

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

November 15, 2022

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, November 15, 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 Kent Griffy, Herbert Nelson, Margaret Pace, Charlie Patterson, Carol Berry, Jimmie Garland, and Aron Maberry. Also present were: Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder Director of Schools; Mark Nolan, Board Attorney; Dr. Angela Huff, Chief of Staff; Norm Brumblay, Chief Operations Officer; Jeanine Johnson; Chief Human Resource Officer; Chris Reneau, Chief Financial Officer; Anthony Johnson, Chief Communications Officer, Joe Williams, Senior Computer Programmer; Carol Joiner, General Counsel; and LaTonya Long who documented minutes of the meeting. Members present of the County Commission School Liaison Committee: Walker Woodruff, Lisa Prichard, Rashidah Leverett, Ryan Gallant and John Gannon

Point of Pride Awards

Anthony Johnson, Chief Communications Officer presented the following point of pride awards:

Clarksville HS-Sharrock Cobb-2021-2022 TSSAA Girls Wrestling Coach of the Year, Bryan Feldman- TSSAA District 5 Principal of the Year, Clarksville HS Athletics-A.F. Bridges Award of Excellence

Middle College-Kira Jones-Karate World Championships in Wales-Gold Medalist, Weapons-No Music, Karate Weapons, Traditional Kata, Hardstyle Kata, Point Fighting-50kg, Team Point Fighting, Bronze Medalist, Team Kata

TSBA School Board of the year: Carol Berry, Margaret Pace, Kent Griffy, Jimmie Garland, Charlie Patterson, Aron Maberry, Herbert Nelson. TSBA All School Board member of the Year- Carol Berry, TSBA Boardsmanship

Awards Program: Carol Berry-Level V, Herbert Nelson-Level III, Charlie Patterson-Level III. Dr. Angela Huff was recognized for her diligent service as she served as CMCSS' Interim Director of Schools for the 2021-2022 School year.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

1. 10/18/2022 Regular Session Minutes
2. 11/01/2022 Relief Funding Committee Minutes
3. 2022 LEA Compliance Report, 1st Read 11/01/2022
4. 2023 Legislative Priorities, 1st Read 11/01/2022
5. FY23 Budget Amendments, 1st Read 11/01/2022

Policy Monitoring

The policy monitoring report for **Executive Limitation 5-Financial Administration**: was interpreted by Dr. Luna-Vedder. With respect to the actual, ongoing financial condition and activities, the Director of Schools shall not cause nor allow fiscal jeopardy or a material deviation from the annual budget or budget policy adopted by the Board, or any fiscal condition that is inconsistent with achieving the priorities established in the Board's Ends Policies.

A motion was made by Mr. Herbert Nelson to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-5. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie Patterson. Motion passed 7-0.

Reports

Goal #8 Address School Capacity was presented by Mr. Norm Brumblay, Chief Operations Officer. Mr. Brumblay gave an update on the current capacity levels of all CMCSS Schools. The short- and long-term growth capacity by high school and the timelines for new school openings. Future land purchases and future school constructions were also given. The presentation also detailed the City of Clarksville proposed school sidewalk projects.

Board Discussion and Consideration

Student Disciplinary Appeal: The Board had an opportunity to review information regarding a parents request for a student disciplinary appeal in a closed executive session on November 15, 2022. Mr. Nolan, Board Attorney explained the appeal process stating that the Board could make a motion to modify the discipline imposed by the hearing authority. If the Board made a motion to increase the discipline, a hearing would have to be granted to the student/parent by the Board. If no motion is made to grant a hearing, or to modify the discipline imposed, the decision of the Director shall be affirmed. No motions were made. The decision of the Director was affirmed.

Resolution Lease of Computers: A motion was made by Mr. Charlie Patterson to approve the renewal of CMCSS' lease of computers. The motion was seconded by Ms. Margaret Pace. (No Discussion). Motion passed 7-0.

Comments

Ft. Campbell School Liaison Officer

None

CMCEA/PET Representatives

Ms. Constance Brown, President of CMCEA congratulated the Board on the awards they received. Ms. Brown shared comments on what CMCEA is thankful for within CMCSS.

Ms. Cathy Kolb, President of PET congratulated the Board for their accomplishments. Ms. Kolb gave the Board a quote to think about “Sit with warriors their conversation is different”. Ms. Kolb encouraged Board members to walk through schools and talk with teachers to better understand the work that they do every day and to hear their issues and concerns.

Mr. Griffy recognized Mayor Golden.

