

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

**April 30, 2019**

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, April 30, 2019 in the Boardroom central administration offices, 621 Gracey Avenue, Clarksville, TN. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were: Chair Margaret Pace, Anne Murtha, Josh Baggett, Carol Berry, Charlie Patterson, Danny Kittrell, and Jimmie Garland. Also present were: Mr. Millard House, Director of Schools; Mark Nolan, General Counsel; Marcia Demorest, Finance Director; Jim Sumrell, Chief Operations Officer; Elise Shelton, Chief Communications Officer; Jeanine Johnson, Chief Human Resources Officer; David Holman, Chief Technology Officer; Dr. Angela Huff, Chief of Staff; and Deb Cummings, Secretary, who documented minutes of the meeting. Members present of the County Commission School Liaison Committee were Charlie Keene, Jerry Allbert, Loretta Bryant, Carmelle Chandler, and David Harper.

**Point of Pride Awards**

**Special Recognition – CMCSS SCOPE Delegates**

More than 349 high school students gathered at the Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA) Student Congress on Policies in Education (SCOPE). Now in its 37<sup>th</sup> year, SCOPE is designed to give students a voice where public education issues are concerned and to involve young people in finding solutions to the topics that are discussed.

SCOPE delegates also elected the 2020 SCOPE officers and Rossvie High's Charlotte Lange was elected President. The CMCSS delegates included:

Clarksville High School – Miller Hadley and Ellie Streeter  
Middle College High School at Austin Peay State University – Kenona Miller and Emily Vest  
Montgomery Central High School - Anna Holt  
Northeast High School – Rodney Curry and Mason-James McKain  
Northwest High School – Diamond Davidson and Aleesa Lear  
Rossvie High School – Charlotte Lange and Henry Ott  
West Creek High School – Alianna Albertson and Jasmine Hogue

Dr. Jean Luna honored the following Valedictorians and Salutatorians of the Class of 2019 for the following schools:

Northwest High:	Valedictorian	Marissa Lott
	Salutatorian	McKenzie Ward
Rossvie High:	Valedictorian	Kichul Kange
	Salutatorian	Adeline Elizabeth Carter
West Creek High:	Valedictorian	Danya Rabahat
	Salutatorian	Ana Cannon

The remaining high schools will be recognized at the May 14 Board meeting.

Rossvie junior Emily Mayes earned a perfect 36 on her ACT which is a rare feat with only 0.195% of all test takers achieving this score. Dr. Luna presented Emily with her award.

Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League at Rossvie High was recognized for receiving 1<sup>st</sup> place in the One Act Play "Our Place". Certificates presented by Dr. Luna included Connor Wilcox, Best Actor; Charlotte Lange, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Student Congress; other actors - Will Carter, Hannah Eden, Natalie Gagliardi, Jon Hager, Lauren Hamaker (All Star Cast), Emma Justice, Matthew Kowalski, Luke Moroschak, Avery Roy, Conroy Taylor (All Star Cast). In addition, Ashley Song was recognized for the National Speech and Debate Association – State Champion in Congressional Debate.

Middle College student Jasper Hanks won The Golden Key award for the Scholastic Arts Writing Competition and a Silver Place at Nationals in New York City.

JROTC Academic teams from Northeast and Rossvie High Schools have been selected to compete at the 2019 U.S. Army JROTC Academic Bowl Championship in Washington DC this June. These cadets earned top scores out of the 1,411 Army JROTC teams that competed from around the world.

- Northeast JROTC Academic Team– Coached by COL Jeffrey Gaylord
  - c/CPT Triston Jensen
  - c/CPT Raleigh Whelan
  - c/SFC Anthony Lee
  - c/CPT Devyn Nickel
  
- Rossvie JROTC Academic Team – Coached by MSG Tonya Smith
  - c/CPT Audrian Gutierrez
  - c/MAJ Melanie Zoch
  - c/SGT Maria Hindi
  - c/PV2 Alissianna Horner

JROTC Leadership teams from Montgomery Central and Northwest High Schools are two of only 40 Army JROTC Leadership Bowl teams in the nation to advance to the final competition which includes an all-expense paid trip to the Championship event in DC. These cadets earned top scores out of the 1,350 Army JROTC teams that completed from around the world.

- Montgomery-Central JROTC Leadership Team– Coached by COL Vernon Lightner
  - c/LTC Alexa Barfield
  - c/1SG Rowan Mitchell
  - c/CPT Jared Feltzer
  - c/MAJ Stephen Motes
  - c/1SG Aimee Clack -Alternate
  - c/1LT Aleecia Davenport - Alternate
  
- Northwest JROTC Leadership Team – Coached by CSM Glenn Louk
  - c/1LT Diamond Davidson
  - c/2LT Sean Hernandez
  - c/MSG Selena Casey
  - c/SSG Edward Narragon

**Public Conversation**

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

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

- March 12, 2019 regular session minutes
- Surplus Property – Operations Vehicle Surplus (3), 1<sup>st</sup> Read, March 19, 2019
- 2019-2020 Special Course Application, 1<sup>st</sup> Read, April 9 and April 23, 2019
- Surplus Property – Child Nutrition, - Miscellaneous, 1<sup>st</sup> Read, March 19, 2019
- Surplus Property – Warehouse – Miscellaneous, 1<sup>st</sup> Read, April 9, 2019

**Reports**

**Goals #4 and #5** – Strengthen portfolio of academic offers and refine and realign district ready graduate were presented by Dr. Jean Luna, Level Director High Schools. Dr. Luna reported on the goals of improving student achievement and district ready-graduate initiatives.

