

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

**January 17, 2023**

The Clarksville-Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, January 17, 2023 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, School Board Attorney; Dr. Angela Huff, Chief of Staff; Norm Brumblay, Chief Operations Officer; Jeanine Johnson; Chief Human Resources Officer; Chris Reneau, Chief Financial Officer; Anthony Johnson, Chief Communications Officer, David Holman, Chief Technology 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, Carmelle Chandler, Rashidah Leverett, Ryan Gallant and John Gannon

**Point of Pride Awards**

Anthony Johnson, Chief Communications Officer presented the following point of pride awards:  
Rossview High School. **ACT Perfect Scores**-Logan Graff, Arnav Sakhrani

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

1. 12/13/2022 Regular Session Minutes
2. 01/03/2023 Relief Funding Committee Minutes
3. 2023-2024 Staff Zoning Recommendation, 1<sup>st</sup> Read 12/06/2022
4. 2024-2025 School Calendar (3<sup>rd</sup> Year Out), 1<sup>st</sup> Read 01/03/2023
5. Inclement Weather Make-Up Plan, 1<sup>st</sup> Read 01/03/2023

**Policy Monitoring**

The policy monitoring report for **Executive Limitation 2–Communication with the Public**: was interpreted by Dr. Luna-Vedder. The Superintendent/Director of Schools shall assure that the public is adequately informed about the condition and direction of the district. The Director of Schools will: Provide for timely information, appropriate input, and strategic two-way dialogue between the district and the citizens that builds understanding and support for district efforts. Assure that all staff interactions with parents and community build mutual respect, involvement and support. Prepare and publish, on behalf of the Board, annual progress reports to the public.

A motion was made by Mr. Jimmie Garland to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-2. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie Patterson. Motion passed 7-0.

The policy monitoring report for **Executive Limitation 9 – School Year Calendar** was interpreted by Dr. Luna-Vedder. The Director of Schools shall prepare a District Calendar or School Calendar that best meets the instructional needs of students. Accordingly, the Director of Schools shall develop a calendar which: Provides for multiple years of implementation; provides for the required number of instruction and contact hours/days; includes dates for all district scheduled professional learning activities.

A motion was made by Ms. Margaret Pace to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-9. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie Patterson. The motion passed 7-0.

**Reports**

**Goal #9 Improve bus driver recruitment and retention to enhance student transportation services** was presented by Mr. Norm Brumblay, Chief Operations Officer. The presentation included transportation's staffing status, recruiting, retention and enhancements. Mr. Brumblay gave a detailed account of the student transportation improvement strategies to include double runs, driver multiple routes, and merging students. Recruiting measures that included sign-on bonus', paid driver training program, community recruitment and referral bonus'.

**Approval of Review Committee for any submitted Charter Applications**: Dr. Luna-Vedder referenced the submitted list of names selected for the CMCSS Charter Review Committee for the Board to review as the original list had an adjustment made. A Board member inquired about having two board members instead of one on the committee. Dr. Luna-Vedder further explained that last year based on an example from another district that was received and reviewed CMCSS developed a policy to form a review committee of several educational and content experts, parent and community

members and one Board member who is not serving on any other committees. Originally the district intended to submit a recommended list of committee members for the Boards review and approval based on that list. To ensure it was permitted to have two board members on the committee the charter school point of contact at the State Board of Education Ali Gaffey-Reid, Director of Engagement and Accountability was contacted. Ms. Reid conveyed that it is not recommended to have any board members on the Charter Review Committee stating that the function of the committee is to thoroughly review charter applications and provide recommendations to board members who ultimately will vote to approve or deny. Board members are provided with the same application materials provided to the charter review committee and the community at large so board members are able to do their diligence in addition to the review committee's recommendation. Based on the guidance from the State Board of Education to reduce this conflict CMCSS will be revising its policies and has revised the Charter Review Committee list to exclude Board members. Mrs. Carol Berry was originally on the list and represented last year as a committee member and has been removed from the adjusted list of committee members.

