

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

April 12, 2016

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, April 12, 2016, in the Board Room, central administration offices, 621 Gracey Avenue, Clarksville, TN. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. following a 5:30 p.m. Public Hearing (2016-2017 CMCSS Consolidated Budget). Members present were: Josh Baggett, Chairman; Jimmie Garland, Willie Freeman, George Giles, Eula Dowdy, and Anne Murtha. Also present were: Dr. B. J. Worthington, Director of Schools; Kathryn Olita, Board Attorney; Jeanine Johnson, Chief Human Resources Officer; Dr. Bryan Johnson, Chief Academic Officer; Danny Grant, Chief Financial Officer; Jim Sumrell, Chief Operations Office; Elise Shelton, Chief Communications Officer; David Holman, Chief Technology Officer; and Deb Cummings, Secretary, who documented minutes of the meeting. Members of the County Commission School Liaison Committee present were: Robert Gibbs, Ron Sokol, Arnold Hodges, Charlie Keene, and Wallace Redd.

Special Recognition

The 2016 TSBA SCOPE Conference was held on March 8, 2016 at MTSU. Approximately 350 high school students across the state joined their peers to express their views on public education in Tennessee. Now in its 34th year, SCOPE is designed to give students a voice where public education issues are concerned and to involve young people in finding solutions to the topics that are discussed. Attendees participated in mock school board sessions, where they assumed the roles of school board members, school officials, parents, students, and concerned citizens. The sessions were led by actual school board members, superintendents, and educational leaders from across the state. Mr. Marcus Heaston, High School Level Director, recognized the 14 students that represented CMCSS :

Christopher Bland – West Creek High
Dakota Bourne – Northwest High
Mandy Campbell – Clarksville High
Daniel Ellis – Clarksville High
Adria George – Kenwood High
Brandy McCone – West Creek High
Cole Weston – Middle College

Scott Moore – Clarksville High
Matthew Oglesby - Northwest High
Jewel Stewart – Middle College
Shelby Stewart – Rossvie High
Josephine Suss – Montgomery Central High
Alexis Wade-Rivas – Northeast High
Carson Watts – Rossvie High – VP, SCOPE Conference

Point of Pride

For the second year in a row, CMCSS has been designated by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation as a “Best Community for Music Education,” one of four in Tennessee and one in 146 across the country. The designation is awarded to school districts across the country that demonstrates outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students. Mr. Anthony Johnson, Consulting Teacher, presented the Music Merchants Foundation plaque to the CMCSS Board which was accepted by Board Chairman, Josh Baggett. Bringing that award to life are the administrators, teachers, and students in CMCSS. Here are a few who have been recognized at the state level for their musical achievements:

All-State Musicians:

- Alana Clayton, RHS - Horn
- Jo’shua Coates, RHS – Clarinet
- Ashley Rands, RHS – Trombone
- Zach Webber, RHS – Tuba
- Abigail Fish – NEHS – 1st Soprano
- John Kim, RHS

TN Bandmasters Association & Middle TN State Band Orchestra Association:

- Berta Teodora, RHS – Flute
- Samantha O’Neil, Berta Teodora, Jo’shua Coates, RHS – Flute Trio

CMCSS has had several wrestlers from two high schools win their weight division in state competitions. Mr. Heaston presented these awards to:

Montgomery Central High School

- Emma Allsbrooks, 4th State, 7-5
- Blake Curry, State Qualifier
- JayAnna Stokes, 4th State, 11-5
- Keely Sage, 2nd State, 8-3
- Jada Hoskins, 3rd State, 8-5
(Coached by Nathan Hey)

Northeast High School

- Jaydn Lyn Sayre-Adona, 1st place State Championship
- Cathlin Ann Green, 2nd place in State Championship
- Leilani Lei Gutierrez, 3rd place in State Championship
(Coached by Angela Haley)

Dr. Mary Gist, Middle School Level Director, recognized the Northeast Middle School E-3 Strike Team. The students placed 1st Overall Champions – Regional Robotics Competition and have been invited to Lego Land in California for the invitational competition. Lego will provide \$1,000 to assist with traveling expenses and the remaining costs will be covered by parents and other fund raising events.

