

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

March 14, 2017

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, March 14, 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, 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; David Holman, Chief Technology Officer; and Deb Cummings, Secretary, who documented minutes of the meeting. There were no members of the County Commission School Liaison Committee present as the County Commission formal meeting was held on March 14, 2017 as well.

Point of Pride

Mr. Marcus Heaston, Director of High School, congratulated the Valedictorians and Salutatorians of the Graduating Classes of 2017:

<u>School</u>	<u>Valedictorians</u>	<u>Salutatorians</u>
CHS	Anna Mae Wells	Shelby Nan Coakley
KHS	John Michael Baggett	John Denton Spraberry
MCHS	Mia Gracia-Toro	Chloe Dayle Harp
NEHS	Andrea Mann	Bailyn Dupont
NWHS	Helen Estelle Faulk	Sara Ashley Williams
RHS	Sagar Patel	Ashley Montgomery
WCHS	Jasmine Alejandra Angel	Aline Baumgaertner

Mr. Marcus Heaston also recognized Rossvie High's four National Merit Scholarship semifinalists and all have been selected as finalists, setting a new record for the school. The National Merit finalists are Pramika Sriram, Ashley Montgomery, Lukas Sturm, and Ashley Mayes. Finalist candidates judged to have the strongest combination of academic skills and achievements, extracurricular accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous university studies. Scholarship winners represent less than 1% of the initial pool of student entrants, based on official statistics released by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Mr. Marcus Heaston extended appreciation to Abby Haslam, a ninth grader in Rossvie's Academy of Media Arts and Technology. Abby received a Silver Key recognition for her illustration piece *False Reality* in the Digital Art category of the Scholastic National Arts & Writing Competition. This is her second win for the year and the first nationally recognized piece of design work to come out of the program at Rossvie High

Dr. Mary Gist, Director Middle Schools, acknowledged KHS STEM Academy VEX Robotics team, the Kenwood Knights Sword. The team recently competed in two VEX Robotics competitions. On February 4, they competed at Whitehouse Middle, and were the tournament champions. On February 11, they competed at the Rose Park Middle Winter Invitational, where they were presented with the Judges Award. The team is composed of Chance Piefer, Adam Berenger, Jared Bauman, Connor Thomas, and Savannah Piefer.

Dr. Gist also announced that CMCSS had an excellent showing in the January First Lego League Robotics Tournament in Memphis. Here are the nine teams that received first and second place recognitions:

<u>Award</u>	<u>School/Team</u>	<u>Coaches</u>
Core Values Teamwork- 1 st Place	NEMS- E3 Surge	Whitney Joyner and Todd Taylor
Core Values Gracious Professionalism- 2 nd Place	NEMS- E3 Spark	Whitney Joyner and Todd Taylor
Project Research- 2 nd Place	WCMS- Silver Coyotes	Jennifer Maag, Daniel Miller and Bernard McMahon
Project Presentation- 2 nd Place	Moore- Atoms	Jane Weakley, Michelle O'Bryant, Will Bowers
Robot Mechanical Design- 1 st Place	Moore- Cyborgz	Jane Weakley. Will Smith, Jennifer Gurnon
Robot Mechanical Design- 2 nd Place	WCMS- Camo Coyotes	Jennifer Maag, Daniel Miller and Bernard McMahon
Robot Programming- 1 st Place	ROMS- Hawkbotics Gold	Roxanne Morris and Bridget Harding
Robot Programming- 2 nd Place	NPMS- Mustang Blue	AJ Wolfe and Andrew Richards
Robot Strategy and Innovation- 2 nd Place	NEMS- E3 Strike	Whitney Joyner and Todd Taylor

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- February 21, 2017 regular session minutes
- March 7, 2017 special session minutes
- 2016 – 2017 Budget Amendments Resolution, first reading, February 28, 2017
- Surplus Equipment – Child Nutrition Equipment, first reading, March 7, 2017
 - Smallwares and/or supplies currently housed at the Central Office warehouse

Policy Monitoring

The policy monitoring report for Executive Limitation 5 – Financial Administration was interpreted by Dr. Worthington. With respect to the actual, ongoing financial condition and activities, 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 priorities established in the Board’s End Policies. The motion was made by Mr. Giles to declare full compliance for this reporting period and seconded by Mr. Baggett. Motion passed 6 – 0.

The policy monitoring report for Executive Limitation 12 – Rezoning was interpreted by Dr. Worthington. Because demographic circumstances change and populations increase or decrease with time, the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System is required from time to time to implement rezoning initiatives. Consequently, the Superintendent/Director of Schools shall not fail to recommend and implement rezoning decisions based on established criteria. The motion was made by Mr. Freeman to declare full compliance for this reporting period and seconded by Ms. Pace. Motion passed 6 – 0.

Reports

Goal 12 – Expand pilot for on-line fee payment while researching other software application options was presented by Marcia Demorest, Finance Director. Ms. Demorest reported the on-line fee pay solution currently in use has resolved some of the issues experienced last year, but the integration and relationship with the financial software vendor continues to be problematic. CMCSS’ Business Affairs staff has identified a new on-line fee pay solution that our pilot schools at West Creek and Rossvie complex will use for 2017-2018.

Next steps include training for pilot schools beginning in July 2017, implementation for West Creek and Rossvie complex shortly thereafter, and make solutions available district-wide gradually and on a voluntary basis over the course of the remaining year.

Comments

Board Members

Mr. Giles congratulated all the Point of Pride recipients and referred to them as “bright stars” for the future and a promise of hope.


Director of Schools Report

Dr. Worthington reminded the Board that the Study Session on Tuesday, March 21, will be held at Montgomery Central Middle School. Also, Dr. Worthington mentioned that Kenwood Elementary has been selected as a bronze winner for the Americas Best URBAN schools award. Kenwood Elementary was 1 of 27 schools out of 1,000’s that fall into this category and they will be recognized in our Point of Pride recognitions in the near future.

The “Kit-Kat” video was shared with the Board.

Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Murtha adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.


Anne Murtha
Board Chair


B. J. Worthington
Director of Schools


Deb Cummings
Board Secretary