

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

September 17, 2019

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, September 17, 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: Vice-Chair Anne Murtha, Josh Baggett, 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; Carol Joiner, General Counsel, 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, Charlie Keene, and Carmelle Chandler.

Point of Pride Awards

Seven elementary schools were selected as Tennessee Reward Schools. Certificates were presented by Dr. Mason Bellany to Glenellen, East Montgomery, Liberty, Northeast, Ringgold, Sango, and Rossvie.

Three high schools were selected as Tennessee Reward Schools. Certificates were presented by Dr. Jean Luna to Rossvie, Clarksville, and Middle College@APSU.

In addition, Dr. Luna recognized the following recipients:

- Kenwood High, MakeMinded School of Distinction Award, faculty members: Keith Parker, Kelsey Mcconachie, Abraham Wolfe, and Christopher Wilson.
- Clarksville High, semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship program: Nina Chong and Amanda Bean.
- Rossvie High, Junior Classical League National Competition: Emily Caldarelli, Patrick Clapsaddle, Grayson Cobb; Hannah Dodson, Lily Oliver, and Sofia Tejada
- East Montgomery teacher, Ruth Coats and Montgomery Central Elementary teacher, Michelle Hart were selected to participate in the Teacher Innovator Institute at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum.

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 Ms. Berry, the Board approved the Consent Agenda 5 - 0. Consent Agenda consisted of:

- August 13, 2019 regular session minutes
- Surplus Property, 15 School Buses, 1st Read, 08/27/2019
- Surplus Property, Northwest High Football/Volleyball Jerseys, 1st Read, 09/10/2019

Policy Monitoring

The policy monitoring report for Executive Limitation 11 – Capital Projects was interpreted by Mr. House. The Clarksville-Montgomery County School System shall not fail to insure that District facilities are safe and adequate in order to accomplish the Board's policies and priorities. A motion was made by Mr. Baggett to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-11 and was seconded by Mr. Nelson. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Reports

Goal # 9 – Increase individualized professional learning opportunities. Emily Vaughn, Curriculum and Instruction Director, introduced Tina Smith, Professional Development Coordinator, who gave the presentation. Ms. Smith explained the individualized professional learning process. By expanding teacher induction over a 3 year period, this will allow educators to refine classroom management, deepen contact expertise, and meet diverse student needs. Ms. Smith shared the importance of refining video use for professional growth and teacher leader academy. Online learning opportunities will consist of expanding TEAM learning modules as well as increasing webinar offerings to promote understanding and spark new learning and provide additional micro-credential opportunities. Digital resources will be enhanced with instructional technology. Classified learning opportunities will include a variety of offerings on staff development days, orientation for educational assistants, and training passenger management specialists. Additional information may be found here: <http://www.cmcss.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Goal-9-Increase-individualized-professional-learning-opportunities-09172019.pptx>

Board Discussion & Consideration

Board Election of Officers and Depository Authorization

Pursuant to GP-11, Mr. Nolan opened the floor to nominations from the Board to select a new Board Chair. Mr. Baggett nominated Ms. Margaret Pace. Vote passed unanimously to re-elect Ms. Pace as Board Chair 5 – 0.

Mr. Nolan opened the floor to nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Garland nominated Ms. Carol Berry for Vice-Chair. Vote passed unanimously to elect Ms. Berry as Vice-Chair 5-0.

The Board officers will serve October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

Mr. Nolan stated the next order of business is the Depository Authorization which authorizes the newly elected Board Chair to conduct financial business on behalf of the district. Mr. Nolan explained that in the past the process has required two readings, however, because of time constraints in getting these forms to the banks, a motion was made by Mr. Garland to waive the first reading and was seconded by Mr. Baggett. Vote to waive passed 5-0. Another motion was submitted by Mr. Baggett to vote on the authorization and was seconded by Ms. Murtha. Motion passed 5-0.

Comments

County Commissioners

Commissioner Allbert asked the question if teachers can earn credit for online trainings. Ms. Smith responded credit is issued to teachers participating in online classes. Commissioner Harper commented the legislative agenda reception for the state representatives will be hosted by Montgomery County next Tuesday night and that the School Liaison members would most likely not be in attendance at the Study Session because of this conflict.

Board Members

Mr. Garland shared he had the opportunity last week to meet with CMCSS staff and Senator Powers to discuss CMCSS 2020 legislative interests. During the meeting, Senator Powers complimented CMCSS on receiving the Reward Schools recognition. Mr. Garland continued by saying this is an amazing testament of the great job the staff and leadership continually do to keep our schools in the forefront.

Director's Comments

Mr. House reported that we have reached our 36,500 student attendance mark and are holding strong with 1,200 + additional students over this time last year. Our Operations team has worked closely with the Land Acquisition team and Mayor Durrett's office. The first three offers on land has been made and progress is being made. We are hopeful the land can be purchased and the architectural design completed by January 2020 in order to meet the target of 2022 to have a new middle school completed.

Mr. House briefed the Board with regard to the on-going legislative meetings with our TN state legislators. Meetings are going well and all representatives have been very supportive, responsive and attentive to our legislative priorities and concerns.

Dr. Penny Schwinn reached out to Mr. House to inquire if he would be interested in a fellowship called the Coherence Lab Fellowship designed to enable teams of state educators and leaders to partner and focus on a single problem within the state of Tennessee. Mr. House commented he is excited about this work for CMCSS and his development during these collaborations.

Mr. House commented that Dr. Sean Impeartice and Dr. Mason Bellamy along with our APSU partners had an opportunity to present at the annual Tennessee Superintendents Study council. Their presentation focused on the creativity and innovation surrounding the teacher pipeline partnership with APSU. Feedback has been extremely positive and they are receiving numerous requests and opportunities statewide to share their mission. Mr. House expressed his appreciation to both as their work continues. At the same conference, Mr. House was asked to become a member of the TOSS board. He commented he felt this was an excellent avenue for CMCSS to have another voice when it comes to legislative issues and policies.

Eight new SRO's will be starting in the near future as a result of the safety grant. Mr. House thanked Montgomery County and Sheriff Fuson for working with CMCSS to make this happen.

Mr. House announced that on Friday Jim Sumrell will be hosting an appreciation luncheon at Central Service South for our bus drivers and aides. It will be a great opportunity to drop by and personally thank them and show how much they are valued.

In closing, Mr. House shared that a 1997 graduate from NWHS, Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Griffith, paid the ultimate price with his life recently in Afghanistan. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayer.

Items on the agenda having been completed, Vice-Chair Murtha adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.



Margaret Pace
Board Chair



Millard L. House II
Director of Schools



Deb Cummings
Board Secretary