- Michelle Ward
- Kaylie Oliver
- Alexandria Wilcox
- Elizabeth Joiner
- Savannah Peifer
- Meghan Kane
- Isabella Sepulveda

(Principal: Tracy Hollinger; Coaches: Whitney Joyner and Todd Taylor)

Ms. Beth Unfried, Elementary Level Director, recognized Moore Magnet Elementary Robotics and announced that Moore Magnet had the first elementary robotics in Clarksville-Montgomery School System to compete in a state robotics competition in Cookeville in February. The team won first place in presentation and placed 10th out of 48 teams. The students were also congratulated by Principal Kim Smith, Assistant Principal Lori Snyder, and Coaches Jane Weakley and Jenifer Averitt.

- Ryan Bellamy
- Katelyn Mann
- Eathan Dowdy
- Nathan Smith
- Gavin Weddington
- Ella Averitt
- Cooper Smith
- Andrew Bailey
- Antonio Perez
- DaLeila Ladd

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Before the Consent Agenda was presented to the Board for approval, Dr. Worthington called attention to Item #7, 2016-2017 CMCSS Consolidated Budget Request, reminding the Board this is a draft budget which could result in revisions as numbers firm up before final approval goes before the County Commission. Board members Eula Dowdy and George Giles each made a declaration required by TCA 49-2-202 that while they have a relative employed by the school system, the vote they cast will be in the best interests of the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System. On a motion by Mr. Garland and seconded by Mr. Freeman, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda 6-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- March 8, 2016 regular session minutes
- Textbook Adoption Certification, first reading, 03/22/2016
- Surplus Property – 2 iPad’s damaged – Byrns Darden, first reading, 03/22/2016
- Surplus Property – 2 iPad’s damaged – Moore Magnet, first reading 03/22/2016
- Surplus Property – Miscellaneous equipment/supplies, Central Office warehouse, first reading 03/22/2016
- April 1, 2016 Continuation Budget Request, first reading 04/05/2016
- 2016-2017 CMCSS Consolidated Budget Request, first reading 04/05/2016, Public Hearing 04/12/2016
- CMCSS Depository Authorization

Reports

1. Report of Executive Order – An Executive Order by the School Board Chair is being requested in order to bring the resolution forward for the School Board’s formal meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2016. This will allow the resolution to proceed to the County Commission for its May meeting and with their approval the technology department will have the much needed time for receiving and set-up of computers for the 2016-2017 school year. On a motion by Mr. Giles and seconded by Ms. Murtha, the resolution was unanimously approved 6-0.

2. Goal 12 – Continue district security upgrades

Tommy Butler, CMCSS Risk Manager/Safety Coordinator, reported on critical areas that the risk management/safety department handles which include processes for building security, maintenance of our camera system, fire prevention and training, OSHA building inspections, self-insured management of physical, liability, and property claims, and communicable health disease prevention. Security and safety improvements consist of school security audits, school tabletop sessions, camera upgrades and replacement cycle, security stakeholder meetings, student safety education, and development of student crisis response awareness.

Chief Operations Officer Jim Sumrell shared information about operational improvements in support of this goal. Mr. Sumrell spoke with regard to the enhanced building automation system and emergency mechanical shutdown in place for all schools. Upgrades are in process with several school entrances due for completion July 2016. CMCSS radio system upgrades have been completed resulting in greatly improved voice communication in all areas of Montgomery County. In addition, 325 buses are equipped with new digital radios with GPS locator data. The radio system also provides the ability to locate and talk to any CMCSS bus traveling in over 5,000 square miles of middle TN.

Comments

Board Members Comments

Mr. Garland congratulated Drs. Worthington and Jones on their presentation at the NSBA in Boston over the weekend and spoke of all the interest generated after the meeting. Mr. Garland also thanked the County Commission for working diligently with the school system to ensure the highest level of student achievement is obtained. Mr. Freeman offered his appreciation as well. Mr. Baggett thanked the County Commission for their vote on the budget amendments and support of CMCSS.

Director of Schools Report

Dr. Worthington echoed his thanks and appreciation as well to the County Commission. He also commented on the recent Pass and Go activities and school visits in an effort to motivate students to pass the AP test. Dr. Worthington said these events are a reminder of how much the community supports our district. Sponsors (Wyatt-Johnson, Premier Medical, Beach Oil) contributed approximately \$30,000 in various formats to our kids to encourage them to do well on the tests. Dr. Worthington concluded with a mention of an upcoming video of kindergarteners through 12th grade reflecting on what they have learned in school.

Items on the agenda having been completed, Chairman Baggett adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.



Joshua Baggett
Board Chair



B. J. Worthington
Director of Schools



Deb Cummings
Board Secretary