

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

May 16, 2023

The Clarksville Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, May 16, 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 Gruffy, 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 Deb Cummings, acting School Board Secretary, who documented minutes of the meeting. Members present of the County Commission School Liaison Committee: Rashidah Leverett, Ryan Gallant, Walker Woodruff, Carmelle Chandler and John Gannon.

Point of Pride Awards

Valedictorians /Salutatorians

CHS

- Madelyn Holt (V)
- Parker Wilkinson (S)

KHS

- Isaiah Mimms (V)
- Joshua Tworoger (S)

NWHS

- Joanna Jerrigan (V)
- Kylie Yun (S)

RHS

- Vivian Ma (V)
- Logan Graff (S)

MCHS

- Olivia Davis (V)
- Madelyn Coleson (S)

WCHS

- Lorraine Cutting (V)
- Julianne Hook (S)

NEHS

- Thomas Mann (V)
- Carter Sierawski (S)

ACT 36

RHS

- Justin Zheng

Mock Trial State Competition

CHS

- Ava Heuston – 2nd Place Best Defense Attorney
- Sara Haake – 1st Place Best Defense Witness

FBLA State Leadership Conference

CHS

- Rhett McClurg, Dev Shah, and Preciosa Stowell – Data Analysis – 1st
- Cameron Hoskins and Parker Susong – Website Design – 1st
- Jericah Guillermo and David Salyer – Hospitality and Event Management – 3rd

MCHS

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| ▪ Davin Mayfield - Spreadsheet Applications-1 st | ▪ Noah Davis - Database Applications-2 nd |
| ▪ Davin Mayfield - FBLA Andy Vanosdale
Technology Scholarship | ▪ Matthew Pentlicki - Spreadsheet Applications-2 nd |
| ▪ Audrey Batson - Word Processing-1 st | ▪ Addyson Jurecki - Word Processing-2 nd |
| ▪ Joseph Reece - Database Applications-1 st | ▪ Peyton Ybanez - Word Processing 3 rd |
| ▪ Benjamin Bull - Computer Applications-2 nd | ▪ Daniel Budde - Spreadsheet Applications-3 rd |
| | ▪ Ryanne Hawkins - Impromptu Speaking-3 rd |

TN Technology Student Association State Conference

NEHS

- 2nd Place: Coding
 - Ethan Weller
 - Noelle Whidden
- 2nd place: VEX Robotics (Co-Tournament Champions with 1st place Team)
 - Aleksandre Barnuevo
 - Marcus Kinch
 - Carter Sierawski
- 3rd Place: Geospatial Technology
 - Piper Hewett
 - Joy Lee
 - Brooke Rasnick
- 3rd Place: Data Science and Analytics
 - Daniel Sousa-Moore
 - Ethan Weller

TSBA Student Congress on Policies in Education (SCOPE)

KHS

- Gabriel Bracey
- Rebakah Hall

MC

- Katie Li
- Arianna Smith-Forte'

MCHS

- Olivia Davis
- Vriya Patel

NEHS

- Rayna Barnes
- Phoenix Love

RHS

- Ja'Kyah Montgomery
- Elizabeth Stevens

VS

- Sofia Sumauang

National History Day Teacher of the Year

KIMS

- Ms. Aimee Hoffman

National History Day State Championship

KIMS

- First Place - Courage, Conviction, Commitment: The Incredible Flying Fort - First Place
 - Anna Claire Averitt
 - Alanna Mays
 - Lainey McQuade
 - Sponsor – Whitney Joyner
- Third Place - Cracking the Code: The Wrens of Bletchley Park
 - Jaylene Park
 - Sponsor – Whitney Joyner
- Third Place - Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend: Frontiers In Women's Sports
 - Madisen Walters
 - Emily Weston
 - Sponsor – Aimee Hoffman

NEMS

- Second Place - Shattering the Glass Ceiling
 - Phasia Karyeah
 - Sponsor – Crystol May
- Second Place - One Man's Dream: Robert Hutchings Goddard and his Liquid-Fueled Rocket
 - Rafeif Abedelhalim
 - Sponsor – Crystol May

RIMS

- Second Place - The Invention of the World Wide Web
 - Evens Donard
 - Gavin O'Bryant
 - Sponsor – Tabitha Wilson

National Wrestling Hall of Fame - Tricia Saunders High School Excellence Award

CHS

- Ella-Lina Gonzalez

THSSDL State One-Act Play Championship

RHS

- Cast & Crew
 - Josh Cooper
 - Mallory Skernivitz
 - Jaden Edwards
 - Allie Wells
 - Dilynn Riddle
 - Riley Weeks
 - Kainoa Lucas
 - Elena Zimmerman
 - T.J. Grier
 - Grace Keyt
 - Dakotah Duty
 - Dillon Thomas
 - Raine Rasnic
 - Carolyn Menees
 - Akira Curry
 - Anna Hepperman
 - Director – LuEllyn Boyer Wilcox
- Best Actor
 - Jaden Edwards
- All-Star State Cast
 - Mallory Skernivitz
 - Allie Wells
 - Dilynn Riddle
 - Elena Zimmerman

