

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

May 9, 2017

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, May 9, 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. Beth Unfried, Director Elementary schools, presented Kenwood Elementary the National Center for Urban School Transformation award. Twenty-seven schools from across the country were chosen as winners of the American Best Urban Schools. Kenwood Elementary received the Bronze Award and will receive a \$1,000 check.

Four CMCSS high schools were named to the 2017 U.S. News Best High Schools rankings, with one awarded silver and three earning bronze medals. Mr. Marcus Heaston, Director High Schools, recognized Rossvie High School who ranked 24th out of Tennessee's 480 public high schools, with Northwest High, Kenwood High and Montgomery Central High holding the rankings of 37th, 38th and 39th respectively. Rossvie received a silver award with the other three earning bronze.

Mr. Heaston commended NEHS senior Rebecca Armstrong who was selected for the 2017 Billy Michal Student Leadership Award. Ms. Armstrong will receive an all-expense paid trip to the National WW2 museum in New Orleans to receive her award.

Gavin Berlyak and CeeJay Byrd, two students from Northeast High, were both named State Champions at the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League State Tournament. CeeJay won first place in Dramatic Interpretation and Gavin won first place in Poetry. Mr. Tavis Massey, principal at Northeast High, was also present during the recognition.

Board member Mr. Garland was one of the sixteen 2017 SCOPE Leaders from across Tennessee, accompanying 11 CMCSS students who joined approximately 340 of their high school peers in Murfreesboro on March 7 to express their views on public education at the Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA) Student Congress on Policies in Education (SCOPE). The event took place on the Middle Tennessee State University campus. CMCSS students participating:

Sarah	Hodges	Middle College
Aaron	Johnston	Middle College
Alexa	Pulley	MCHS
Josh	Hermantin	MCHS
Mason	McKain	NEHS
Navarone	Dupont	NEHS
Megan	Joose	RHS
Alyssa	Bolster	RHS
Shontia	Whitten	WCHS
Maalson	Nyonna	CHS
Keerthana	Kasetty	CHS

Now in its 35th year, SCOPE is designed to give students a voice where public education issues are concerned and to involve young people in finding solutions to the topics that are discussed. Attendees participated in mock school board sessions, where they assumed the roles of school board members, school officials, parents, students and concerned citizens. The sessions were led by actual school board members, superintendents and educational leaders from across the state.

Ms. Jeanine Johnson recognized Christie Beasley, District Registered Nurse. Because of Christie's hard work and dedication, CMCSS has received the "Heart Safe Designation" for Montgomery County. A Cardiac Emergency Response Plan was implemented through a partnership with Project ADAM and Vanderbilt University Medical Center by training staff and students to recognize a cardiac arrest and respond appropriately. Students, visitors and employees will have a better chance of surviving a sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) as a result of the training surrounding the use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). Angel Carter from Project ADAM, principal Lisa Clark, and nurse Bonnie Byard both from Richview Middle were also recognized as part of this achievement.

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- April 25, 2017 regular session minutes
- May 4, 2017 special session minutes
- Consolidated Entitlement Grant Application FY 2018, first reading 05/02/2017
- Surplus property – Kenwood High, Band Trailer, first reading, 05/02/2017
- Surplus property – Woodlawn Elem, Playground Equipment, first reading, 05/02/2017
- Resolution – 2016 – 2017 Budget Amendments, first reading, 05/02/2017

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. Baggett to declare full compliance for this reporting period and seconded by Mr. Garland. Motion passed 7 – 0.

The policy monitoring report for Executive Limitation 13 – Career-Technical Education Programs was interpreted by Dr. Worthington. With respect to the demand for qualified career-technical related jobs and the need for developing high-quality high school career-technical education programs, the Director shall not fail to study, plan and implement career-technical programs that address career needs in high-demand career vocations. The Director shall collaborate with other agencies and funding resources to allocate funds to support effective career-technical education programs. The Director shall develop and maintain a five-year plan for ensuring a rigorous career-technical education curriculum that responds to the changing needs of students. The motion was made by Mr. Freeman to declare full compliance for this reporting period and seconded by Ms. Pace. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Reports

Goal – 11 Study and implement county partnership opportunities was presented by Danny Grant. Mr. Grant shared that in his first report to the Board CMCSS had met with the county and the Munis financial software company with regard to the feasibility of integrating this software into one representing both entities. Mr. Grant commented that although these efforts did not come to fruition it was because of those conversations there was a mutual agreement that there could be other opportunities for efficiencies and savings for both. As a result, a process for electronic document storage and retrieval is an initiative that will be going forward in the upcoming fiscal year both for CMCSS and the county. This will allow the county to email direct deposit remittance advices which is new for them but something our district has been doing for several years now.

Another area of partnership since the last update was with county vehicle maintenance. Mr. Grant stated that we have had a long standing relationship between Jim Sumrell’s staff and EMS vehicle maintenance personnel. County volunteer fire department vehicles consisting of approximately 29 regular and commercial vehicles are now included. This will benefit the county in terms of what they have to spend as it relates to repair parts and labor compared to paying for these services through the private sector.

An opportunity to partner with the museum is another initiative. A flyer will be going out to all grades K-11 for a free student membership through the months of May – September this year. Students must be accompanied by an adult and the adult cost is \$5.00 which has the potential of generating revenue that will help support the ongoing operations of the museum and provide an educational resource for our students.

In addition, we believe there are other potential areas that can materialize over time with county purchasing and operations. For example, in purchasing we will continue to look at expanding the purchasing card program as we believe the efficiencies of a p-card system has significant advantages. We also have capability within CMCSS to assist the county in their RFP processes and we will continue to reach out to them to offer support. CMCSS would also like to explore the possibility of seeking assistance from the county highway department for asphalt and paving services that we require across the district from time to time.

Comments

Director of Schools Report

Dr. Worthington thanked Dr. Terri McQuirter, Ft. Campbell school liaison, for her determination and resolve in providing approximately fifty 101st flags for our CMCSS facilities. Many of the current 101st flags at the schools are very faded and tattered. New flags will be distributed and proudly displayed in the very near future.

Graduations begin on Thursday, May 25 continuing through Saturday, May 27.

A video was shared with the Board called the “CMCSS Work-Based Learning” which focuses on our special needs students and helping them transition into the workplace.

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