

Minutes
Clarksville-Montgomery County
Board of Education

October 8, 2019

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, October 8, 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, Herb Nelson, Charlie Patterson, 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; 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, and Carmelle Chandler.

Point of Pride Awards

Dr. Mary Gist presented awards to students from two middle school teams finishing in the top ten of the Middle Schools Athletic Association State Cross Country meet. Rossvie Middle boys finished 3rd and Rossvie Middle girls finished 10th. Boys team : Cade Deterding, James McNeil, Hayden Hilliker, Ryan Leslie, Jayce Aguilar, Mitchell Pletcher, and Ethan Smith. Girls team: Cassa Rosencrants, Hailey Rowland, Taylor Gamble, Azusa Kobayashi, Brooklyn Herbek, Natalee Klinock, and Tayla Easter.

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 7 - 0. Consent Agenda consisted of:

- September 24, 2019 regular session minutes
- Surplus Property, Child Nutrition Miscellaneous, 1st Read, 10/01/2019
- Consideration to Forgive One Student Day 2020-2021 Calendar, 1st Read, 10/01/2019
- 2020-2021 Resolution Budget Amendments, 1st Read, 10/01/2019

Policy Monitoring

The policy monitoring report for Executive Limitation 4 – Financial Planning / Budgeting was interpreted by Mr. House. Financial planning for any fiscal year shall align with the Board's Ends Policies, not risk fiscal jeopardy, nor fail to be derived from a multi-year plan. The annual financial planning process is driven by budget priorities established by the Director of Schools and the Senior Leadership Team that align with the Board's End Policies and the district's strategic plan. A motion was made by Mr. Baggett to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-4 and was seconded by Mr. Patterson. Motion passed 7 – 0.

The policy monitoring report for Executive Limitation 10 – Learning Environment and Student Discipline/Safety was interpreted by Mr. House. The Director of Schools shall provide a safe learning environment conducive to effective learning. A motion was made by Mr. Nelson to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-10 and was seconded by Mr. Patterson. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Reports

Goal # 4 – Enhance standards-based curriculum, instruction and assessment resources was presented by Emily Vaughn, Director, Curriculum and Instruction. Ms. Vaughn explained what the curriculum standards look like, how instruction is delivered, and the assessment on how well students perform. Ms. Vaughn also discussed the core content collaboration made up of consulting teachers, integration coaches and lead teachers, building technology “toolboxes”, and model blended learning units. Teachers need instructional resources that are easy to access and easy to use. Teachers need a better understanding of how to interpret state standards as well as good models of instructional plans. They also need opportunities to see what high quality instruction looks like in practice in conjunction with assessment resources and the consolidation of student data. Next steps will be to expand professional development and training on traditional and digital resources. The Instruction department will continue to expand core content collaboration for sustained identification, planning, and creation and curating resources for students and parents.

Additional information on enhancing standards-based curriculum may be found here:

<http://www.cmcoss.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Goal-4-Enhance-Stds-Based-Curriculum100819.pptx>

Comments

County Commissioners

Commissioner Allbert commented the turnout and support received from the community at the middle school cross-country event last weekend was remarkable. It was held at the recently purchased South Nine property.

Board Members

Ms. Pace stated on behalf of the Board how appreciative and proud they are of the numerous State accolades and recognitions received by Mr. House and his team. Ms. Pace concluded, because of these accomplishments, Clarksville-Montgomery County schools remain in the educational forefront across the country.

Director's Comments

Mr. House thanked the Board for the level of confidence placed in him.

Mr. House reported that conversations are continuing with Montgomery County administration regarding student growth. Furthermore, he said resolutions will be forthcoming to include 3 elementary 12-classroom additions, one facility retrofit, and a land purchase. Land acquisition meetings are progressing and have resulted in the elimination of two pieces of land and negotiations for one other piece is moving forward with the owner.

Mr. House commented the State class size waiver for pipeline growth has been presented to Commissioner Penny Schwinn for consideration. CMCSS is the only district to have the opportunity to submit a waiver at this time. In addition, the TSBA and TOSS boards invited CMCSS to propose a couple of resolutions we want to focus on for their consideration. Mr. House commended his team for a great job in responding within a 24 hour turnaround to these requests.

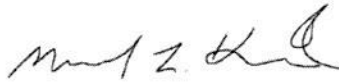
Mr. House shared that he had recently received a call from Montgomery County asking to possibly acquire the Kirkwood property. He commented it is up to the Board as to what that response would be. However, Mr. House recommended holding off on a decision until current negotiations have been finalized which hopefully will be in January 2020.

In closing, Mr. House talked about the process of sharing our strategic work in as many venues as possible. He said the Communications department has done an outstanding job in putting together an amazing presentation that allows him to go out and share in a very interactive manner with the community and receive valuable feedback. Within the last two weeks, Mr. House has presented to the Ajax Turner Senior Center, Reliant Realty, APSU Industry Summit, Sunrise Rotary Club, Trevecca Leadership and the Kiwanis Club.

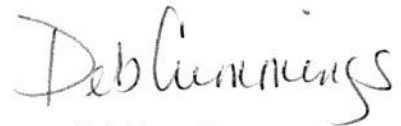
Items on the agenda having been completed, Chair Margaret Pace adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.



Margaret Pace
Board Chair



Millard L. House II
Director of Schools



Deb Cummings
Board Secretary