

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

September 19, 2023

The Clarksville Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, September 19, 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; Norm Brumblay, Chief Operations Officer; David Holman, Chief Technology Officer; Melissa Izatt, Chief Human Resources Officer; Dr. Schanda Doughty, Chief Academic Officer; Chris Reneau, Chief Financial Officer; Anthony Johnson, Chief Communications 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: Rashidah Leverett, Ryan Gallant, Carmelle Chandler, John Gannon and Walker Woodruff.

Point of Pride Awards

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

MCHS: Ms. Alison Levy - Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by the NSHSS

WCHS: ISG (Ret) Darall Luckett - 7th Brigade's Army Instructor of the Year

Public Conversation

Ms. Megan Wise addressed the Board on special education services, special populations, IDEA implementation, behavior supports and shared she and her students experiences within the school system.

Ms. Tawnee Crawford addressed the Board on bullying in schools, students with disabilities, IEP's, cultural awareness and diversity, and expressed her concerns related to her student being bullied and his lack of special education services.

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. 08/22/2023 Regular Session Minutes
2. FY-2024 Resolution Budget Amendments, 1st Read 09/05/2023
3. Family Life Curriculum Update, 1st Read 09/05/2023

Policy Monitoring

The policy monitoring report for **Executive Limitation 11–Capital Projects**: was interpreted by Dr. Luna-Vedder. The Clarksville-Montgomery County School System shall not fail to ensure that District facilities are safe and adequate in order to accomplish the Board's policies and priorities. Accordingly, the Director of Schools shall not build or renovate buildings and other facilities without well-documented needs and Board input. Projects are prioritized appropriately based on student and staff safety, educational needs, environmental impact, and aesthetics. Projects exceeding \$25,000 go to public bid. The lowest and best bids are accepted based on contractor's performance, quality, and work history.

A motion was made by Ms. Margaret Pace to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-11. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Carol Berry. (No Discussion) Motion passed 7-0.

Reports

AMO Data was presented by Dr. Kimmie Sucharski, Director of Accountability. The presentation consisted of accountability updates that included information on new guidelines for students who receive a regular diploma, district accountability indicators, achievement score-success rate, value added growth, chronic absenteeism, English Language Proficiency and graduation rate.

Board Discussion & Consideration

Board Election of Chair and Vice Chair and Depository Authorization: Pursuant to GP-11, Mr. Mark Nolan, School Board Attorney, opened the floor for nominations from the Board to select a new School Board Chair. Mr. Charlie Patterson nominated Mr. Kent Griffy for School Board Chair. Mr. Herb Nelson nominated Mr. Jimmie Garland for School Board Chair. Mr. Garland declined the nomination. The nominations were closed on Mr. Griffy. Mr. Griffy was elected School Board Chair by a vote of 7-0. Mr. Griffy will serve as School Board Chair October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Mr. Nolan opened the floor for nominations for School Board Vice-Chair. Ms. Margaret Pace nominated Mr. Jimmie Garland for Vice-Chair. Mr. Aron Maberry nominated Mr. Herbert Nelson for Vice Chair. The nominations closed on said

names. Mr. Garland was elected as School Board Vice-Chair by a vote of 6-1. Mr. Garland will serve as School Board Vice Chair October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Depository Authorization was read by Dr. Luna-Vedder. The depository authorization authorizes the new Board Chair to conduct financial business on behalf of the district. A motion was made by Mr. Garland to accept the depository authorization. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pace. (No Discussion) Motion passed 7-0.

Comments

Fort Campbell School Liaison Officer

Ms. Karen Watkins-Diouf Ft. Campbell Liaison Officer reported that the liaison officers have started their school visits off post and administrators have been very welcoming and kind. Schools have been assigned an army unit for the military adopt a school partner in education initiative. Schools have began contacting their unit partners for events such as the military band for Veterans Day celebrations, trunk-a-treat events and the 101-days of school celebration's.

CMCEA/PET Representatives

Ms. Stafi Outlaw, President of CMCEA shared CMCEA's & PET's mission and vision statement. Ms. Outlaw commented that their core values are ones that are shared by the board and school system. They believe in democracy, equal opportunity, a just society and a strong teaching profession. Ms. Outlaw reported that she witnessed board members visiting school's this nine weeks and they were engaging, supporting and uplifting the staff, demonstrating the values that they all share.

Ms. Cathy Kolb, President of PET shared information about Constitution week. Ms. Kolb commented on the founding father's being educators that wanted the country they were creating to be for all people and all citizens to make sure that everyone was successful. Ms. Kolb stated that PET always want to uplift educators to make sure that they are imparting to students that they can be anything they want to be and they can be successful. Ms. Kolb spoke on the Constitutions revisions as related to the Bill of Rights and the correlation between the work of the founding fathers and educators.

County Commissioners

No Comments

Board Members

Mr. Garland thanked the public conversation participants for their comments. Mr. Garland stated that parents have a right to speak and advocate for their students and assured them that they were heard and for them to continue to advocate for their student's. Mr. Garland thanked the board for having confidence in him to serve as Vice Chair for another year.

Mr. Nelson echoed Mr. Garland's remarks concerning parents advocating for their children. Mr. Nelson stated that he had a special needs student in CMCSS and knows that there are times when things can be overlooked. Mr. Nelson thanked the County Commissioners for approving the funds to purchase land for the next school complex. Mr. Nelson also thanked Dr. Luna-Vedder for establishing the committee to review and remove any inappropriate materials located in CMCSS libraries.

Mrs. Berry made comments on kindness and encouraged board members to always show kindness to everyone as kindness is free, to be mindful that children are watching and to be grateful to have the chance to impact their lives.

Mr. Griffy thanked the Board for their vote of confidence in re-electing him to serve as Board Chair for another year. Mr. Griffy commented that he appreciates all of the support over the past twelve months from each Board member, staff member's and the Director and is looking forward to the next twelve months. Mr. Griffy thanked the parent speakers for keeping the Board informed and to never forget that the Board is their Board.

Director of Schools Report

Dr. Luna-Vedder acknowledged and thanked the County Commissioners who voted to approve CMCSS's resolution for next steps for land acquisition for CMCSS' next elementary school, stating that we are grateful for the continued collaboration as we work to expand capacity for our areas of greatest need.

Dr. Luna-Vedder reported that CMCSS received a very exciting announcement from the U.S Department of Education. A video was played that announced CMCSS's Middle College at APSU was officially designated as a 2023-2024 National Blue-Ribbon School. Dr. Luna-Vedder reported that out of approximately 1,700 public schools in the state of Tennessee, this year six schools were honored, four elementary schools, one middle school and only one high school.

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CMCSS' very own Middle College at APSU was the only high school awarded in the entire state. Nationally 313 schools out of approximately 90,000 public schools were being recognized this year (for both the state and nationally that is approximately 3 1/2 thousandth of 1 % of schools that were recognized). Dr. Luna-Vedder commented that these schools are achieving academically at high a level, more importantly it means that these are schools that are closing achievement gaps in sub-groups. These schools have diverse sub groups that are achieving just as well to ensure that all students are reaching their potential. This award belongs to the students who have put in the hard work, the dedicated teachers for working tirelessly, all current and former administrators who made this vision a reality and our partners at APSU. Dr. Luna-Vedder emphasized that this is not a school system award it is truly a community award.

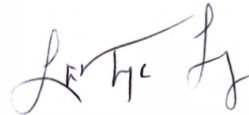
Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Kent Griffy adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.



Kent Griffy
Board Chair



Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder
Director of Schools



LaTonya Long
School Board Secretary