

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

July 19, 2022

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, July 19, 2022 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 Herbert Nelson, Margaret Pace, Charlie Patterson, Carol Berry, Jimmie Garland, Josh Baggett and Kent Griffy. Also present were: Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder Director of Schools; Mark Nolan, Board Attorney; Dr. Angela Huff, Chief of Staff; David Holman, Chief Technology Officer; Chris Reneau, Chief Financial Officer; Norm Brumblay, Chief Operations Officer; Carol Joiner, General Counsel, and LaTonya Long, School Board Secretary, who documented minutes of the meeting. Members present of the County Commission School Liaison Committee: Walker Woodruff, Jerry Allbert, John Gannon, Charlie Keene and Lisa Pritchard

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

1. 06/14/2022 Regular Session Minutes

Reports

Executive Order 06/28/22 (2) requests. 1. Request to overspend the student instructional equipment account in the GP fund to pay for additional costs associated with purchasing projectors for classroom instruction. 2. Request to overspend the building improvements account in the capital projects fund in order to pay for CMCSS' employee trust fund portion of the renovations at the Onsite Clinic. The funding will be transferred from fund 263 to fund 177. A motion was made by Mr. Kent Griffy to approve executive order 06/28/2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie Patterson (Discussion) Mr. Griffy asked for clarification regarding the transfer from the trust fund. Chris Reneau, Chief Financial Officer explained the transfer. Motion passed 7-0.

Executive Order 07/19/22 (2) requests. 1. Request to overspend the electricity account in the General-Purpose Fund in order to pay for additional costs associated with the electric accounts for the 2021-2022 school year. 2. Request to overspend the communication equipment account in the transportation fund in order to pay for the additional radio equipment needed for the 2022-2023 school year. A motion was made by Mr. Jimmie Garland to approve executive order 07/19/2022. The motion was seconded by Ms. Margaret Pace. (No discussion). Motion passed 7-0.

The policy monitoring report for **Executive Limitation 6 – Asset Protection** was interpreted by Dr. Luna-Vedder. The Director of Schools shall not allow assets of the district to be inadequately maintained, inappropriately used, or unnecessarily risked recognizing budgetary limitations. Accordingly, the Director of Schools may not: Fail to maintain adequate insurance to protect the district's assets. Allow un-bonded personnel access to material amounts of funds. Unnecessarily expose the organization, its Board or Staff to claims of liability.

A motion was made by Mr. Josh Baggett to declare full compliance of this reporting period of EL-6. The motion was seconded by Ms. Margaret Pace. Motion passed 7-0.

The policy monitoring report for **Executive Limitation 7-Emergency Director of Schools** was interpreted by Dr. Luna-Vedder. In order to protect the Board from sudden loss of Director of Schools services, the Director of Schools may have no fewer than three other executives familiar with Board and Superintendent/ Director of Schools issues and processes. Annually, the Superintendent/Director of Schools meets with the Senior Leadership Team and designates three executives to handle district business.

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

Goal #3 Ensure Post-Secondary Success by Aligning Student Aptitude and Interest with Academic Offerings and Ready Graduate Choices was presented by Dr. Dayna Paine, Career and Technical Education Director and Dr. Schanda Doughty, Director of Instruction and Curriculum 9-12. The presentation covered student's aptitude vs. interest and how it relates to students' post-secondary success. The presentation included ready graduate requirements, early post-secondary opportunities and non-traditional early post-secondary options across the district. The entire presentation can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.cmcss.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Goal-3-Ensure-Post-Secondary-Success-by-Aligning-student-Aptitude.pptx.pdf>

Board Discussion and Consideration

CMCSS Depository Authorization: The depository authorization authorizes the new Director of Schools to conduct financial business on behalf of the district. A motion was made by Mr. Kent Griffy to accept the depository authorization. The motion was seconded by Mr. Josh Baggett. Motion passed 7-0.

Charter School Review Committee Amended Application Recommendation: Mr. Nolan referenced the Charter School Amended Applications Recommendation provided by the Review Committee and presented to the Board on July 5th. The Board will be voting on the two amended applications that were received. The review committee's recommendation was to deny the amended application submitted by American Classical Academy Montgomery and to approve Oxton Academy Charter High School. The Board had sixty days to make a final decision on the submitted amended applications. A motion was made by Mr. Charlie Patterson to deny the amended application submitted by American Classical Academy Montgomery. The motion was seconded by Ms. Margaret Pace. (Discussion) Ms. Pace stated that the review committee is a very knowledgeable group of community members that are very professional and conducted a thorough study. As a point of discussion Mr. Patterson reminded Board members that the review committee recommended denial of American Classical Academy Montgomery amended application. (No Further Discussion). Motion passed 7-0.

A motion was made by Mr. Charlie Patterson to deny the amended application submitted by Oxton Academy Charter High School. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jimmie Garland. (Discussion) Mr. Garland explained that he is concerned about senior students attending a Charter High School stating that if those students fail, they will not have an opportunity to recover, also stating that if seniors are failing CMCSS has teachers that are able to get the district's students across the line to graduation. Mr. Nelson stated that the feedback he has received from constituents and educators are not in favor of approving Charter Schools for this district. Mr. Griffy stated that he agreed with the denial of American Classical Academy Montgomery as they did not meet the requirements of the state of Tennessee and the Board has the responsibility to deny the application. Oxton Academy Charter High School met the requirements of the state as presented by the review committee and the Board also has the same responsibility to allow students to have as many choices that can be offered that are in compliance with state regulations. Mr. Garland stated, related to schools of choice CMCSS students have 32 choices available. Mr. Garland also stated that it is the responsibility of the Board to ensure district students get the best education available stating that he does not feel that Charter schools are the key. Mr. Patterson called for the question. Motion passed 4-3.

