

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

May 12, 2015

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met Tuesday, May 12, 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; 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, and Ron Sokol.

Point of Pride

Dr. Bryan Johnson, Chief Academic Officer, recognized students from the 2014-2015 student advisory group that had completed the Dale Carnegie course in leadership development. Students receiving Point of Pride Awards were: Kerri Walker, Jillian Ferebee, and Page Roth from KHS; Skylar Patterson and Chris Davis from MCHS; Jeal Patel from NEHS; John Gutierrez, Kelsey Johnson, Emily Kleinhans, and Sharon Kim from NWHS; Asa Ruiz and Claire Barnett from RHS; and Dylan Moon, Aline Dungey, and Jeffrey Silvers from WCHS.

Related Arts Consulting Teacher Anthony Johnson presented Point of Pride awards to Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League State Tournament participants from CMCSS. Recognitions included Kelsey Thornton from Kenwood High School, coached by Amy Jackson; and Lauren Davis, John Poland, Carson Watts, Pramika Sriram, Bailey Brown, Ben Svanberg, and Kevin Kirkman from Rossvie High School, coached by Lee Ellen Beech.

Mr. Anthony Johnson recognized Tennessee High School Press Association award winners Cyrus Whitted, Terrishell Stone, Rachel LeJeune, Aaron Hardison, Alyssa Hunter, and Eugene Harris from WCHS. Rebecca Reed is their advisor.

Dr. Mary Gist, Middle School Director, presented Point of Pride awards to Northeast Middle School students that competed and placed in the National History Day Competition. Students recognized were Marissa Lott, Amelia Bucher, Sydney Keesler, Lauren Graves, Natalie Sierra, Miracle Mitchell, Kennede Boyd, Ariana Collazo, Brittani Mays, McKenzie Ward, Brookelynn Aanerud, Alanah Smithson, Dawson Brackett, Brianna Olds, Ava Ploekelman, Donavan Powers, and Whitney Flickinger. Students are coached by Whitney Joyner.

Dr. Gist recognized the Richview Middle School Math Team that won first place in the Tennessee Mathematics Teachers Association High School Competition for Algebra I. Team members included: Allison Crawford, Miller Hadley, Michelle Engel, Gabriel Robles-Nieles, and Gracie Liverett.

Jayne DeLaRosa, School Resource Officer for Cumberland Heights Elementary and Montgomery Central Elementary, received a Point of Pride Award for her development and implementation of an anti-bullying program at the two schools. The program is targeted for 4th and 5th grade students in an after-school environment. Officer DeLaRosa was nominated by the principals and staff from both schools.

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 Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- April 14, 2015 regular session minutes
- May 5, 2015 special session minutes
- Montgomery County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, first reading May 5, 2015
- Surplus property request for Rossview High School reel mower, first reading May 5, 2015
- Surplus property request for technology, first reading May 5, 2015
- Surplus property request for Child Nutrition Department, first reading May 5, 2015
- Surplus and transfer of CTE equipment, first reading May 5, 2015
- Resolution for Budget Amendments to the 2014-2015 CMCSS budget, first reading May 5, 2015

Policy Monitoring

Dr. Worthington commented that the policy monitoring report for Executive Limitation 5 – Financial Planning is presented multiple times during the year. He noted that there were no changes since the last report other than (5.1) the amount of funds received as of March 31, 2015. Dr. Worthington noted that all revenues are scheduled to be spent in accordance with the approved budget. Mrs. Dowdy made a motion declaring full compliance with EL-5 for this reporting period. Her motion was seconded by Ms. Murtha and passed unanimously.

Dr. Worthington presented the monitoring report for EL-13 – Career-Technical Education Programs. Dr. Worthington stated that the district reviews local, state, regional, and national job markets each year. An advisory committee meets twice a year. Students may apply to attend CTE programs and academies outside of their school zone. Currently over 1200 students are enrolled in the career academies which are in their third year of implementation. The STEM Academy will begin its sixth year next school year. A Career Exploration Day for 8th graders is held each November highlighting the local academies, CTE clusters, and post-secondary opportunities available to students. Beginning next year Mechatronics will be taught at Kenwood High School by Nashville State Community College. Dr. Worthington noted the certification and dual enrollment opportunities available listed in the monitoring report. Mr. Baggett made a motion declaring full compliance with EL-13 for the current monitoring period. Following a second by Mr. Freeman, the motion carried 7-0.

Reports

Goal 10 – Improve organizational efficiency through technology

Sr. Computer Programmer Joe Williams presented the report for Goal 10. Mr. Williams provided an overview of projects the Technology department has undertaken to provide greater efficiency for all CMCSS departments. Those projects/programs planned or already implemented include automatic attendance letters; text messaging through School Messenger; software development for the automation of travel reimbursement; data transfer for the substitute program; Trip Planner update; and improvement to the work order process. Mr. Williams provided an in-depth look at the District Calendar under development. The new district calendar will consolidate information so that individuals won't have to check each school's on-line calendar to get information. Individuals will be able to select particular events or types of events such as band concerts or athletics and the schools they want the information for. Subscriptions for e-mail notifications will be available for calendar events. Links for maps and driving directions will be available as well.

Mr. Williams also presented information about on-line pre-registration. Last year it was provided for students new to CMCSS. This year, it will be available to students transferring between schools as well. Parents and guardians will be able to enter information once for one or more children. Emergency forms, contact information, and other forms can be pre-filled so parents won't have to write the information multiple times. The school office will be able to print the filled forms for the school office or student's records. The pre-filled information can be reviewed by the school office and imported into PowerSchool eliminating an additional step for school office staff.

Goal 16 – Provide communication on upcoming curriculum and assessment changes

K-8 Instruction and Curriculum Director Emily Vaughn stated that in the next school year, teachers would only have to focus on one set of standards instead of the two that have been in place. The TN Diploma Project Standards will be replaced with the TN Education Standards. Teachers are already familiar with the new standards as they have been included in curriculum guides and classroom work. There will be a new assessment to measure these standards. The new assessment is the TN Ready Assessment which will replace the current TCAP and End-of-Course assessments in math and English/Language Arts. The assessment will include a variety of question types and will be administered in two parts, one in February and one in April. The new assessment provides students with multiple types of questions and answers. Tests will be administered online. Teacher leaders and consulting teachers have been working to align the curriculum guides to standards that teachers use. Clear targets have been created for teachers. These items will be available to teachers at the beginning of the year to use collaboratively with their grade level. The May 26 district-wide staff development day will focus on training for next year. Additional professional development aligned with the new standards and assessments and will be conducted over the summer. Information about the new standards and assessments is available to parents via the CMCSS website. Stakeholder groups will be kept informed as the standards and assessments change. PowerPoints explaining the standards and assessments will be available to administrators and teachers to use in sharing this information in parent meetings, etc. Focus videos will be produced and used to provide communication.

Comments

Board Member Comments – Mr. Garland thanked the members of the County Commission for their support of the school system budget. Mr. Baggett thanked Mr. Williams and the other members of the technology staff for the work done on the district online calendar as well as other helpful resources presented.

Director of Schools Report

Dr. Worthington shared a video featuring the County Mayor and City Mayor commenting on the value of the local school system in attracting new industries to the community. The video had been shown to school system employees during end of the year celebration meetings conducted by senior leadership team members.

Items on the agenda having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.



Jimmie M. Garland
Board Chair



B. J. Worthington
Director of Schools

Teresa A. Rawls
Board Secretary