

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

Special Session

April 19, 2022

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education met in a special session on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, central administration offices, 621 Gracey Avenue, Clarksville, TN. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. Board members present were: Margaret Pace, Jimmie Garland, Carol Berry, Charlie Patterson, Josh Baggett and Kent Griffy. Also present were: Dr. Angela Huff, Interim Director of Schools; Mark Nolan, School Board Attorney; Jeanine Johnson, Chief Human Resource Officer; Carol Joiner, General Counsel; David Holman, Chief Technology Officer; Norm Brumblay, Chief Operations Officer; Chris Reneau, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Sean Impeartrice, Chief Academic Officer; and LaTonya Long, School Board Secretary, who recorded minutes of the meeting.

Mr. Charlie Patterson, Board Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. The purpose of this special session was to vote on three agenda items; TN-MIC3 Proclamation for the Month of the Military Child. Charter School Applications Recommendation, TSBA Recommendation for Director Search Candidates and Dates and Manner of Interviews.

TN-MIC3 The Month of the Military Child Proclamation

Ms. Deanna McLaughlin Tennessee Commissioner Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission, gave background on Purple-Up Day as related to the color purple representing the military child. April is the month that the state of Tennessee recognizes military children for the sacrifices they make due to the service of their family members. CMCSS' Purple-Up Day will be held on April 20, 2022. Staff and students are encouraged to wear purple in recognition of CMCSS' military connected students. Dr. Huff read a proclamation to officially declare April as CMCSS' Month of the Military Child. A motion was made by Mr. Kent Griffy to approve the proclamation declaring April as CMCSS' Month of the Military Child. The motion was second by Mr. Josh Baggett. Motion passed 6-0.

Charter School Applications Recommendation

Mr. Kent Griffy made a motion to deny the application submitted by American Classical Academy Montgomery based on the recommendation of the Charter Review Committee. The motion was seconded by Ms. Margaret Pace. (Discussion) Mr. Griffy inquired about the number of waivers of state laws requested by American Classical Academy. Ms. Elizabeth Vincent, Charter Review Committee shared that 19 waivers were requested by American Classical Academy. (No further Discussion). The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Griffy made a motion to deny the application submitted by Oxton Academy Charter High School based on the recommendation made by the Charter Review Committee. Oxton Academy did not request any waivers of state laws but were deficient in other areas of their application submission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jimmie Garland. (Discussion) Mr. Griffy inquired about the appeal process for the applicants. The applicants have 30 days to submit an amended application. The review committee will have 60 days to review and consider the amended application. "Per guidance from the state any amended applications would be reviewed by the original review committee". Mr. Griffy encouraged the applicants to reapply and stated that his vote is based on his responsibility to the students of Montgomery County to ensure all schools are in compliance with state laws. Ms. Pace shared her response for those on the County Commission or Legislators that may inquire about her vote. Ms. Pace stated that she is opposed

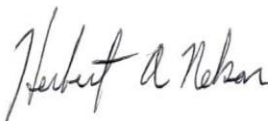
to funding private or charter schools with public dollars. From her many years of experience in education she has witnessed that the students that have the greatest need for the funding support are not readily accepted into such schools. Mr. Patterson stated that he believes that public funding should remain with public schools. (No further discussion). The motion passed 6-0.

TSBA Recommendation for Director Search Candidates and Dates and Manner of Interviews

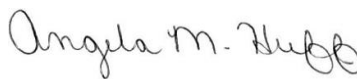
Mr. Nolan explained that the first course of action would be to have a motion to accept or to modify the recommended candidates presented by TSBA. A motion was made by Ms. Pace to accept the four recommended candidates. The motion was seconded by Mr. Griffy. (No Discussion). Mr. Griffy made the comment that he was surprised that there were no external candidates recommended, indicating that CMCSS has a strong pool of internal candidates. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Nolan instructed the Board on determining the manner in which interviews for the four finalist will be conducted. (Discussion) Mr. Griffy referenced the schedule presented by TSBA for conducting interviews, stating that TSBA's suggested schedule should not be used as all of the candidates are local and the suggested options would not apply. The options includes school and community tours and lunch and dinners with candidates. This would allow the Board to maximize their time for interviews. Mr. Griffy suggested to have CMCSS employee's Q&A sessions and interviews over four nights. Mr. Garland recommended that the interviews be held on May 2, 4-6 starting at 4:00 or 4:30 pm. Mr. Baggett added to the recommendations to start the interviews at 4:00 pm. and to provide a Zoom link for staff members unable to attend the Q&A sessions. Ms. Berry agreed with the previous suggestions and added that the schedule would allow for the Board Study Session scheduled for May 3rd to be held. Mr. Nolan ask the Board to consider changing the date of the Study Session from Tuesday May 3rd to Monday May 2nd as to have continuity with the interviews. Ms. Pace mentioned that Monday May 2nd is the County Commission meeting. Mr. Griffy and Mr. Patterson wanted to ensure that if there was a Board calendar change that it would be adequately advertised to the public. Mr. Nolan stated that the meeting change would be added to the CMCSS calendar the following day if the Board voted to change the date. Mr. Patterson read the final suggestions made by the Board. The details of the suggestions were adjusted as needed. A motion was made by Mr. Griffy to adopt the schedule as Board Study Session being held on May 2nd, Interviews on May 3rd -6th to include a one and half hour time frame for Board interviews and a one in half hour time frame for CMCSS employees Q&A sessions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garland, The time for the meetings will be 4:30 pm-6:00 pm for Board interviews and 6:15pm to 7:45 pm for employees Q&A sessions. Motion passed 6-0. Mr. Nolan referenced Board policies GP-14, Selection of Director and Interim Director as follows "The process for nomination and voting shall proceed as in the election of officers as set forth in GP-11" and GP-11 Board Officers and Election as related to the process of voting for a Director of Schools. The final vote for Director of Schools will be held on May 10th 2022 Board Formal meeting. Votes will be conducted by ballot.

The Special Session adjourned at 5:59 p.m.



Herbert Nelson
Board Chair



Dr. Angela M. Huff
Interim Director of Schools



LaTonya Long
Board Secretary

