

Minutes
Clarksville-Montgomery County
Board of Education

July 18, 2017

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, July 18, 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: Chair Anne Murtha, Jimmie Garland, Josh Baggett, Margaret Pace, Charlie Patterson, George Giles and Willie Freeman. Also present were: Mr. Millard House, Director of Schools; Katie Olita, General Counsel; James Sumrell, Chief Operations Officer; Elise Shelton, Chief Communications Officer; David Holman, Chief Technology Officer; Danny Grant, Chief Financial Officer; Jeanine Johnson, Chief Human Resources 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, and Wallace Redd.

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. House announced to the Board the inclement weather make-up plan had been removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under **Board Discussion and Consideration** for further conversation. On a motion by Mr. Garland and seconded by Mr. Giles, the Board approved the Consent Agenda 6-1 with Ms. Pace abstaining. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- June 13, 2017 regular session minutes
- June 19, 2017 special session minutes
- Resolution 2017-2018 Budget Amendment, General Purpose, first reading 07/11/2017
- Rossvie High School Precinct Feasibility Study, first reading, 07/11/2017
- Architect Consideration – Renovation Northeast High, first reading, 07/11/2017
- Architect Consideration – Renovation Northeast Middle, first reading, 07/11/2017
- Architect Consideration – Renovation Barkers Mill Elementary, first reading, 07/11/2017
- Architect Consideration – Renovation Minglewood Elementary, first reading, 07/11/2017

Board Discussion and Consideration

- 2017-2018 Inclement Weather Make-up Plan, first reading, 07/11/2017

Mr. House addressed the inclement weather make-up plan stating there were no changes made to the plan after the Board's first reading, 07/11/2017; however, additional discussion is warranted surrounding August 21, the solar eclipse day. Because of the anticipated influx of traffic to Montgomery County and the announcement of other County office closures, the recommendation is to close schools on August 21. A stockpiled day would be used which simply means there will be one less stockpiled day. Approval from the Board and State is being requested.

On a motion by Mr. Baggett and seconded by Mr. Patterson, the Board unanimously approved the inclement weather plan as presented 7 – 0.

Policy Monitoring

The policy monitoring report for Executive Limitation 6 – Asset Protection was interpreted by Mr. House. The Director of Schools shall not allow assets of the District to be inadequately maintained, inappropriately used, or unnecessarily risked recognizing budgetary limitations. The motion was made by Mr. Freeman to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL6 and seconded by Mr. Baggett. Motion passed 7 – 0.

The policy monitoring report for Executive Limitation 7 – Emergency Superintendent Succession was interpreted by Mr. House. In order to protect the Board from sudden loss of Director of Schools services, the Director of Schools may have no fewer than two other executives familiar with Board and Superintendent / Director of Schools issues and processes. Mr. House identified Jeanine Johnson, Chief Human Resources Officer, and Ms. Elise Shelton, Chief Communications Officer, in that order as successors. A motion was made by Mr. Garland to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL7 and seconded by Mr. Baggett. Mr. Giles requested further discussion by stating he has no objections to the two selected; however, he voiced concern with naming two individuals as interim Director that do not have classroom experience. Mr. House assured the Board the process is moving aggressively to secure the position of Chief Academic Officer and should alleviate any concerns. Motion passed 6 – 1 with Mr. Giles opposing.

Reports

Goal #1 – Individualize professional learning opportunities was presented by Dr. Joshua Mason, Professional Development Coordinator. Dr. Mason called attention to the 2017-2018 Strategic Work overview and explained how these goals are tied to professional learning for our teachers. Under student achievement, Dr. Mason specifically spoke to the section of individualized learning opportunities. The overarching goal is to move from compliance to ownership by expanding choices. 2017-2018 action steps include ENGAGE conferencing, online learning opportunities, organizing existing content and micro-credential.

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



Anne Murtha
Board Chair



Millard L. House, II
Director of Schools



Deb Cummings
Board Secretary