

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

November 14, 2017

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, November 14, 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 Charlie Patterson, Jimmie Garland, Josh Baggett, Margaret Pace, Anne Murtha, 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, 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. Jean Luna congratulated Kayla Gore, Rossvie High sophomore, as a finalist in the statewide Tennessee Directors of Career Technical Education logo competition. Also representing Rossvie High and supporting Kayla were Dr. Schanda Doughty, Rossvie High principal, and teacher Erica Trout.

Catherine Caudill, senior at Rossvie High, finished runner up in TSSAA Large Class Girls State Golf Tournament and was also recognized by Dr. Luna.

Dr. Mary Gist congratulated Whitney Joyner, a CTE/STEM teacher at Northeast Middle School. Ms. Joyner has been working on *Understanding Sacrifice*, a program designed to re-imagine the teaching and learning of World War II. She also presented at the National Council for Social Studies Conference in San Francisco in mid-November.

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- October 17, 2017 regular session minutes
- 18 – 19 Staff Zoning Recommendation, first reading 11/07/2017
- Land Acquisition City of Clarksville – Rossvie Complex, first reading 11/07/2017
- Surplus Property – 1997 Chevrolet Astro Vans (5), first reading 11/07/2017
- Approval of Teacher Tenure Considerations, Fall 2017, first reading 11/07/2017
- 2017 LEA Compliance Report, first reading, 11/07/2017
- 2018 Legislative Interests, first reading 11/07/2017

Policy Monitoring

The policy monitoring report for Executive Limitation 5 – Financial Administration was interpreted by Mr. House. 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 of EL-5 and seconded by Mr. Freeman. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Reports

Goal # 6 – Implement school-based financial software to improve efficiency was presented by Danny Grant, Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Grant reported that most school bookkeepers feel comfortable at this point with the implementation update called Technology Resource Associates (TRA). Any concerns will be addressed at the mid-year in-services in November. Benefits of the new program include vendor centralization, consolidated reporting, account centralization, the automation of data (which has streamlined and simplified processes), and the ease of balancing monthly bank statements. The updated program has various features that improve communications and efficiency.

Comments

Director of Schools Report

Mr. House thanked the Board for their participation in the recent Board retreat and expressed appreciation to the staff for sharing their strategic work in detail with the Board.

Mr. House mentioned those with Facebook might wish to go to the CMCSS Facebook page and follow the “Read for 20” campaign which encourages kids to read or to be read to 20 minutes each day. Guest readers including community leaders will be hosting reading segments each evening at 7:00 p.m. reading a book to listeners.

Mr. House shared that he is a member of the Complete Tennessee class of 2017-18. The Complete Tennessee program is a education advocacy organization with emphasis on increasing post secondary access and completion. The work is focused on leadership, engagement, and accountability. For CMCSS, it is an opportunity to have a stronger voice in the state of Tennessee in representing our district and our students.

Mr. House commented that he, Danny Grant, and Jim Sumrell are continuing conversations with county officials surrounding district growth and have provided the necessary data to support these discussions.

In closing, Mr. House congratulated Danny Grant and the Business Affairs group for successful completion of the Tennessee state Comptroller’s office exit audit with zero findings. Mr. House commented this is not a small task and everyone involved should be commended for a job very well done.

Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Patterson adjourned the meeting at 6:27 p.m.



Charlie Patterson
Board Chair



Millard L. House, II
Director of Schools



Deb Cummings
Board Secretary