

Minutes
Clarksville-Montgomery County
Board of Education

August 8, 2017

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, August 8, 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; Dr. Sean Impeartrice, acting Chief Academic 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, John Genis, Charlie Keene, and Wallace Redd.

Point of Pride Awards

The following Point of Pride awards were presented by Ms. Jean Luna, Director of High Schools :

- Clarksville High's **Christian Isbell**, TSSAA Boys Wrestling Tournament

- CMCSS Track Standouts – TSSAA Track and Field Competition
 - West Creek High – **Jalen Tate and Isaiah Martin**
 - Rossvie High – **Dahndray Holmes**
 - Montgomery Central High – **Chloe Harp**

- Clarksville High Business Academy teacher **Mitzi McKay** and academy student **Mariah Smith** earned recognition as “Outstanding Performance in Reflection and Self-Assessment” by CTE Educators

- Kenwood High senior **Marzell Norris** elected Governor of the American Legion’s Tennessee Boys State and fellow Kenwood senior **Adam Riley** appointed Adjutant General

- Junior Civitans Recognitions
 - Clarksville High school won first place from the International Junior Civitan Organization for their ONGOING CAMPAIGN OF THE YEAR under the direction of advisor **Karen Sullivan**
 - Montgomery Central Middle won first place for the COMMUNITY PROJECT OF THE YEAR under the direction of **Margaret Thompson**
 - Montgomery Central Middle, **Madison Wood**, FEMALE JUNIOR CIVITAN OF THE YEAR

- Montgomery Central High School Counselor, **Bethany Erb**, was named the Middle Tennessee Counseling Association’s High School Counselor of the Year

Mr. Anthony Johnson, Community Relations Director congratulated:

- CMCSS Communications – **Zach Whitaker** – recognized with two top honors in the National School Public Relations Association video and publications competition

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 approved the Consent Agenda 7-0. Items on the Consent Agenda were:

- July 18, 2017 regular session minutes
- Report on Debt Obligation (computer lease for student laptops), first reading, 07/25/2017
- Retire Insurance 2018 Update, first reading, 08/01/2017

Reports

Goal # 2 – Implement revised Tennessee State Standards was presented by Emily Vaughn, Elementary Curriculum Director. Ms. Vaughn began by presenting an update on the revised standards for the state of Tennessee. CMCSS vision is that all students will be college and career ready and that all students are engaged in rigorous curriculum on a daily basis in order to meet that vision. In meeting the expectations of the state, there are 3 pieces that must be considered: data, the changing world, and finally the TN Promise. In preparation for the 2017-2018 school year, feedback was collected from the previous curriculum guides. The assessment blueprints released by TDOE were reviewed and adjusted as needed and changes were shared with teachers and administrators. Focus was placed on summer training with clear target expectations for teachers, standard deconstruction and essential understanding, and common assessment revisions to align with scope and sequence.

Ms. Vaughn explained in detail what the shifts looked like in ELA, math, and science. She also described the planning for instruction processes which consists of deconstructing standards into clear targets, building assessments, and sharing resources and planning lessons collaboratively. Teacher resources include curriculum navigator which was designed to provide teachers access to the standards and clear targets. Lead teachers have been introduced to provide input and conduct professional learning related to the direction and implementation of district wide contact area initiatives. Parent resources include Curriculum Navigator, Engage TV, CMCSS and school websites, newsletters, and school communication.

Next steps include aligning teacher resources with TN Ready data when released, preparing teachers for the implementation of science standards, and continuing to increase parent resources supporting standards and assessment.

Comments

Board Member Comments

Mr. Garland commented that he had a chance to visit Kenwood High at the beginning of school year opening and that the experience was phenomenal. Mr. Garland thanked the County Commission for making sure that we always do the very best that we can for every child in our district. He also welcomed Mr. House to CMCSS. Ms. Pace echoed the comments from Mr. Garland in that CMCSS is outstanding in every way. Ms. Pace visited Cumberland Heights during the back to school events and commented on how well coordinated and organized the process was for opening the school on the first day. Ms. Pace commented on the arm safety feature on the buses and what a good feeling it was to see how it protects the kids getting on and off the bus. Mr. Freeman invited all men to Kenwood Middle on August 9 at 7:00 a.m. for “Men’s Day” and to dress in professional attire to welcome students back to school. Mr. Giles thanked the staff and every teachers for all the hard work that went into opening the schools and that it was a great opening day.

Director of Schools Report

Mr. House reiterated that we had a solid start to the new school year and it was an exciting day. In comparing data from this time last year to this year, enrollment is up 600 kids on day one. Mr. House congratulated Maddie Wilson who graduated from West Creek in May. Ms. Wilson was the 2017 winner of this year's Pass and Go event for AP students. Maddie drove home in a new Toyota Yaris! Mr. House thanked sponsors Wyatt-Johnson, Clarksville Montgomery County Education Foundation, Tony Murgas (Dominios Pizza), and William Beach Oil who made this event possible.

Mr. House briefly commented on departmental updates. For Instruction, he said we are excited about our one-to-one implementation and the complete roll-out. For Human Resources, CMCSS has hired over 280 teachers as of today. On the Operations front, the security enhancement implementations at the middle and high schools are all in place and functioning. The transportation department had a great first day opening with 295 routes the first of the week without an incident. Struggles continue with drivers and staffing but the driving training program is helping to alleviate some of those concerns. The sub driver pool is adequate with the help of office staff and mechanics.

In conclusion, Mr. House commented he had had the opportunity to visit a few schools on the first day and would like to share a video with the Board of some of the school opening events around the district.

Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Murtha adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.



Anne Murtha
Board Chair



Millard L. House, II
Director of Schools



Deb Cummings
Board Secretary