Mr. Patterson clarified that the State Board of Education recommends that no Board members serve on the Charter Review Committee.

Mr. Maberry asked for the Boards thoughts on the recommendation as other districts have Board members on their committees stating that the State Board of Education made a recommendation but the final decision is the boards.

Mr. Garland, stated that a board member should be on the committee. Further stating that he does not feel that the state should have the privilege of telling the Board how to establish its committee in Clarksville Montgomery County as the district will be responsible for any approved charter schools.

Mr. Patterson made a motion to approve the review committee for any submitted charter applications. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nelson.

Mr. Griffy clarified the motion. The motion is to approve the modified list of Charter Review Committee members without a board member. (Discussion) Mr. Garland restated his position on having a board member on the Charter Review Committee.

Mr. Nelson stated that having the state dictate how the board conduct's business is not a good look. He recommends having a board member on the committee.

Mr. Patterson stated that the board would be able to express their opinions once the charter recommendation is brought to the board to approve or deny. (No Further Discussion). The motion passed 4-3.

### **Board Discussion and Consideration**

**Student Discipline Appeal:** The Board had an opportunity to review information regarding a parents request for a student disciplinary appeal in a closed executive session on January 17, 2023. 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.

### **Comments**

#### **Ft. Campbell School Liaison Officer**

None

### **CMCEA/PET Representatives**

Ms. Stefi Outlaw, CMCEA PACT Chair made comments on the legislative session and CMCEA's role and representation as related to issues that will impact CMCSS schools.

### **County Commissioners**

None

### **Board Members**

Mr. Griffy recognized State Representative Ronnie Glynn that was in the audience.

Mrs. Berry recognized Commissioner Carmelle Chandler, County Commissioner School Liaison Committee Member. Mrs. Berry thanked all of the schools that recognized the Board for Board Appreciation Week.

Mr. Garland asked how many CMCSS students will be affected by the third-grade retention law and will it require additional school. Dr. Luna-Vedder stated that it would not require additional school as the district would provide summer school and after school tutoring. The number that is available is not currently accurate as there are students that would qualify for exemptions such as students with characteristics of dyslexia, students with reading disabilities, students with IEPs, and students that have already been retained would be exempt from that number. Current students will take the third grade reading TCAP in the spring and that would be the actual data that will be used. The district has been communicating with parents through-out the year that their student may need additional support. Dr. Luna-Vedder emphasized that no student will be retained if the parent and the student are willing to meet the accommodations needed with summer school and after school tutoring and show some progress on their assessments. The district is going to work with every single family to make sure that CMCSS is promoting students and that they are able to read.

Mrs. Berry stated that sometimes students do not perform well on a test however the teacher knows if a student can perform and is prepared for the fourth grade. Mrs. Berry asked if there will be any consideration of teacher recommendations. Dr. Luna-Vedder stated that, that conversation has been had with legislators as well, however the law is currently based on the student's assessments. There are some waivers that are allowed that depend on the student's performance. All information will be communicated to parents and if legislation were to change that will be communicated to parents as well.

#### **Director of Schools Report**

Dr. Luna-Vedder shared that the water line break has been repaired and students will be returning to school on Wednesday. This past Monday Dr. Luna-Vedder was able to spend some time at Burt Elementary School serving on a panel in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. Lunn-Vedder shared that it was an amazing town hall and several people that were in the audience were in attendance along with some locally elected officials discussing how they can all work together as a community to be better together. Dr. Luna-Vedder recognized next week as School Board Appreciation week stating that the Board puts in time and effort that is not typically recognized. Dr. Luna-Vedder offered her sincere thank you for their tireless dedication serving the students of CMCSS and is looking forward to continuing to see schools celebrate each board member next week.

Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Kent Griffy adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.



Kent Griffy  
Board Chair



Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder  
Director of Schools



LaTonya Long  
Board Secretary