

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

January 10, 2017

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, January 10, 2017, 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, Jimmie Garland, 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; 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 Wallace Redd.

Point of Pride

Dr. Mary Gist congratulated **Dr. Eva Gibson**, West Creek Middle School Counselor. Dr. Gibson was chosen as Tennessee's 2017 School Counselor of the Year. She was honored at the White House as a part of the School Counselor of the Year event hosted by First Lady Michelle Obama.

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. Garland, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda 7-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- December 13, 2016 regular session minutes
- January 3, 2017 special session/special voting session minutes
- 2018 – 2019 School Year Calendar, first reading 01/03/2017
- 2016 -2017 School Year Calendar Adjustment, first reading 01/03/2017
- Resolutions (4) – School Additions, first reading 01/03/2017

Board Discussion & Consideration

Dr. Worthington stated the 2017 – 2018 proposed school re-zoning was first presented to the Board on November 1, 2016. Since that time, a public hearing was held on January 3, 2017 and the Board was provided all the written and verbal feedback. Mr. James Sumrell addressed the Board with the final summary. The recommended zone line changes will remain the same with students from WCHS, WCMS, NEHS, and NEMS being rezoned to KHS and KMS, with the following exceptions:

Students currently in either NEHS/NEMS or WCHS/WCMS, can stay in their school feeder group throughout their school career. Students currently that are a PreK-5th grade sibling of a student at NEHS/NEMS or WCHS/WCMS, may attend the MS and HS feeder to which their sibling is currently attending (NEHS/NEMS or WCHS/WCMS) throughout their school career.

CMCSS will not be providing transportation for these exceptions. Families who have situations they feel warrant a special request for transfer may submit those to the Student Services Department for consideration. Open enrollment is available until February 6.

Upon Board approval, letters will be sent to all affected families and a commitment letter for students who plan to take advantage of the exceptions will be requested for scheduling purposes.

A recommendation for approval was made by Mr. Baggett and seconded by Mr. Patterson and the 2017 – 2018 proposed school re-zoning, first reading November 1, 2016, was approved unanimously 7 – 0.

Policy Monitoring

The policy monitoring report for Executive Limitation 2 – Communicating with the Public was read by Dr. Worthington. The Director of Schools shall assure that the public is adequately informed about the condition and direction of the District. The motion was made by Mr. Garland to declare full compliance for this reporting period and seconded by Mr. Giles. Motion passed 7 – 0.

The policy monitoring report for Executive Limitation 9 – School Year Calendar was read by Dr. Worthington. The Director of Schools shall prepare a District Calendar that best meets the instructional needs of students. The motion was made by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Baggett to declare full compliance for this reporting period. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Reports

Goal 2 – Expand college and career academy opportunities was presented by Dr. Bryan Johnson, Chief Academy Officer, and Mr. Marcus Heaston, High School Level Director. Dr. Johnson stated the CMCSS vision is that all students will graduate college and career ready and will be equipped for success on the post-secondary path of their choice. The Academies and enrollment data at CMCSS are:

	<u>Enrollment</u>	
	<u>2016 – 2017</u>	<u>2015 - 2016</u>
CHS – Business and Finance	262	199
KHS – STEM Academy	166	163
MCHS – Plant and Animal Systems	214	164
NEHS – Computer and Information Technology	130	104
NWHS – Health Science	202	156
RHS - Media Arts and Technology	190	136
WCHS – Criminal Justice and Homeland Security	237	188

The curriculum and instruction within an academy meet external standards and college entrance requirements, while differing from a regular high school by focusing learning around a theme. Some of the dual enrollment / credit participatory schools are UT Martin, Austin Peay, Nashville State, and TCAT. Certification and career exposure opportunities include work-based learning, mechatronics, nursing and EMS clinicals (CNA and first responder).

CTE themed summer camps included: STEM Exploration Camp, RHS Create Workshop, NWHS MediCamp, and MCHS Ag Summer Camp. Twenty-seven teachers participated with seven extern hosts: CMCSS Business Affairs department, CDE Lightband, Heavenly Hollows Wildlife Farm/Livestock, Clarksville Regional Airport; Montgomery County EMS, Brand Imaging Group (Nashville), and Montgomery County Sheriff’s Department (SRO Division).

Next steps will consist of academy information sessions and registration for incoming 9th graders and continuation of monthly administrator PLCs. We will be expanding internship and certification opportunities for students through work-based learning classes and refining summer camp chances for elementary and middle school students. In addition, work will continue to build community engagement as well as increasing dual enrollment options for juniors and seniors.

Comments

Board Members

Mr. Patterson reminded everyone that the City Saver books were released and ready for purchase and encouraged everyone to support our schools. Mr. Garland thanked all the presenters tonight and he expressed his appreciation to all the leaders in the district that always put our students first. Ms. Pace complimented Jim Sumrell and his department on the weather video posted on the CMCSS website. Ms. Pace commented it was a fun and interesting way to get the message out there.

Director of Schools Report

Dr. Worthington spoke regarding the Academies and how these STEM programs give our students a competitive edge by presenting them with opportunities that they may not otherwise receive. As an example, students at West Creek High STEM (Homeland Security) took a bus trip to the Nissan Stadium where the Titans play to learn how they manage, strategize, and implement security for the stadium. Dr. Worthington reminded the Board our next Study Session (February 7) would be conducted at Rossview Middle School to tour their Related Arts STEM lab.

Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Murtha adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.



Anne Murtha
Board Chair



B. J. Worthington
Director of Schools



Deb Cummings
Board Secretary