

Minutes
Clarksville-Montgomery County
Board of Education

August 13, 2019

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, August 13, 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: Board Chair Margaret Pace, Anne Murtha, Josh Baggett, Charlie Patterson, Carol Berry, Herb Nelson, and Jimmie Garland. Also present were: Mr. Millard House, Director of Schools; Mark Nolan, General Counsel; Marcia Demorest, Chief Financial Officer; Elise Shelton, Chief Communications Officer; Jeanine Johnson, Chief Human Resources Officer; Dr. Sean Impeartrice, Chief Academic Officer; David Holman, Chief Technology Officer; Jim Sumrell, Chief Operations 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: Jerry Allbert, Loretta Bryant, David Harper, and Carmelle Chandler.

Point of Pride Awards

The following were recognized and certificates presented by Dr. Jean Luna:

- Rebecca Brockman Perantoni, West Creek High German Teacher, was selected as 1 of 20 teachers nationwide for professional development in Leipzig, Germany by the American Association of Teachers of German.
- Junior Civitans – Clarksville High School advisor Karen Sullivan and Montgomery Central Middle School advisor Margaret Thompson received recognition for being Honor Clubs of Distinction. MCMS also was awarded third place for Campus Project of the Year and third place for Club of the Year.
- Taylor Albertia, Clarksville High student, was awarded the Distinguished Governor of Excellence for the top fundraiser, a Dance-A-Thon.

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- July 9, 2019 regular session minutes
- Retiree Insurance 2020 Update, 1st Read, 08/06/2019
- Collaborative Conferencing Management Team, 1st Read, 08/06/2019

Reports

Goal 3 – Broaden choice in academic offerings to align with ready-graduate initiatives was presented by Dr. Mason Bellamy, Elementary Level Director, and Dr. Jean Luna, High School Level Director. Dr. Bellamy discussed two offerings at the elementary level. First, the Spanish Immersion program at Barksdale in which 85 students K – 1 in four classrooms are enrolled. The second offering for choice is the STEM program at Moore Magnet designed to enhance science and math curriculum grades K – 5. Over 150 applications were received and 75 students were accepted.

Dr. Luna explained the strategic work of the middle and high schools. This work entails the Academies, Korean/Japanese languages, TCAT, Work Ethic Distinction, Industry Certifications and workforce opportunities, AP/Dual enrollment courses, CTE/JROTC, and AVID. Dr. Luna reiterated the Ready Graduate requirements illustrating the combination of credits necessary to be confirmed as college and career ready. Next steps will be to expand community partnerships, increase postsecondary relationships, seek additional Industry Certifications, and explore grant opportunities with GIVE initiative.

Reports (continued)

State Education Committee

Mr. House summarized the report he recently submitted to the Education Committee of the Tennessee House of Representative in early August. Focal points in the report included our CMCSS mission, vision, strategic work and other options provided our students such as traditional educational pathways, academies, Middle College, and TCAT. (See link for the entire presentation : <https://prezi.com/view/UdxOq5wpLTWj8VQjWggQ/>)

Comments

Ft. Campbell Liaison

Pauline Hutchinson introduced the newest member of the Ft. Campbell Liaison team, Melissa Silvers. Ms. Hutchinson stated their immediate goal is to rebuild the partnership with CMCSS and to offer assistance wherever needed.

Board Members

Mr. Garland shared he had received a call from Rep. Jason Hodges after the Education Committee presentation by Mr. House asking that he relay to the CMCSS staff and community the committee was very impressed with the leadership, vision and direction the district is heading. Mr. Garland stated the legislators are contemplating adopting some of the practices and procedures currently being applied within CMCSS.

Director's Comments

Mr. House reported that the first half day of school last week had an extremely smooth instructional start and he thanked the staff and community for their support in making this happen.

Early preliminary data is beginning to trickle in from the State and Mr. House commented the district is anticipating the overall standards-based data soon so that the planning, development and opportunities to improve our schools may be continued.

To date, the number of students enrolled is approximately 1,200 more than this time last year. Mr. House explained that traditionally the 40-day mark will set the trend. The district is preparing for unprecedented numbers this school year. Middle schools are at an uncomfortable overall capacity of 103% and Operations is keeping a close watch and strategically planning the placement of portables. In addition, HR is proactively looking at the need to shift teachers and is working on the timing of this process to do it in the most efficient manner possible.

In closing, Mr. House thanked Mr. Garland for the invitation to the 8th Annual Emancipation celebration the previous weekend at Kenwood High. The purpose of this organization is to preserve and collect historical facts pertaining to African Americans in the Clarksville community.

Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Margaret Pace adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.



Margaret Pace
Board Chair



Millard L. House II
Director of Schools



Deb Cummings
Board Secretary