

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

**December 12, 2023**

The Clarksville Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, December 12, 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, Charlie Patterson 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; Carol Joiner, General Counsel and Anthony Johnson, Chief Communications Officer 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 award;

**Rossvie High School:** Connie Castleman, TSSAA District 5 Female Coach of the Year.

**Public Conversation**

No Requests

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

1. 11/21/2023 Regular Session Minutes
2. School Calendar 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Out, 1<sup>st</sup> Read 12/05/2023
3. Inclement Weather Make-Up Plan, 1<sup>st</sup> Read 12/05/2023
4. Land Acquisition, 1<sup>st</sup> Read 12/05/2023

**Policy Monitoring**

The policy monitoring report for **Executive Limitation 1–Global Executive Constraint**: was interpreted by Dr. Luna-Vedder. The Superintendent/Director of Schools shall not cause or allow any practice, activity, decision, or organizational condition which is either unlawful, unsafe, imprudent, or in violation of Board Policy or commonly accepted business and professional ethics. Every effort will be made to ensure that the district is in compliance with local, state and federal law and Board policy.

A motion was made by Ms. Margaret Pace to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-1. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie Patterson (No Discussion) Motion passed 7-0.

**Reports**

**2024-2025 Staff Zoning Recommendation:** Mr. Norm Brumblay, Chief Operations Officer explained the process for rezoning according to CMCSS' strategic work to include Improve Efficiency and Effectiveness, Goal #8 Address School Capacity and EL-12 Rezoning. Kirkwood Elementary School is on track to open in August 2024. The 2024-2025 rezoning recommendation presentation was presented by Mr. Robert Schwartz, CEO RSP Associate's a third-party vendor hired to conduct CMCSS' comprehensive rezoning. The zoning recommendation presentation can be viewed on the CMCSS website at [www.cmcss.net](http://www.cmcss.net)

**Comments**

**Fort Campbell School Liaison Officer**

Karen Watkins-Diouf reported that she and Ms. Garrett have completed the first half of their school visits stating that they appreciated the school principals, counselors and administrators for welcoming them into their schools and are looking forward to being of service in the coming year.

**CMCEA/PET Representatives**

Ms. Cathy Kolb, President of PET shared information on the ongoing effort to support CMCSS families and the community during the aftermath of the recent tornado and gave a reminder of the importance of giving non-material items such as hugs, smiles and encouraging words and thanked everyone for their support.

**County Commissioners**

County Commissioners wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Board Members**

Mr. Garland thanked CMCSS staff for the work they do every day, specifically during the tornado, stating that it shows CMCSS has a heart for not only the classroom but for the community.

Mr. Maberry thanked the Clarksville Police Department, Fire Department, EMS, State Troopers, Mayors, Elected Officials, Local Business' and CMCSS bus drivers, staff and Director for their donations and continued support during the tornado recovery efforts.

Mr. Patterson thanked CMCSS staff and everyone for their volunteer efforts.

Ms. Pace stated that it is heart warming to witness the heartfelt compassionate responses from the community from sincere souls not seeking recognition but from the goodness of their hearts.

Mrs. Berry committed that we have seen kindness at its best reiterating the importance of being kind, stating that it's going to be kindness that will get the community through.

Mr. Nelson gave thanks to God for sparing him and his granddaughters lives as they were caught in the middle of the tornado. Thanking Him for the many lives that were saved, for a caring community and the community as a whole for the tremendous help displayed in the recovery efforts.

Mr. Griffy stated that he could not be prouder of CMCSS' Leadership and Director for going to work and making the commitment to have students safe and to get things in place to receive students after the break in order for them to have some normalcy back into their lives and of the first responders and citizens for their work and recovery efforts.

**Director of Schools Report**

Dr. Luna-Vedder gave a huge thank you to the Senior Leadership Team and the team as a whole for immediately stepping up Saturday and for rapidly responding and putting plans in place to set up a shelter at NEHS for families displaced by the tornado. A video was played of Dr. Luna-Vedder and Anthony Johnson, Chief Communications Officer expressing their love and support for the many families that were affected by the tornado and to the families that lost loved ones and thanked CMCSS employees and the community for the outpouring of love and support through volunteering their time and for the generous donations received. The video can be viewed on You Tube CMCSS Focus December 12<sup>th</sup> CMCSS School Board meeting.

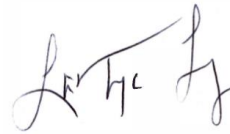
Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Kent Griffy adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.



Kent Griffy  
Board Chair



Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder  
Director of Schools



LaTonya Long  
School Board Secretary