

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

September 20, 2016

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, September 20, 2016, 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: Josh Baggett, Chairman; Willie Freeman, George Giles, Jimmie Garland, Margaret Pace, Anne Murtha, and Charlie Patterson. Also present were: Dr. B. J. Worthington, Director of Schools; Katie Olita, General Counsel; Dr. Bryan Johnson, Chief Academic Officer; Elise Shelton, Chief Communications Officer; Jeanine Johnson, Chief Human Resources Officer; James Sumrell, Chief Operations Officer; David Holman, Chief Technology Officer; Danny Grant, Chief Financial 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, and Charlie Keene.

Consideration of Contract – Director of Schools

Chairman Baggett commented the Board had been provided a packet with information for their consideration in renewing the contract of Dr. Worthington for an additional year which would take the term through July 31, 2019. Currently, the contract goes through July 31, 2018. Chairman Baggett asked for a motion on the contract renewal. A motion was made by Mr. Garland and was seconded by Mr. Patterson passing unanimously 7 – 0.

Point of Pride

Dr. Bryan Johnson recognized Ms. Pauline Hutchinson and Ms. Tayranette Williams who have served as School Liaison Officers from Fort Campbell to the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System since 2010 and 2008 respectively. They truly have been partners in education with CMCSS. We are grateful for their time, their service and their contributions. We welcome their replacement, Dr. Terri McQuirter.

Dr. Mason Bellamy presented Principal Rhonda Kennedy, Barkers Mill Elementary, with the Tennessee School Counselor Association's 2016 Elementary Principal of the Year. Ms. Kennedy was selected from among other administrators throughout the state who were nominated for significant contributions to the school counseling profession. Ms. Kennedy will receive her award at the School Counselor & Administrator Leadership Institute later this month.

Dr. Mary Gist congratulated the Northeast Middle School Girls Lego team for winning first place in the "Inspiration Award" category at the First Lego League North American International Invitations in Carlsbad, CA. There were 72 teams at the event from around the world. This award goes to the team that has a balanced approach to all 3 areas of FLL (robot design and performance, Core Values, and Research Presentation), and inspires their judges and other teams. Team members included Michelle Ward, Meghan Kane, Elizabeth Joiner, Alexandria Wilcox, Savannah Peifer, and Kaylie Oliver. Coaches are Whitney Joyner and Todd Taylor.

Mr. Marcus Heaston congratulated the JROTC Cadets from Kenwood and West Creek High Schools. Both schools participated in this year's National Drill Team Championship in Daytona in May.

The JROTC Leadership & Academic Bowl (JLAB) is a nationally recognized competition created exclusively for JROTC students. By participating, cadets learn the values of citizenship, academic competition, and college opportunity. The competition creates tremendous opportunities for JROTC cadets by allowing them to demonstrate their leadership and academic abilities. 1,378 Army JROTC Programs from across the globe competed to earn 1 of 40 seats at the National Leadership Competition.

This year, two of CMCSS's JROTC Programs (Montgomery Central High and Kenwood High) competed at the National Championships in Washington DC. Although they did not place in the overall standings, the experience of competing at the national level, and in our nation's capital was indeed an opportunity and a very memorable event.

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Mr. Marcus Heaston recognized students and teachers of the National Junior Classical League and commended them for their participation in the NJCL convention held at Indiana University from July 25 – 29. Three schools from CMCSS sent delegates to compete. These students placed in the top 10 in various competitions:

Zachary Costa (Rossvie High, Latin 1)	Asa Ruiz (Rossvie High, Latin 2)
Shea Edington (Rossvie High, Latin 2)	Alyssa Spaulding (Clarksville High, Latin 3)
Sarah Lee (Rossvie High, Latin 2)	Noah Stafford (Rossvie High, Latin 2)
Philip Long (Clarksville High, Latin 4)	Luke Sturm (Rossvie High, Latin 5+)
Riley Miller (Middle College/Northeast High, Latin 4)	Hannah Vandenbroek (Rossvie High, Latin 2)
Aric Phipps (Rossvie High, Latin 1)	Brandon Zeedar (Rossvie High, Latin 2)

The CMCSS Operations Department was honored to receive an award from the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The Operations and Transportation teams were presented with the 2016 Sustainable Transportation Award to CMCSS for Cleaner and More Sustainable School Buses in CMCSS. Mr. James Sumrell, Chief Operations Officer, thanked Mr. Ricky Phillips and his team for being instrumental in the receipt of this award.

