

Minutes
Clarksville-Montgomery County
Board of Education

September 19, 2017

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, September 19, 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

Dr. Sean Impeartrice presented the Tennessee Adult Education 2017 Academy for Instruction Excellence award to Ms. Betty Cook, Adult Education Supervisor. This year for the first time the Tennessee Adult Education lifetime achievement award was given to Ms. Cook for her record of excellence in service to adult students.

Ms. Jeanine Johnson announced that Clarksville-Montgomery County Schools received an honorable mention from School Planning and Management Magazine in conjunction with the Healthy Facilities Institute for its Outstanding Healthy Facilities 2017 listing. The magazine recognized only seven districts nationally. This was a collaborative effort from three CMCSS departments: Safety and Health, Operations, and Child Nutrition. Those who worked on the application include Lauren Richmond, Gene Fish, and Amanda Barnaby.

Dr. Jean Luna recognized those students that participated in the 64th Annual National Junior Classical Convention. Students competed in a variety of academic, artistic, and athletic events. Below are the results for CMCSS students who placed in the top 10 in the nation in at least one event.

Clarksville High School

Philip Long (Latin 5+, 12th grade)
3rd – Acrylic/Oil Painting
8th – Ancient Geography
9th – Classical Art test

Alyssa Spaulding (Latin 4, 12th grade)
7th – Photography

Rossvie High School

Emily Caldarelli (Latin 2, 10th grade)
5th – Hellenic History
6th – Ancient Geography, Latin
Derivatives, Reading Comprehension
8th – Latin Vocabulary, Roman Life

Zachary Costa (Latin 2, 11th grade)
4th – Latin 2 Grammar
6th – Reading Comprehension
7th – Academic Heptathlon (7-subject test)

Rossvie High School (continued)

Shea Edington (Latin 3, 11th grade)
6th – Watercolor, 100 Meter Girls Track
8th – Acrylic/Oil Painting

Sarah Lee (Latin 3, 11th grade)
5th – Greek History
8th – Roman History

Asa Ruiz (Latin 3, 11th grade)
2nd – Photography
6th – Roman Life
9th – Greek History, Acrylic/Oil Painting

Luke Sturm (Latin 5+, 12th grade)
1st – Greek History, Roman Life, Greek Life
& Literature
3rd – Ancient Geography, Small Models (art)
4th – Mythology, Heptathlon
6th – Roman History
8th – 800 Meter Boys Track

Rossview High School (continued)
Brandon Zeedar (Latin 3, 12th grade)
3rd – Advanced Latin Grammar

Montgomery Central High School
Nathan Shade (Latin 1, 10th grade)
5th – 200 Meter Boys Track
9th – 600 Meter Boys Track
10th – 800 Meter Boys Track

- Four Rossview students represented all of Tennessee in Advanced (Latin 3+) certamen (Latin quiz bowl). Rossview / TN players were Luke Sturm, Brandon Zeedar, Sarah Lee , and Asa Ruiz. Rossview's Sarah Lee was elected to the position of 2017-2018 NJCL Parliamentarian.

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:

- August 8, 2017 regular session minutes
- September 5, 2017 special session minutes
- Collaborative Conferencing Management Team, first reading, 08/22/2017
- Resolution – Authorizing Lease of Computers , first reading, 08/22/2017
- Surplus Property – Lockers, first reading 08/22/2017
- Surplus Property – NEHS Volleyball Jerseys, first reading 08/22/2017
- May 1, 2018 County Primary Election Stockpile Day Request, first reading 08/22/2017
- TVA Transmission Line Easement – Kirkwood, first reading 09/05/2017
- Surplus Property – Child Nutrition Equipment, first reading 09/05/2017
- Surplus Property – Warehouse Storage, Miscellaneous, first reading 09/05/2017

Policy Monitoring

The policy monitoring report for Executive Limitation 11 – Capital Projects was interpreted by Mr. House. The Clarksville-Montgomery School System shall not fail to insure that District facilities are safe and adequate in order to accomplish the Board's policies and priorities. The motion was made by Mr. Garland to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-11 and seconded by Mr. Giles. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Reports

Goal # 3 – Personalize student learning through a blend of direct instruction and technology was presented by Dr. Jean Luna. Dr. Luna recalled the CMCSS vision which is each student graduates from high school college and career ready. She commented there are 3 important components to Blended Learning: effectiveness, engagement, and ownership. Effectiveness promotes student learning and mastery of standards, creates and sustains conditions that foster increased productivity, and meets students at their current level of performance. Engagement will build the capacity of students to master standards through multiple modalities, foster student attention to personal learning pathways, and increase interest in course content by focusing on learning objectives. Ownership allows data to be used to plan personalized lessons and make real-time decisions for instructional next steps and make real world connections. Dr. Luna also reported on the strategy behind Blended Learning which supports the vision of CMCSS for all students to be college and career ready, increase student engagement, more personalized instruction, timely and adaptable intervention, and access to current curriculum. The Blended Learning model currently being used is called the SAMR.

Dr. Luna indicated that in 2016-2017 19,000 new devices had been added (14,000 more than in previous years). In 2017-2018, all middle and high schools are now 1:1 and devices for elementary school students have been increased by 4% (7 devices for every 10 students). Some of the instructional resources include Google Suite for Education, PowerSchool Assessment, Discovery Techbooks, Actively Learn, Nystrom's Active Classroom, Canvas, and NearPod. Support and training involved ENGAGE conferencing whereby 98% of teachers agreed that ENGAGE was an effective model for their professional learning.

Shannon Davenport, Technology Integration Coach, reported on the importance of having integrated coaches and the services they provide to teachers in the district. There are approximately 12 tech coaches for elementary, middle and high schools. Their main focus is to embed themselves in the schools to assist teachers to incorporate technology into their lessons which begins to change what learning looks like. Integrated coaches also offer assistance to the Special Ed population, ELL, ROTC, and CCT's.

Next steps will be to continue professional development and training, utilize lead teachers for identification and planning, integrate traditional and digital resources into pacing guides, and increase availability for resources for students and parents.

Board Discussion & Consideration

Board Election of Officers

Ms. Olita opened the floor to nominations for the Board members to select a new Board Chair. Mr. Giles nominated Charlie Patterson. No additional names were placed into consideration. Mr. Patterson was elected Board Chair 6-0, with Mr. Patterson abstaining. Mr. Giles nominated Ms. Pace for Vice Chair. No additional names were placed into consideration. Ms. Pace was elected Vice Chair 6-0, with Ms. Pace abstaining. The Board officers will serve October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

Comments

Board Member Comments

Mr. Patterson thanked Ms. Murtha for her service as Board Chair this past year. Mr. Garland commended the Instruction group for their presentation on Blended Learning and commented this is the reason CMCSS is # 1 in the state.

Director of Schools Report

Mr. House called the Board's attention to the quarterly reports before them for their review. Mr. House also commented the state had officially released data announcing CMCSS graduation rate was 95.1% in comparison to 85.7% ten years ago. In the last 45 days, Mr. House said that he has been focused on his Entry Plan. He has visited two-thirds of the schools in the district listening to principals and teachers and observing Blended Learning first-hand. Mr. House said that he is looking forward to early November at which time he will be presenting his RISE report that will reflect the transition and progress that has been made. The Board was reminded of the Fall District meeting in Erin, TN later in the week. Mr. House closed the meeting by thanking the Board for their outpouring support in the recent loss of his dad.

Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Murtha adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.



Anne Murtha
Board Chair



Millard L. House, II
Director of Schools



Deb Cummings
Board Secretary