Comments

Ft. Campbell School Liaison Officer

None

CMCEA/PET Representatives

Ms. Constance Brown, President of CMCEA officially welcomed Dr. Luna-Vedder back to the district as the Director of Schools on behalf of CMCEA, stating that the organization is looking forward to working with Dr. Luna-Vedder and continuing their strong working relationship with CMCSS. Ms. Brown thanked all of the candidates running for School Board for taking time to meet with the organization for interviews. After discussion on the many strengths of each candidate, CMCEA member led political action committee (CMC Pace) has chosen to endorse Carol Berry for district 1, Herbert Nelson for district 3 and Jimmie Garland for district 5. In July CMCEA hosted a welcome reception for the new educators coming into the district. On August 7 from 2:00-4:00 pm CMCEA will be hosting a back-to-school event for teachers that are new to the district at the Sanctuary on Main. CMCEA is still promoting wear red for Ed on Wednesdays to support public education, to advocate for support and the importance of public education. CMCEA will be promoting wearing yellow on Fridays to show support for transportation.

Ms. Cathy Kolb, President of PET welcomed Dr. Luna- Vedder back to CMCSS. Ms. Kolb shared information on the Tennessee Constitution and General Assemblies stance and role in public education. Ms. Kolb stated that Colleges of Education in Tennessee have some of the highest admission scores and stringent licensing requirements that will be relied on as the district face the retirement of the older generation of teachers and teacher shortages. Ms. Kolb also stated that educators in Tennessee deserves appreciation, respect and support from every level. Ms. Kolb invited those who continue to criticize teachers to roll up their sleeves and help fill the vacancies. Ms. Kolb also challenged Board members to submit their application for substitute teaching for this year as to understand how educators are truly dedicated to their profession and to ensure all student needs are met. A story about a school district were teachers looked for students that inspired them was also shared. PET is looking forward to working with Dr. Luna-Vedder and the School Board for the 2022-2023 school year.

County Commissioners

Commissioner Pritchard welcomed Dr. Luna-Vedder back to CMCSS. Ms. Pritchard stated that she is proud of the many programs offered for students across the district.

Board Members

Ms. Margaret Pace thanked Dr. Huff for her sincere dedication to CMCSS stating that Dr. Huff came from Georgia to accommodate her aging parent's needs and became a valuable asset to Montgomery County and the school system. Dr. Huff had the tasks of dealing with the major struggles of the pandemic to include COVID masks mandates, Vaccines, teacher and bus driver shortages and all the while getting to work at 4:00 am each day. Ms. Pace thanked Dr. Huff for her commitment to CMCSS for the past five years and for remaining with CMCSS. Ms. Pace commented that Dr. Huff is such a decent soul, loyal, dedicated and committed to CMCSS. She exemplifies the quote "when you are one of the leaders of the team there are no day's off".

Mr. Garland commented on CMCSS numbers increasing to where they were before COVID. Mr. Garland thanked the teachers, leaders, students and Dr. Huff for a job well done.

Mr. Herbert Nelson addressed the request made to the Board by Ms. Bledsoe to draft a letter to the state in regard to having the new 10-point grading system implemented retroactively. Mr. Griffy recommended that Mr. Nelson draft the letter and bring it back to the Board at the next study session for review.

Director of Schools Report:

Dr. Luna-Vedder shared the following information: **2021-22 Achievement Data [Students who participated in the TCAP in CMCSS]** CMCSS students achieving proficiency improved from 2020-21 to 2021-22 across all grade levels in math and ELA CMCSS equaled or exceeded 2021-22 state proficiency levels in ELA and math except

ELA 7th, ELA 8th, Math 7th, Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. **2021-22 Access Data [EL student assessment]**

54.2% of CMCSS EL students met the expected growth measure in acquisition of academic language increasing from 38.1% in 2020-21. **2021-22 Ready Graduate** Note: This measure utilizes lagged data and is based on the 2020-21 graduation cohort. 34% of the 2020-21 graduation cohort were identified as meeting the college readiness benchmark.

2021-22 Graduation Rate Note: This measure utilizes lagged data and is based on the 2020-21 graduation cohort.

The 2020-21 cohort experienced a 93% graduation rate. **2021-22 Chronic Absentee**

Student attendance remains a concern with the district moving from 13% chronically absent to 15.3%.

2021-22 AMO Data will begin to be released in the middle of August. Achievement data is based on the data of students who were enrolled in CMCSS 50% of the academic year regardless of where in TN they participated in the TCAP.

Kirkwood Middle School Update: Progress; Construction is 98% complete, Furniture deliveries underway, Camera installation throughout the building, Custodial crew waxing floors, Elevator is fully installed and operable, Classroom preparation & move in scheduled. **Kirkwood High School Update:** Construction is 18% complete, Masonry work continues in F-wing, C-wing and gym areas, Steel work underway on joists in F wing, Grading on South parking lot, Concrete footings poured for theater, Paving feeder road from Kirkwood Road entrance. Pictures of the Kirkwood campuses were shared. **Kirkwood Middle Turnover Timeline:** July 18-22, Codes/Fire Marshall Inspections, Bookkeepers, Registrar, Admin assistants on calendar (staging from RoMS) July 25-26, Assistant Principals on calendar, jump start for 6th graders scheduled (students have already registered). August 1-3, Teacher move in days scheduled (classroom setup and preparation). August 4-5, Staff development day, (5th) Community Open House (4pm – 7pm). August 8, Fully Operational.

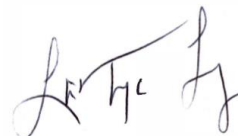
Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Herbert Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.



Herbert Nelson
Board Chair



Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder
Director of Schools



LaTonya Long
Board Secretary