1. Spanish immersion in elementary is offered at Barksdale in two kindergarten classes totaling 40 students which includes biligual teachers and assistants. Two additional classes totaling 80 students in K-1 will be added.
2. STEM at Moore Magnet is a program for K-5 with open enrollment and zoned students focusing on enhancing science and math curriculum. Next steps will include deepening community support and career connections as well as continuing to strengthen math integration with new science standards.
3. Current middle school strategic work will concentrate on middle school chorus, green power cars, national history day, 8<sup>th</sup> grade career fair, and transitioning to high school (Career Exploration and Naviance).
4. Current high school strategic work will offer academies, introduction of Korean/Japanese, early technical college at TCAT, expansion of AP/Dual enrollment courses, and CTE/JROTC.
5. Ready Graduate requirements : 21 + ACT or 4 EPSOs or 2 EPSOs and Industry Certification or 2 EPSOs and 31+ ASVAB.

Next steps include AVID in select MS/HS, expanding community partnerships, increasing postsecondary industry certifications, expanding work-based learning, and continuing to expand Ready Graduate opportunities.

**Board Discussion & Consideration**

1. Mr. Nolan discussed the process of applicant interviews for the District 3 vacancy along with the proposed timeline and guidelines for the filling position. Mr. Nolan proposed that at the regular Board meeting on June 11 a date be agreed upon and confirmed for a special called meeting to interview the candidates, make a selection, and coordinate drawing for order of interviews.
2. The 2019-2020 Proposed Consolidated Budget, 1<sup>st</sup> Reads April 9 and April 23, 2019, (Public Hearing April 30, 2019) was pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion. Mr. House explained an entry error was discovered occurring on line item 399 – Capital Projects Contract Services under 72620 – Maintenance of Plant. The amount presented to the Board for previous readings was understated by \$400,000 and should have read \$916,390, the same level of funding that is reflected in the FY 2018-19 adopted budget. The correction was been made and submitted for reconsideration.

Board members Charlie Patterson and Jimmie Garland each made a declaration required by TCA 49-2-202 that while they have a relative employed by the school system, the vote they cast will be in the best interests of the Clarksville-Montgomery County School System. On a motion by Mr. Kittrell and seconded by Ms. Berry, the Board unanimously approved the 2019-2020 Proposed Consolidated Budget 7-0.

**Comments**

**Board Members**

Mr. Garland commented that he had the pleasure of attending SCOPE and observing all the delegates from Montgomery County. He said that these students were a phenomenal and talented group of kids and that he is proud to be a part of the activities each year.

Ms. Murtha expressed her appreciation for the attention and focus being placed on equity in the schools and commented that her constituents are super pleased with these efforts.

Mr. Kittrell thanked everyone for all the support that he had received while serving as Board member for District 3 and that he appreciated the opportunity to contribute.

Mr. Baggett thanked the Board members from the three other counties for their participation in observing our meeting this evening and for assisting us in our Board of Distinction process.

Director's Comments

Mr. House also expressed his appreciation to the other Board members for taking their time to join our meeting and provide feedback.

Mr. House commented on the classified luncheon this week and the Employee of the Year selection. There were five nominees. Administrative Assistant Wendy Wilkins from New Providence Middle was awarded a \$500 Visa card for receiving the Employee of the Year award. Others nominees were Mike Ellis, Bus Driver; Charli Hall, Bookkeeper, St. Bethlehem Elementary; Paula Nelson, Educational Assistant West Creek High; and Greg Tinsley, Lead Custodian Oakland Elementary. These four nominee each received a \$100 Visa Card.

Regarding the education voucher legislation that has been before the House and Senate in recent weeks, Mr. House gave a brief update on the situation by saying there should be a conclusion by tomorrow morning and that the hope would be to move away from any voucher.

Mr. House made reference to the 2019-2020 proposed balanced budget which will be presented to the Montgomery County Budget Committee on Wednesday. Capital requirements will be outlined in great detail in an effort to define exactly where the most critical improvements are needed.

Mr. House commented TNReady testing completed this week with very little technical difficulty praising CMCSS IT department for their expertise and dedication. Mr. House stated great data is expected and looking forward to receiving the results.

With reference to the land acquisition committee, the next meeting will be held May 8 and Mr. House encouraged those Board members on the committee to attend if their schedules permit.

Mr. House presented Mr. Jimmie Garland a 10 year service recognition as a member of the School Board and Mr. Jim Sumrell received a 15 year service award for his dedication and service to the Operations department.

In closing, Mr. House again thanked Mr. Danny Kittrell for his service and wished his family well in their transition to South Carolina.

Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Margaret Pace adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.



Margaret Pace  
Board Chair



Millard L. House II  
Director of Schools



Deb Cummings  
Board Secretary