Allison Smith, CHS; Annie Lindsey, KHS; Lauren Tucker, MCHS; Diya Daswani, NEHS; Ciara Westbrook, NWHS; Jan Rhys Guido Kuan, RHS; Amy Wyer, WCHS.

Board Chairman Garland introduced visiting school board members from other districts that were present during the meeting to evaluate the CMCSS Board for a TSBA award.

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mrs. Dowdy made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Her motion was seconded by Mr. Giles and passed unanimously. Consent Agenda items were:

1. January 13, 2015 regular session minutes
2. Surplus Property Recommendation for 633 New Providence Blvd., first reading January 27, 2015
3. Naming of Frances C. Sumner Library at New Providence Middle School, first reading January 27, 2015
4. Naming of Frank Sutton Library at Norman Smith Elementary School, first reading January 27, 2015
5. Naming of Bobby Petties Automotive Center at Northwest High School, first reading January 27, 2015

Policy Monitoring

Dr. Worthington presented the policy monitoring report for Executive Limitation 3 – Personnel Administration. Mr. Giles made a motion declaring full compliance with this executive limitation for the reporting period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Baggett and passed 7-0.

Reports

Goal 12 – Increase alternative funding sources

Dr. Kimi Sucharski, CMCSS Accountability and Data Analyst, presented the report noting that the goal is to sustain the funding already being received as well as expand funding. She commented that from 2002-2004, the district averaged approximately \$3 million; from 2005-2013, the district moved to \$6 million; last year the district reached \$16 million in alternative funding. Alternative funding has reached \$14 million for this year. Dr. Sucharski has registered the district with numerous list serves and organizations that provide information on grant opportunities. These services help to filter opportunities for educational institutions that align with our parameters. A monthly meeting is held with district staff to share needs, opportunities, and progress on grants. The district is seeking to expand capacity for individuals to learn how to participate in finding and writing grants. Classes are held for Grant Writing 101 which teaches individuals how to look for, write, and find resources to help. Grant Writing 102 is for individuals that have started writing a grant and need assistance to complete the grant. Dr. Sucharski stated the district is cultivating partnerships with community agencies and business to help obtain certain types of grants. Technology, college and career, after school programs, academic intervention programs, wellness, parent engagement, energy savings, and safety are some areas where the district has received and continues to seek alternative funding. Examples of how alternative funding is used in the district include the Credit Recovery program which has always been free for students as well as after school programs that have been free for families since 2000.

Next steps for this goal are to continue training, work on collaborative partnerships, seek innovative ideas in the district that match grant opportunities, build a comprehensive database of available grants, and research alternative funding models to improve on what is already in place.

Comments

Board Member Comments

Mr. Giles commented that the meeting had represented the many successes of the district including students, bookkeepers and staff, and the work described in tonight's goal report. He said the district has much to be proud and he is proud to be a part of it.

Mr. Garland thanked staff for the goal report and noted it is good to know the district is always trying to improve. He thanked the visiting school board members for attending the meeting.

Director of Schools Report

Dr. Worthington reminded Board members that Education Commissioner Candice McQueen would be visiting the district on the upcoming Friday. He noted that Dr. McQueen went through Montgomery County schools and graduated from Northeast High School.

A video was shown that highlighted the difference being made by teacher Kim Parker at Rossvie Elementary School to help her students succeed.

The items on the agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.



Jimmie M. Garland
Board Chair



B. J. Worthington
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary