

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

**April 25, 2017**

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, April 25, 2017, in the Board Room, central administration offices, 621 Gracey Avenue, Clarksville, TN. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Board 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; Dr. Bryan Johnson, Chief Academic Officer; James Sumrell, Chief Operations Officer; Elise Shelton, Chief Communications Officer; Jeanine Johnson, Chief Human Resources 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, Arnold Hodges, Charlie Keene, John Genis, and Wallace Redd.

**Point of Pride**

Ms. Elise Shelton presented the 2017 Magna Award to CMCSS Board Chair Anne Murtha, Chamber Executive Director Melinda Shepard, and Education Foundation President Brian Taylor. The Clarksville-Montgomery County School System is a first place winner in the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Magna Awards program sponsored by the National School Board Association's flagship magazine American School Board Journal. The Magna Awards recognize our school districts and leaders for taking bold and innovative steps to improve the lives of students and their communities. CMCSS won first place for its twice annual program, Business After School, which was modeled after the Clarksville Area Chamber of Commerce, Business after Hours. The program was a collaboration of the School Board, the Education Foundation, and the Chamber and invites the local audience to learn more about instruction and curriculum in the school system through direct interaction with students. Congratulations to all for making our district first in the nation.

CMCSS had an excellent showing in the January First Lego League Robotics Tournament in Memphis. Dr. Mary Gist, Director of Middle Schools, congratulated West Creek Middle Cameo Coyotes for receiving second place in Robot Mechanical Design and the Silver Coyotes for second place in Project Research. Teachers Jennifer Maag, Daniel Miller, and Bernard McMahon sponsored the teams. Assistant principal Stacy Maley also attended the presentation.

Dr. Bryan Johnson, Chief Academic Officer, recognized CMCSS All-State music students:

**From Rossvie High School:**

Joshua Coates-Flute, 11/12 All-State Band  
Berta Teodora-Flute 11/12 All-State Orchestra  
Noah Chamberlain-Trombone 11/12 All-State Band  
Adeline Carter-Oboe 9/10 All-State Band  
Ashley Rands-Trombone 9/10 All-State Band  
John Kim-Cello 9/10 All-State Orchestra  
Olivia Voldarski-Clarinet 9/10 All-State Band  
Shelby White-Trombone 9/10 All-State Band  
Alana Clayton-Horn 11/12 All-State Orchestra  
Brock Cobb, Director

**From Northwest High School:**

Bianca Moore- 2017- All state choir  
Anna Caldwell, Teacher

Congratulations to Kenwood High, Valedictorian John Michael Baggett and Salutatorian John Denton Spraberry. Their awards were presented to them by Board Chair Anne Murtha.

Rossvie High communications art teacher, Lee Ellen Beach, has earned a Third Diamond degree of membership in the National Speech and Debate Associations' Honor Society. Dr. Johnson honored Ms. Beach by commenting there are countless students that have gained access to the life changing activity of speech and debates because of her commitment and continued dedication to this membership.

Dr. Johnson congratulated Rossvie High junior Mallory Fundora as being named one of Tennessee's top two youth volunteers of 2017 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. As a state honoree, Mallory will receive \$1,000, a silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Patriot Robotics 405 Team members George Michael Huttick (RHS senior), Adam Riley (Kenwood STEM Academy junior), and Matthew Riley (Kenwood STEM Academy, freshman) won the state champion title. They will compete in the World's Championship in Louisville, KY April 19 – 23 and again in a tournament in Council Bluffs, Iowa where they will be the only team attending to represent Tennessee. Board member Charlie Patterson presented their awards.

Dr. Johnson commended the Lady Vikings Wrestling Team for being the 2017 State Women's Wrestling Champions. For the first time in Northwest's 47-year history, a women's program won a TSSAA state title. Lady Viking Wrestlers were Jessica Elery, Lindsey Morrison, Deyla Brito-Perez, Catherine Palmieri, Stephanie Juarez, and Evelyn Dale. Coaches were Ben Smitherman, Kayla Sharp-Estep, and David Mosley. From Rossvie High, Robin Yunis finished first as State Champion. Emma Walker finished third. Arianna Millan finished fifth. The team finished third, four points behind the second-place finisher with only three wrestlers. From Montgomery Central High School, Keely Sage finished third and Blake Curry finished in fourth place. From Northeast High School, Catie Green finished second in her weight class.