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Giles and seconded by Mr. Freeman, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda 7-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- August 9, 2016 regular session minutes
- Surplus Property – Items to County Parks and Recreation, first reading 08/23/2016
- Surplus Property / Trade In – Band Equipment, first reading 09/06/2016
- Resolution Budget Amendments to 2016-2017 CMCSS Budget , first reading 09/06/2016

Policy Monitoring

The policy monitoring report for Executive Limitation -11 – Capital Projects was read by Dr. Worthington. The Clarksville-Montgomery County School System shall not fail to insure that District facilities are safe and adequate in order to accomplish the Board's policies and priorities. Dr. Worthington commented that all limitations have been met for this policy. The motion was made by Mr. Giles to declare full compliance for this reporting period and seconded by Mr. Garland. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Reports

1. Goal 13 – Expand Parental Engagement Opportunities was presented by Ms. Esperanza-Soriano-McCrary, Parent Engagement Specialist. Ms. McCrary began by stating that in 2013 the district received a four-year grant from the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) to increase parental engagement among all our families with particular attention to our military families. School-level and district-level components have been developed to provide parents with various access points to make it easy to connect. Those components include (between August 2015 – May 2016):

- Volunteer Coordinators develop opportunities to help schools meet volunteer needs and manage the school's volunteer activities. 33,899 volunteer hours were gifted for a quantitative value of almost \$800,000.
- Information Coordinators facilitate the school-parent communication process. Overall postings were 12,718 which include website, online calendar, volunteer portal, and social media.
- Parent Ambassadors help parents become more involved and better informed about school activities. PA's reported participating in 689 events and dedicated over 2,000 hours to connect with over 6,000 families. Stanley Woodall, Parent Ambassador for Sango Elementary, will be recognized this week at the TSBA Fall District meeting for his outstanding service to our students and our district.
- EngageTV provides parents with videos answering frequently asked questions. January - August 2016 there have been 3,431 views and since March 2015, there have been over 5,200 views.

- PowerSchool grants parents access to students grades which is an important element to staying engaged. Currently, there are over 20,000 students or 61% who has at least one parent signed up for PowerSchool and there are almost 16,000 parent accounts.
- Online registration helps ease the transition especially for military families living out of state. As of July 29, online pre-registrations processed resulted in 1,740 pre-enrollments of which 46% had a military connection.

Board Discussion & Consideration

Board Election of Officers – Board Attorney Katie Olita opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair for the term of October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017. The nominee for Board Chair was Ms. Anne Murtha made by Mr. Garland. With no other nominees, Ms. Olita called for a vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Nominations were opened for Board Vice Chair. Mr. Baggett nominated Mr. Garland. There were no other nominations and the motion passed unanimously.

Comments

Board Members

Mr. Garland commented he enjoyed the informative parent engagement presentation and thanked Ms. McCrary for a job well done. He also welcomed the new Board members, Ms. Margaret Pace and Mr. Charlie Patterson. Mr. Freeman and Ms. Murtha offered their appreciation with regard to the presentation and expressed the importance of keeping parents involved and engaged with student learning. Mr. Baggett welcomed the new Board members. Ms. Pace and Mr. Patterson stated they are both looking forward to serving the district and on the Board during the next four years.

Director of Schools Report

Dr. Worthington commented on the following:

1. TSBA Fall District meeting on Thursday evening this week.
2. Enrollment today is 33,579; 1,015 more students over this time last year.
3. Career Exploration Day and Dr. Worthington asked for the Board's help in letting vendors know of this event for any that might be interested in participating.
4. Local news report of a "Clarksville Education Foundation" under investigation from the State. This is not our CMCSS Education Foundation.
5. Copies of the second quarter Financial and Construction reports were provided to Board members.
6. Entrepreneur Mark Cleveland recently met with students from all seven CMCSS Career Academies to encourage them to not let fear stand in the way of innovation. Mark is the owner and CEO of Hobby Express, Co-Founder of Elicit Brands, LLC, a company known for its Swiftwick brand of U.S. produced athletic and medical compression socks, and Co-Founder and CEO of the carpool networking app Hytch.
7. Congratulations to Ms. Murtha and Mr. Garland on being elected Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.

Dr. Worthington thanked the Board for their vote of confidence in him by renewing his contract. Dr. Worthington also expressed his gratitude to the entire CMCSS team for working hard every day to make our school district the best it can be for our 33, 579 students. Ms. McCrary was commended as well for the great job this evening in presenting on the parent engagement program and opportunities.

Items on the agenda having been completed, Chairman Baggett adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.



Joshua Baggett
Board Chair



B. J. Worthington
Director of Schools



Deb Cummings
Board Secretary