County Commissioners

Commissioner Gannon-wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Commissioner Prichard thanked Mr. Brumblay for his outstanding presentation and for helping to connect the dots for student safety.

Board Members

Mr. Nelson thanked CMCEA for inviting him and Mrs. Berry to attend one of their meetings stating that he enjoys talking with teachers when he sees them out in the community to get their unvetted opinions concerning CMCSS. Mr. Nelson congratulated Mrs. Berry on achieving level V of the TSBA boardsmanship program he also recognized Ms. Pace and Mr. Garland as other Board members that have achieved level V. Mr. Nelson wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Maberry congratulated Coach Cobb on behalf of the parents of the girl’s wrestling team. Mr. Maberry also recognized Mayor Golden and wished all veterans a happy belated Veterans Day and thanked them for their service.

Mr. Patterson thanked the Mayor and County Commission for passing CMCSS’ Resolution for design fees for Kirkwood Elementary School. Mr. Patterson asked if there would eventually be lights at the entrance to the Kirkwood campus. Mr. Brumblay stated that there would be lighting on those roadways as part of the development, however, the area in question is not a part of the Kirkwood campus which does have lights.

Mr. Garland thanked Dr. Luna-Vedder and staff for the presentation stating that it is always good to get good information. Mr. Garland thanked Mr. Brumblay for putting the presentation together. Mr. Garland commented on getting back to the basics referring to communicating with one another. Mr. Garland stated that he will take the challenge of talking with people more than he has in the past as he believes that better communication will make the difference for the students in CMCSS.

Ms. Pace made a request to have the Carmel Tennis Complex proposal revisited at the December Study Session. Ms. Pace also made a request to restore the Board room back to its original intent as she has received questions from the public and County Commissioners concerning the changes in the Board room. Ms. Pace shared some history related to the design of the Board room, the board room’s prior use and the naming of the board room.

Mrs. Berry stated that as a retired teacher she loves talking with educators to listen to their concerns and to have an opportunity to make a difference in CMCSS. Mrs. Berry stated that she made it a point to make level V her first term on the Board and with a lot of hard work she was able to achieve it. Also stating that she had help in receiving the awards as she has learned something from every board member which has helped to make her a better board member. Mrs. Berry commented that she is blessed to serve with a wonderful group of people and thanked Dr. Luna-Vedder, Board members, senior leadership team and Dr. Huff for their support.

Mr. Griffy wished everyone a happy thanksgiving and encouraged teachers to take some time for themselves and enjoy time with their families. Mr. Griffy stated that the School Board of the Year award was won by the school system employees, parents, partners, City of Clarksville and Montgomery County which helped the Board achieve the levels and degrees they are trying to achieve stating that the Board are the beneficiaries around the table. Mr. Griffy also stated that he was proud of the board members that received individual awards. He encouraged everyone traveling during the holidays to make safety a priority.

Director of Schools report

Dr. Luna-Vedder thanked the county commission for approving the budget for the design fees for Kirkwood Elementary School. This step starts the trajectory for Kirkwood Elementary to open in the fall of 2024. The 12 additional classrooms that will be part of the initial project will make it the largest elementary school by square footage that has been built in CMCSS. Dr. Luna-Vedder stated, CMCSS knows that continued partnership is necessary and is very much appreciated. Dr. Luna-Vedder and several board members had the honor of visiting a few Veterans Day assemblies throughout the district, stating that she hopes the district never loses the prospective with what being a part of a military community provides the school system, with approximately 30% of CMCSS families being military connected we must ensure that the districts unique needs be met for these families. Dr. Luna-Vedder thanked all the veterans who have served and the families that serve as well.

Dr. Luna-Vedder shared that in 2014 CMCSS started the first test of a prototype of alternate fuel propane buses. Currently CMCSS operates 78 propane buses making CMCSS the largest alternative fuel fleet in the state of Tennessee. Buses that have the green bird painted on the side identifies the propane buses. Last week CMCSS operations department received the green fleet award from the Tennessee Clean Fuel's Coalition in partnership with UT and Tennessee Environment and Conservation. This award highlights the efforts to reduce petroleum consumption, use alternative fuel's and reduce emissions. Dr. Luna-Vedder thanked all of the team members of CMCSS to include the district's School Board of the Year who serve daily for CMCSS students stating that it is an honor to be part of a school system that continues to put students first.

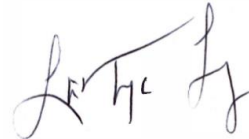
Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Kent Griffy adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.



Kent Griffy
Board Chair



Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder
Director of Schools



LaTonya Long
Board Secretary