#### **Public Conversation**

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

#### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

Dr. Worthington requested that the 2017-2018 proposed Consolidated Budget be pulled from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately for further discussion. On a motion by Mr. Garland and seconded by Mr. Baggett, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda 7-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- March 14, 2017 regular session minutes
- Surplus property – Operations – Radios, first reading, 03/21/2017
- 2017 – 2018 Code of Conduct, first reading, 03/21/2017
- Naming of Facility – CHS New Weight Room, first reading, 04/11/2017
- Surplus property – iPads, first reading, 04/11/2017
- Clarksville Gas & Water – 35 ft. Permanent Utility Easement, first reading, 04/18/17
- Resolution – Teacher Computer Leasing Contract, first reading, 04/18/2017
- Surplus property – Northeast High Football Jerseys, first reading, 04/18/2017

#### **Board Discussion & Consideration**

1. 2017 – 2018 Proposed Budgets: Federal Funds and General Purpose, first reading, 04/18/17
2. 2017 – 2018 Proposed Budgets: Child Nutrition Fund, Transportation Fund, Extended School program Fund, Capital Projects Fund, first reading 04/11/2017

Dr. Worthington explained that since the proposed 2017-2018 proposed Consolidated Budget had been reviewed with the Board, Danny Grant, Chief Financial Officer, had made adjustments to the General Purpose School Fund budget as follows:

- Local Revenue : Gifts and Contributions - \$14,000 from KHS for Band Uniforms
- Expenditures:
  - KHS Band Uniforms \$28,000
  - Computer Charging Stations (middle and high) \$28,000
  - District Accreditation - (\$41,250)

Total Expenditure Adjustments: \$14,750

Board members George Giles and Charlie Patterson 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. Mr. Patterson made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 CMCSS Consolidated Budget, seconded by Mr. Giles. The motion passed 7 – 0.

### **Reports**

Goal – 8 - Continue district security upgrades was presented by Jim Sumrell, Chief Operations Officer and Mr. Tommy Butler, Safety and Health Director. Mr. Sumrell reported the front entrance security upgrades for all schools are expected to be fully operational for the 2017-2018 school year. As part of the CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design), building maintenance workers have completed 95% of district buildings.

Mr. Butler reported on the school security audits which are conducted quarterly with the assistance of the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department and Clarksville Police Department. Audits are performed to identify areas of strengths or weaknesses to include visibility of exterior entrances, outside security, main office security, inside security, and proper visitor identification. A program called school tabletop sessions is a tool that has been used for the past several years in which members identify and set three goals where enhancements are needed. Based on feedback from committee members, huge improvements have been realized this year. All of our schools now have camera upgrades with improved school security camera systems. Mr. Butler commented on the security stakeholder meetings which are also held quarterly to discuss trends among safety and security between the community and CMCSS. The full implementation of the Raptor visitor management system has been completed. All visitors are background checked against the sex offender registry of all 50 states and officials are alerted when there is a system match. Mr. Butler concluded by reviewing future security and safety improvement work which will include the maintenance of camera upgrades, continued review of our CMCSS emergency plans, and retaining our CPTED efforts.

### **Comments**

#### **Director of Schools Report**

Dr. Worthington announced that CMCSS was selected once again as a district of distinction through the District Administrator magazine for the Pass and Go program. In addition, our schools received A Music In Our Schools Award for the third time. Dr. Worthington thanked Anthony Johnson for submitting these each year which recognizes the music education that is taking place inside of our schools. Dr. Worthington continued by reporting our CMCSS high schools were named to the 2017 U.S. News Best High schools rankings. Out of Tennessee's 480 public high schools, Rossvie High was ranked 24<sup>th</sup> (silver), Northwest High – 37<sup>th</sup> (bronze), Kenwood High – 38<sup>th</sup> (bronze), and Montgomery Central High – 39<sup>th</sup> (bronze). Dr. Worthington also shared that Kenwood Elementary received the Bronze Award by the National Center for Urban School Transformation as one of 27 schools from across the country having been chosen as winners of the America's Best Urban Schools.

The "Because of You" video was share with the Board.

Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Murtha adjourned the meeting at 6:43 p.m.



Anne Murtha  
Board Chair



B. J. Worthington  
Director of Schools



Deb Cummings  
Board Secretary