

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

**August 14, 2018**

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, August 14, 2018 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; Katy Olita, General Counsel; Elise Shelton, Chief Communications Officer; Dr. Sean Impeartrice, Chief Academic Officer; David Holman, Chief Technology Officer; Jeanine Johnson, Chief Human Resources Officer; Danny Grant, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Angela Huff, Chief of Staff; and Deb Cummings, Secretary, who documented minutes of the meeting. Members of the County Commission School Liaison Committee present: Wallace Redd, Jerry Allbert, and Charlie Keene.

**Point of Pride Awards**

Dr. Mason Bellamy honored two elementary schools. Moore Magnet Principal Ptosha Maclin and staff were acknowledged for being named among 15 schools in the state to receive the Tennessee STEM School Designation. This award recognizes schools that promote and implement rigorous STEM-related learning opportunities for all students that lead to postsecondary achievement and high-quality careers. West Creek first grade teacher, Dr. Tenesha Hardin, was among 39 educators recognized for being selected to the 2018-19 class of the Tennessee Educator Fellowship, the State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE).

Dr. Mary Gist congratulated Montgomery Central Middle School students along with Principal Vicki Winner and adviser Margaret Thompson for their outstanding performance at the Junior Civitan International Convention in June. Under their leadership, MCMS won Honor Club of Distinction; First Place for Community Project of the Year; First Place for Campus Project of the Year; and Second Place for Club of the Year.

Dr. Sean Impeartrice recognized Taylor Albertia of the Clarksville High School club as the Jr. Civitan Dance-A-Thon top fundraiser (\$6,200). Taylor served as the International Convention's Sergeant-at-Arms and will serve as the Valley District Governor next year. Dr. Impeartrice also awarded Marissa Lott of the Northeast High School club as the 2017-2018 Governor of the Year for receiving a \$1,000 scholarship and an International Honor Key. Ms. Lott was also voted in as the 2018-2019 Vice President of Junior Civitan International. Principals Bryan Feldman and Tavis Massey were present as well.

Ms. Elise Shelton commended the CMCSS Communications Department for receiving an Award of Achievement from the National School Public Relations Association for production of the Director's *Rise Report*. The recognition is the top award which can be earned for a special publication. The report was designed by Rossview High Academy of Media Arts and Technology teacher Erica Trout.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

On a motion by Mr. Garland and seconded by Ms. Murtha, the Board approved the Consent Agenda 7-0. Consent Agenda consisted of :

- July 24, 2018 regular session minutes
- Surplus Property – Technology, 1<sup>st</sup> Read, July 31, 2018
- 2019 Retiree Insurance Update, 1<sup>st</sup> Read, August 7, 2018
- Collaborative Conferencing Management Team, 1<sup>st</sup> Read, August 7, 2018
- Surplus Property – Vision Support Services Equipment, 1<sup>st</sup> Read, August 7, 2018

### **Reports**

Goal # 1 - Provide resources and supports to meet students' social and emotional needs was presented by Dr. Mary Gist, Director of Middle Schools. Dr. Gist explained the need, purpose and goals for Social Emotional Learning and described the resources, supports and strategies in place along with next steps. Dr. Gist continued by stating that 50% of all lifetime cases of mental illness begin by age 14 and 75% begin by age 24 with anxiety disorders being the most common mental illness in the United States. Over the last decade, hospital admissions have more than doubled for children and adolescents for thoughts of suicide or self-harm attributed in part to students of today being caterorized as the post 9/11 generation. Based on the results of a CMCSS student survey, administrators will be investigating additional support for students with high mobility, will be providing more emotional and relationship support structures for high school students and offering stress-management awareness to students. Social Emotional Learning helps students to acquire and apply the skills and attitudes necessary to understand and manage emotions, achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others and to make responsible decisions.

Dr. Gist talked about strategies and resources to accomplish these goals as well as support for school counselors, teachers and administrators. She commented our success will be measured by school attendance rates, office referrals, student and parent surveys and TEAM teacher evaluation data. Next steps will include monitoring and supporting current work, providing information to school leaders about Restorative Justice, Adverse Childhood Experiences and Inner Explorer.

### **County Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Charlie Keene thanked Mr. House for the informative presentation to the County commissioners the previous evening at their formal meeting.

### **Board Member Comments**

Ms. Murtha and Mr. Freeman expressed their support and excitement with regard to the Social Emotional work being offered and explored in the district.

The entire Board expressed their appreciation for retiring Board members Mr. Giles and Mr. Freeman and thanked them for their dedication and commitment to CMCSS and the Clarksville community.

Mr. Giles and Mr. Freeman thanked the district and the Board for the opportunity to serve such an outstanding organization. Both commented how proud they were of the work accomplished and look forward to watching continued growth.

### **Director of Schools Report**

Mr. House echoed his appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Freeman and Mr. Giles for their service and the many years of dedication to their community and our students.

Mr. House commented he was pleased to report that because of the concentrated effort and earlier prep work putforth this year especially from the financial and operations side the new school year is off to a great start. 29,000+ students are transported on a daily basis with the primary focus being safety. Mr. House said the support of the entire staff and local law enforcement has resulted in a relatively smooth beginning with only minor hiccups. Our enrollment is up over 600 students this same time period last year and we are still growing. Mr. House shared the district will continue to work closely with the Mayor and County Commission as the 40<sup>th</sup> day approaches for an official count and future expansion discussions will be ongoing.

With reference to TNReady testing issues, Mr. House shared that more and more districts have voiced concern to the State and he assured the Board that CMCSS has a strong strategic presence and a positive working relationship with Dr. McQueen's team to make an effective change.

Mr. House briefly mentioned the upcoming cabinet retreat and that the group will be focusing on strategic goals and legislative items. Representative Joe Pitts will be joining to discuss more specific legislature and potential challenges ahead.

In closing, Mr. House said that Dr. Angela Huff, Chief of Staff, has been working on an orientation training module for our two new Board members in an effort to introduce them to governance processes, policy monitoring, our strategic work and much more.

Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Patterson adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.



Charlie Patterson  
Board Chair



Millard L. House II  
Director of Schools



Deb Cummings  
Board Secretary