

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

**November 8, 2016**

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, November 8, 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: Anne Murtha, Chair; George Giles, Josh Baggett, Margaret Pace, Charlie Patterson, and Willie Freeman. Also present were: Dr. B. J. Worthington, Director of Schools; Katie Olita, General Counsel; Elise Shelton, Chief Communications Officer; Jeanine Johnson, Chief Human Resources Officer; Bryan Johnson, Chief Academic 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, Wallace Redd, and Charlie Keene.

**Point of Pride**

Mr. Shawn Heaston congratulated Clarksville High School and its two state championship wins.

The Girls Golf team won its third state championship in October with Mariah Smith winning the individual state title. Team members include: Riley Cooper, McKinley Cunningham, Mariah Smith, Cameron Waltman, Kallie Robertson, Madison Averitt and Cassidy Marcom. Their coach is J.T. Batson.

The Girls Soccer team has won the state championship twice out of the last three years. Team members include: junior Ann Utsi, senior Gybson Roth, sophomore Madison Pickett, freshman Aubrey Higdon, sophomore Jensen Drake, junior Haley Welker, sophomore Alison Crawford, senior Tennessee Barkalow, sophomore Sadie Sims, sophomore Madison Allen, freshman Kristen Gasaway, freshman Destiny Hill, senior Jalyn Love, sophomore Kellyne Skillin, senior Lexie Hayes, freshman Kaci Helmick, freshman Ariana Easterling, sophomore Lucy Bond, sophomore Gracie Liverett, freshman India Gaiten, freshman Camryn Bain and senior Sunny Stephenson. Manager is Belle Tackett. Their coach is Jeff Jordan with assistant coach Sara Klutzz.

The Clarksville High School Business Academy students were also recognized by Mr. Heaston. These students were given the opportunity to participate in the Chick-fil-A Leader Academy. Chick-fil-A Leader Academy is a national high school leadership program focused on impact through action. Local franchise owner David Blevins arranged for the students to have the enriching experience with business education teacher Dr. Diarese George. The award was accepted by Business Academy administrator Mr. Shannon Cummings.

Ms. Beth Unfried presented to representatives from the Downtown Kiwanis Club and the UPS Foundation the Reading Rodeo award. This program is a new event presented by the Downtown Kiwanis Club which kicked off late October at Byrns Darden Elementary School. Downtown Kiwanis has donated more than 100,000 books to CMCSS students over the past 30 years.

Dr. Mary Gist honored our first time 2016 STEM and Academy Externship Partners who hosted teachers at their businesses or organizations last summer. New to the externship host program for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math are : Bridgestone Metalpha, The Clarksville Foundry, Inc., The Food Initiative, Tennessee Wildlife Refuge, Robard's Pest Control and the Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) Nashville Field Office. New to the Academies externship program are: CMCSS Business Affairs Office and the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office.

**Public Conversation**

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Before voting on the Consent Agenda, Dr. Worthington commented he would like to call the Board's attention to the 2017 Legislative Interests agenda, Item # 12. The intent of Item # 12 is to encourage our legislators to review current laws on the books that are impeding efficiencies and effectiveness of schools. By doing so, this would allow the districts to have decision-making ability when appropriate.

On a motion by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Baggett, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda 6-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- October 18, 2016 regular session minutes
- 2016 LEA Compliance Report, first reading 11/02/2016
- 2017 Legislative Interests, first reading 11/02/2016

**Policy Monitoring**

The policy monitoring report for Executive Limitation 5 – Financial Administration was read by Dr. Worthington. The Director of Schools shall not cause nor allow fiscal jeopardy or a material deviation from the annual budget or budget policy adopted by the Board, or any fiscal condition that is inconsistent with achieving the priority established in the Board's Ends Policies. The motion was made by Mr. Baggett to declare full compliance for this reporting period and seconded by Mr. Giles. Motion passed 6 – 0.

**Reports**

Goal 10 – Improve organizational efficiency through technology was presented by Mr. Joe Williams, Senior Computer Programmer. Mr. Williams gave an update on previous initiatives which included the CMCSS district calendar and online pre-enrollment.

The CMCSS district calendar was implemented last year and currently has over 2,000 events listed for the 2016-2017 school year and nearly 800 subscribers. Online pre-enrollment continues to provide efficiency to the registration process, particularly to our military families. CMCSS has enrolled during the current school year over 1,800 new students using the online site of which 833 listed as part of a family serving in the military.

Mr. Williams addressed each department and reported on current and future technology improvements underway. For Instruction, improvements include customization of PowerSchool, upgrading new teacher gradebooks, and the review of electronic document storage. In the Communications area, updates in design and functionality of school websites continue as well as expanding mobile accessibility of district and school sites, work order/project management, and the School Messenger information center. In the Operations department, an overhaul of Trip Planner is on-going as well as enhancements for Dispatch Depot for driver notification and dispatcher reporting. A review of transportation software is underway. In Business Affairs, two projects include the automated in-county mileage/travel reimbursement process and asset transfer tracking (Panda). The customization of financial reporting requests and review of electronic document storage are in the developmental stages. In Human Resources/Risk Management, the installation of 25 digital security camera systems in various schools has been completed. Updating the process for new employees' benefits enrollment is currently being addressed as well as review of their electronic personnel storage files. In general, we are constantly monitoring the reliability and coverage of our network as student numbers continue to grow and technology is more deeply embedded in the learning process. We are working with Instruction to study the feasibility of providing a laptop to each middle and high school student to facilitate learning in the increasingly digital world.

**Comments**

Director of Schools Report

Dr. Worthington reported there will be a parent communications meeting this week. The Board is invited to attend the meeting on Thursday, November 10 at 11:30 a.m. An agent from Homeland Security will be talking to parent about how they can protect their children from online predators and help parents understand how children can become victimized online. An EngageTV interview will be created and made available on the CMCSS website for the entire district.

Dr. Worthington reminded the Board of the large number of Veteran's Day programs going on at all the schools and welcomed the Board to stop by and join in the celebration.

Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Murtha adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.



Anne Murtha  
Board Chair



B. J. Worthington  
Director of Schools



Deb Cummings  
Board Secretary