

Minutes
Clarksville-Montgomery County
Board of Education

October 20, 2020

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, October 20, 2020 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: District Chair Carol Berry, Josh Baggett, Margaret Pace, Herbert Nelson, Charlie Patterson, Kent Griffy and Jimmie Garland. Also present were: Millard House, Director of Schools; Mark Nolan, General Counsel; Dr. Angela Huff, Chief of Staff; Jim Sumrell, Chief Operations Officer; Jeanine Johnson, Chief Human Resources Officer; Anthony Johnson, Chief Communications Officer; Marcia Demorest, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Sean Impeartrice, Chief Academic Officer; Carol Joiner, General Counsel; Dr. Rosalyn Evans, Level Director High Schools; David Holman, Chief Technology Officer; Jessica Harris, Level Director Elementary Schools; Emily Vaughn, Director of Teaching, Learning and Innovation and LaTonya Long, Board Secretary, who documented minutes of the meeting. Members present of the County Commission School Liaison Committee: Josh Beal, Carmelle Chandler, Loretta Bryant, Rickey Ray and Garland Johnson

Public Conversation

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

Approval of Consent Agenda

On a motion by Board Member Charlie Patterson and seconded by Board Member Jimmie Garland the Board approved the Consent Agenda 7-0. The Consent Agenda consisted of:

1. 09/15/2020 Regular Session Minutes
2. 09/15/2020 Special Session Minutes
3. Surplus Property Child Nutrition- 1st Read 09/22/2020
4. Legislative Priorities 2021- 1st Read 10/06/2020
5. Resolution 2020-2021 Budget Amendments – 1st Read 10/06/2020

Policy Monitoring

The policy monitoring report for **Executive Limitation 4– Financial Planning/Budget** 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. I interpret this to mean that as the system’s goals and strategic work are annually developed, they will be aligned to the Board’s Ends policies, and financial resources will support those ends, goals and work. As the budget process is carried out, consideration is given to the budgetary needs beyond one year.

A motion was made by Mr. Josh Baggett to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-4. The motion was seconded by Ms. Margaret Pace. 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. Accordingly, the Director of Schools shall: Develop, publish and annually distribute a written student code of conduct to all students and parents. Assure that discipline policies are fairly and consistently enforced using reasonable judgment. Develop and maintain emergency and disaster plans with regular testing of their effectiveness; Minimize unnecessary disruption that encroaches on instructional time; Prohibit illegal discrimination; Protect confidential information and records.

A motion was made by Mr. Herbert Nelson to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-10. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jimmie Garland. Motion passed 7-0.

Reports

Goal #4 Enhance standards-based curriculum, instruction, and assessment resources was presented by Emily Vaughn, Director of Teaching, Learning and Innovation. Ms. Vaughn’s interactive presentation detailed CMCSS’s Instructional triangle which consists of the WHAT = Curriculum Standards, what the curriculum standards look like, HOW= Instruction, how instruction is delivered and HOW WELL = Assessment, how well students perform. The entire

presentation can be viewed at the following link: <http://www.cmcss.net/goal-4-enhance-standard-base-curriculum-oct-20-2020/>

Comments

County Commissioners

None

Fort Campbell School Liaison

None

Board Members

None

Director of Schools Report

Mr. House gave an update on CMCSS Middle School # 8. The County Commission approved a wheel tax of \$25 in favor of the new school. The wheel tax was finalized by a 2/3 majority vote on October 12, 2020. The new middle school is currently on pace to open in August of 2022. There will be a major rezoning with the opening of the new school. Communication will be made to the community concerning the rezoning efforts. Mr. House updated the Board on current construction projects happening within the district. Rossvie Elementary classroom addition should be completed by the last quarter of the school year. Oakland Elementary classroom addition is scheduled to be completed and opened by August 2021 and West Creek Elementary classroom addition should be completed and opened by August 2021 as well.

Mr. House shared the State's Assessment & Accountability decision. Gov. Bill Lee and Education Commissioner Penny Schwinn have called for removing negative consequences for schools and educators associated with student assessments for the 2020-2021 school year. Assessments will occur for the 20-21 school year, however, teachers will not be evaluated based on those scores. Additional legislative actions still need to occur along with actions from the State Board of Education before the decision is finalized.

COVID-19 Updates, Rossvie Middle School is on remote status this week due to several teacher quarantines. ROMS has positive student and staff COVID cases. Last week athletic competitions were missed at Montgomery Central High School and Kenwood High School due to active COVID-19 cases. Mr. House shared that the district is paying close attention to CMCSS employee's health related to COVID-19. Currently CMCSS have 149 employees on FFCRA Leave and 729 employees have returned from FFCRA. Rapid COVID-19 testing in schools in the state of Tennessee has been put on pause.

Mr. House commended The City Mayor Joe Pitts and City Transit for developing a bus route to Civitan Park. The route will allow community members that are in the most need be able to get free COVID testing. CMCSS COVID Dashboard Data was shared. Currently CMCSS have 14 student active cases, 174 students in quarantine, 10 school level employee cases and 8 school level employees in quarantine. The dashboard is located on the CMCSS website. The Montgomery County COVID-19 Dashboard Data was also shared. On 9/14/2020 Montgomery County had 2,826 total COVID cases, 253 active cases, 116 hospitalizations and 40 deaths. As of 10/19/2020 Montgomery County has 3,857 total cases, 481 active cases, 132 hospitalizations and 51 deaths. Mr. House stated that cases are continuing to grow and when students, staff and community stakeholders get sick it weighs heavy on him. In an effort to keep our students, staff and community safe, the Montgomery County Dashboard data will be closely monitored for possible remote learning.

In conclusion, Mr. House shared that CMCSS is focused on the strategic work. Mr. House and district leaders are dedicated to providing district students with a quality education and will continue to do what is best for CMCSS students, employees and community stakeholders.

Items on the agenda having been completed, Chair Carol Berry adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

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