

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

November 21, 2023

The Clarksville Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, November 21, 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, Jimmie Garland, Carol Berry 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; 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, Carmelle Chandler, Walker Woodruff, John Gannon, Ryan Gallant

Point of Pride Awards

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

TMSAA State Championship Cross Country Meet

Northeast Middle School: Avery Young, 6th Place, **Richview Middle School:** Jayden Lowry, 5th Place

TMSAA State Volleyball Tournament

Richview Middle School Volleyball Team: Area 13/Section 3 Champions 6th Place TMSAA State Volleyball Tournament

TSSAA State Champions

TSSAA State Golf Tournament: Clarksville High School: Parker Elkins, Individual Champion TSSAA Division I Class AA, **Clarksville High School Boys Golf Team:** Runner Up TSSAA Division I Class AA, **Clarksville High School Girls Golf Team:** 5th Place TSSAA Division I Class AA

Tennessee Theatre Association Secondary Theatre One-Act Play Festival and SETC

Rossvie High School: Gavin Weddington, Best Actor, Ezekiel Michel, Best Supporting Actor, Elena Zimmerman, Katie Stafford, Jeremy Annel, All-Star Cast

Rossvie Playhouse: 2nd Place, Best Newcomer Award, First CMCSS Program Selected to Represent Tennessee at the SETC, LuEllyn Boyer Wilcox, Director, Gavin Weddington, Jeremy Annel, Ezekiel Michel, Sean Ireland, Ethan Smith, Elena Zimmerman, Olivia Piatlak, Katie Stafford, Mae Valentine, Dillon Thomas, Jalen Soto, Raine Rasnic, Carolyne Jones, Blaire Bible, Hania Abubucker, Ace Hannah

TSBA Awards

TSBA 2023 School of the Year Award for New Middle School Construction Kirkwood Middle School: Lyle-Cook-Martin Architects, Inc., CMCSS Operations Department. **Tennessee School Boards Association Scholars Circle:** Jimmie Garland for achieving a Level V and attaining over 900 boardsmanship points in the TSBA Boardsmanship Award Program.

Public Conversation

Ms. Alejandra Black-Ramos addressed the Board concerning implementing a second Spanish Immersion program to serve families in district 4. Ms. Black-Ramos outlined a proposal for the program. Ms. Mary Richards expressed her gratitude to CMCSS for the adult high school program. Ms. Richards shared her student's journey that included his path to graduation from the adult high school.

Approval of Consent Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Jimmie Garland and seconded by Mr. Herbert Nelson the Board approved the Consent Agenda 6-0. The Consent Agenda consisted of:

1. 10/17/2023 Regular Session Minutes
2. Surplus Property-Technology, 1st Read 11/07/2023
3. 2023 LEA Compliance Report, 1st Read 11/07/2023
4. 2024 Legislative Priorities, 1st Read 11/07/2023
5. Teacher Tenure Consideration, 1st Read 11/07/2023
6. Collaborative Conferencing Special Question Committee, 1st Read 11/07/2023
7. FY24 Budget Amendments, 1st Read 11/07/2023
8. Review Proposed Changes to Public Participation Policy, 1st Read 11/07/2023

Policy Monitoring

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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. Updates regarding revenue collections, rising costs and capital projects are provided to the Board through work sessions. Any proposed changes to the budget are approved by the Board and the County Commission, and Quarterly financial reports are provided to the Board and County Commission.

A motion was made by Ms. Margaret Pace to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-5. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Carol Berry (No Discussion) Motion passed 6-0.

Reports

Goal #8 Address School Capacities was presented by Mr. Norm Brumblay, Chief Operations Officer. Mr. Brumblay shared the student growth chart for Montgomery County (CMCSS’ Historic Average Daily Membership 1980-2023) and gave an update on the current capacity levels of all CMCSS Schools. The 2023-2024 zoning recommendation implementation timeline, CMCSS’ 10-year construction plan and land acquisition map were presented. Future land purchases, future school constructions, City of Clarksville sidewalk infrastructure update, and the City of Clarksville remaining proposed school sidewalk projects were also included in the presentation. The entire presentation can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.cmcss.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Goal-8-Address-School-Capacities.pdf>

Comments

Fort Campbell School Liaison Officer

No Comments

CMCEA/PET Representatives

Ms. Stefi Outlaw, President of CMCEA shared occasions to celebrate in November to include Thanksgiving and American Education Week. Ms. Outlaw shared the origin and purpose of American Education Week and offered words of encouragement to educators, families and the community.

Ms. Cathy Kolb, President of PET wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

County Commissioners

The County Commissioners wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving

Board Members

Mr. Nelson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and encouraged everyone as they sit down to Thanksgiving dinner with their families to reflect on the countries that are facing war and are unable to celebrate.

Ms. Pace thanked Ms. Richards for her comments stating that it is a breath of fresh air to hear someone come to address the Board with words of appreciation instead of criticism.

Mr. Garland thanked the Board, CMCSS staff and community for allowing him to serve. Mr. Garland shared that he relinquished his seat as TSBA Director for the Mid-Cumberland District and thanked CMCSS’ Board for their support throughout the years.

Mrs. Berry also thanked Ms. Richards for her positive comments stating that the Board is committed to doing what is best for every student. Mrs. Berry thanked Mr. Garland for representing the Board well as Director of the Mid-Cumberland District. Mrs. Berry shared that the Board was recognized as a school board of distinction during the TSBA Leadership Conference and reminded everyone about the effects of kindness and doing an act of kindness every day.

Mr. Maberry thanked Ms. Richards and Ms. Black-Ramos for their comments. Mr. Maberry commented that it was great being part of the TSBA conference over the weekend. Mr. Maberry thanked Dr. Luna-Vedder stating that CMCSS has a great director and thanked her for all that she does. Mr. Maberry wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Griffy thanked Mr. Garland for the sacrifices he has made to represent the Board and Montgomery County on the state level for several years and the example he has set for the Board to follow. Mr. Griffy congratulated the Board as a whole for all of the recognition that was received at the state level stating that board members from other counties come to CMCSS’ board asking for ideas. Mr. Griffy stated that it is because of the good things they hear about the system.

Mr. Griffy also stated that he contributes that to the Board, staff, Director and County Commission for working together and all the employees on the front lines to include teachers, aides, custodians, bus drivers and cafeteria workers. Mr. Griffy wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Director of Schools Report

Dr. Luna-Vedder thanked the County and City Mayor's for leading the charge for city and county employees to collect school supplies for CMCSS teachers in partnership with the Education Foundation. Together over 10,000 items have been collected. Today the winner pied the loser live on social media. Dr. Luna-Vedder encouraged everyone to view the video on-line as Mayor Pitts pied Mayor Golden. Dr. Luna-Vedder stated that she could not show her appreciation enough for these leaders who are such amazing partners for CMCSS where they make our teachers, faculty and students the real winners. Dr. Luna-Vedder thanked all the team members of CMCSS and everyone that contributes daily to include the school board who serves students stating that we are blessed to be part of a public school system that continually puts students first. Dr. Luna-Vedder wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

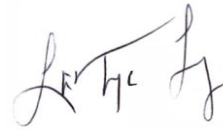
Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Kent Griffy adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.



Kent Griffy
Board Chair



Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder
Director of Schools



LaTonya Long
School Board Secretary