All State Musicians

CHS

- Lydia Lewis
- Benjamin Robles-Nieles

MCHS

- Maggie McNeeley
- Mia Webster

RHS

- Jimin Noland
- Grace Allensworth
- Janey Stevens

NAMM Foundation Best Communities for Music Education – 8th Consecutive Year

- CMCSS Music Educators

CMA Foundation Music Teacher of Excellence

- Kristina Waugh, RHS

Grammy Music Educator Award Quarterfinalist

- Vanessa Cobb, MCHS

Rocky Mountain National Drill Competition

WCHS

- West Creek High School Drill Team – 1st Place Overall Unarmed Champions, 2nd Place Color Guard (Males), 1st Place Unarmed Drill Regulation Platoon (Ladies), 1st Place Unarmed Drill Inspection Team (Ladies)
 - 1SG Darall Luckett (Instructor)
 - Rachel Arnette
 - Kralyn Barnes
 - Bradyn Vest
 - Joseph Newton
 - Serenity Johnson
 - Hailey Ryan
 - Christopher Michaelis
 - Alarus Clayborn
 - Imani Conner-Cato
 - Avionna Copeland
 - Kallie Fields
 - Shariscird Holt
 - Kaleb Scott
 - Brianna Maerki (Graham)
 - D'Asia McQueen
 - Michael Card
 - Josephine Morrison
 - Cloe Robinson
 - Darall Luckett
 - Kylee Langa
- Best Cadet Drill Commander Unarmed Team – 1st Place Imani Conner-Cato
- Armed Duo Exhibition Team – 1st Place Christopher Michaelis and Brayden Vest
- Individual Drill Performance – Unarmed Knockout – 4th Place - Kaleb Scott

Rocky Mountain National Drill Competition (continued)

WCHS

- 1SG (Ret) Darall Luckett
- All Army - Armed Inspection, 3rd Place

- Bradyn Vest
- Michael Card
- Samuel Salsedo
- Kaleb Scott
- Jesse Ortiz
- Cass Ruiz
- Jayceon Rock
- Joseph Newton
- Christopher Michaelis
- Hector Hale

- Division Two All Service-Armed Color Guard, 1st Place
 - Bradyn Vest
 - Michael Card
 - Christopher Card
 - Kaleb Scott

MCHS

- CMS (Ret) James Manning
- Division Three All Service Armed Color Guard, 1st Place
 - Ethan Herring
 - Shaun Debien
 - Daniel Budde
 - Kyle Heath

- Division Three All Service Unarmed Color Guard, 3rd Place
 - Kalena Towe
 - Carmella Vittetoe
 - Myla Smith
 - Alaiha-Victoria Santana Rivera

- Purple Star School Awards

- Glenellen Elementary
- Hazelwood Elementary
- West Creek Elementary
- Woodlawn Elementary
- Sango Elementary
- Pisgah Elementary
- Oakland Elementary
- West Creek Middle School
- Kirkwood Middle School
- Kenwood Middle School
- West Creek High School

Division Two All Services
Unarmed Inspection, 4th Place

- Imani Conner-Cato
- Kallie Fields
- Serenity Johnson
- D'Asia McQueen
- Kralyn Barnes
- Josephine Morrison
- Alarus Clayborn
- Brianna Maerki
- Shariscid Holt
- Avionna Copeland
- Rachel Arnette
- Kylee Langa
- Cloe Robinson

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

1. 04/25/2023 Regular Session Minutes
2. Surplus Property Vehicle Maintenance - 23 School Buses, 1st Read 05/02/2023
3. 2022-2023 Resolution Budget Amendments, 1st Read 05/02/2023
4. 2023 – 2024 Code of Student Conduct Updates, 1 Read 05/02/2023
5. FY 2024 Consolidated Entitlement Grant Application, 1st Read 05/02/2023

Policy Monitoring

The policy monitoring report for **Executive Limitation 5 – Financial Administration** was interpreted by Dr. Luna-Vedder. 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. Accordingly, the Director of Schools may not expend more funds than have been received in the fiscal year to date unless revenues are made available through other legal means, including the use of fund balances or the authorized transfer of funds from District reserve funds.

A motion was made by Mrs. Carol Berry to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-5. The motion was seconded by Ms. Margaret Pace. Motion passed 7-0.

The policy monitoring report for **Executive Limitation 13 - Career Technical Education Program** was interpreted by Dr. Luna-Vedder. With respect to the demand for qualified career-technical related jobs and the need for developing high-quality high school career-technical education programs, the Director/Superintendent shall not fail to study, plan, and implement career-technical programs that address career needs in high-demand career vocations.

A motion was made by Mr. Jimmie Garland to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-13. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aron Maberry. Motion passed 7-0.

Reports

Executive Order 05/05/2023 – The School Board Chair is being requested to authorize the payments to overspend the General Purpose Fund Property claims account (GSJ50900 551600) by \$400,000 mainly to cover the repair cost caused by wind damage on March 3, 2023 at various locations across the district.

Goal #10 – Implement technology solutions to enhance organizational efficiency, security and accountability was presented by Joe Williams, Senior Computer Programmer, and Leighton Brown, Systems Specialist. The report included information on the updated single sign-on feature, ClassLink Launchpad, improving organizational efficiency through technology and CMCSS networking enhancements. An overview was given on work orders for years 2021-2022 versus 2022-2023. Mr. Brown completed the report with an update on new equipment for the Boardroom and indicated a targeted completion date is expected end of May/early June 2023. The entire presentation can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.cmcss.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/tech-board-presentation-202305.pdf>

Comments

CMCEA/PET Representatives

Ms. Constance Brown, President of CMCEA, made reference to the sentiment “Better Together” and expressed her thoughts on how this concept brings us together as one very large functional family. Ms. Brown commented as we end one year many of us are already planning the next. Ms. Brown asked that as leaders start looking at new programs and strategies in the upcoming year to please keep in mind what is already on the plate of our educators. When new things are added we need to ask what things can be removed. Educators should have lives outside the classroom and it is imperative we keep balance in mind. This concept is vital to the overall health of employees and allows us the ability to do our jobs more productively while enriching the lives of our kids. In closing, Ms. Brown stated that by helping students to grow academically, socially and emotionally, we are empowering them to reach their potential which is best accomplished when those tasks are balance-driven.

Ms. Cathy Kolb, President of PET, echoed the comments of Ms. Brown. Ms. Kolb mentioned an upcoming Leader U conference open to all educators on June 7 called Lightening the Load for teachers presented by keynote speaker by Dr. Shamender Talwar. This year Leader U is focusing on Lightening the Load by addressing the ever-present mental health issues and providing practical applications that will help educators meet the challenges they face on a daily basis. Some topics being discussed will be collaborative planning to support student needs, aspiring minds to create creativity,

collaboration convergent, essential neuro-science for educators, “Don’t let this job kill you” and how to reach students that have experienced trauma.

Ms. Kolb mentioned the France Law group that is taking on social media and is excited to see positive results in the near future.

County Commissioners

None

Board Members

Ms. Pace commented on the impressive Point of Pride program and how research shows that public recognition of accomplishment is the most powerful motivator. Ms. Pace stated she is most appreciative to everyone that assisted in making the awards program possible.

Mr. Garland thanked law enforcement and staff on handling all school call-in situations last week to ensure our students and staff are safe at all times. Mr. Garland also thanked Dr. Luna-Vedder and staff for the leadership and for recognizing the importance of the Point of Pride awards.

Mr. Patterson gave a shout-out to all first-responders who were involved in recent events at our schools. Mr. Patterson also thanked the County Commission for their interest as well as Sheriff Fuson and staff for visiting the Illinois school regarding school safety and seeking potential security opportunities.

Mr. Maberry congratulated the graduates of Class 2023 and expressed his excitement to participate in the ceremonies next week, in particular Rossview where he was a graduate of the Class of 2003.

Mrs. Berry congratulated all graduates and wished each and every one a successful future.

Mr. Nelson commended all Point of Pride recipients and expressed his enjoyment in seeing our future leaders receive awards for their well-deserved accomplishments. Mr. Nelson echoed his appreciation to law enforcement and SRO’s for all they contribute to the safety and well-being of the staff and students on a daily basis.

Director of Schools Report

Dr. Luna-Vedder shared that last week we were able to celebrate our classified employees of the year with a special luncheon. A huge thank-you to this talented group of employees in our district who provide on a daily basis the foundational support required to keep this district running smoothly. Dr. Luna-Vedder reiterated the last week of the school year is quickly approaching and saluted those school level faculty and staff members who have made this an amazing year. Dr. Luna-Vedder announced the kick off of the graduation ceremonies Wednesday – Saturday next week at APSU Dunn Center and said she is looking forward to congratulating our nearly 2,500 seniors who will be the Class of 2023.

And finally, happy birthday to Jeanine Johnson who will be presenting at our next meeting on June 6 before officially retiring.

Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Kent Griffy adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.



Kent Griffy
Board Chair



Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder
Director of Schools



Deb Cummings
Acting Board Secretary