

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

January 22, 2024

The Clarksville Montgomery County Board of Education convened Monday, January 22, 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; 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: Carmelle Chandler, Chris Rasnic, Nathan Burkholder, and David Harper

Public Conversation

Ms. Mollie Woltmann addressed the Board on eligibility for applying to Middle College. Requesting possible consideration/accommodations for students that are not enrolled in CMCSS.

Approval of Consent Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Charlie Patterson and seconded by Mrs. Carol Berry the Board approved the Consent Agenda 7-0. The Consent Agenda consisted of:

1. 12/12/2023 Regular Session Minutes
2. 2024-2025 Staff Zoning Recommendation, 1st Read 12/12/2023

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 Ms. Margaret Pace (No Discussion) 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 Mrs. Carol Berry to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-9. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charlie Patterson (No Discussion) Motion passed 7-0.

Reports

Special Course Application: Dr. Schanda Doughty, Chief Academic Officer requested approval to renew three special courses for the 2024-2025 School Year with the TDOE. Each of the following three courses are currently being taught in CMCSS. AVID I, II, III, IV, Peer Assistant and Leadership and Military History.

A motion was made by Mr. Charlie Patterson to approve the three special courses for the 2024-2025 school year. The motion was seconded by Ms. Margaret Pace. (Discussion) Mr. Garland asked how are the courses selected? Dr. Doughty explained that the related courses came to CMCSS from a variety of ways to advance student learning to include nationwide organizations such as AVID that was Principal driven, others are teacher led based on student needs. Mr. Garland also asked how can parents bring a course to CMCSS? Dr. Luna-Vedder explained that the related courses are currently listed in the state catalogue. Parents can submit a course to the district for review to see if there is a need that the course would fulfill. The course would have to be submitted and approved by the Tennessee State Board of Education.

Mr. Nelson asked what is the scope of the military course? Dr. Doughty will provide Mr. Nelson with the requested information (No Further Discussion) Motion passed 7-0.

Board Discussion & Consideration

CMCSS Collaborative Conferencing Management Team: Melissa Izatt, Chief Human Resources Officer shared that district wide PECCA elections were held on January 10-11, 2024. The Special Questions Committee met on January 12 to verify the votes. Over 50% of eligible professionals voted in favor of collaborative conferencing. According to state law the board of education must approve the collaborative conferencing management team. The following names were submitted for approval: Dr. Schanda Doughty, Chief Academic Officer, Jessica Harris, Director of Elementary Schools, Amanda Nicks, Director of Elementary Schools; Matthew Slight, Director of Middle Schools; Christy Houston, Director of High Schools; Chris Reneau, Chief Financial Officer; Melissa Izatt, Chief Human Resources Officer.

A motion was made by Mr. Maberry to accept the submitted names for the collaborative conferencing management team. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Berry (No Discussion) Motion passed 7-0.

Proposed Calendar Adjustment: Dr. Luna-Vedder requested the following calendar change for the 2023-2024 school year. February 7th (Professional Development Day) changes to an Instructional Day as to allow students to have an added day of instruction due to the recent inclement weather event and tornadoes. This day would also allow an additional stockpile day for any future inclement weather that would close schools.

A motion was made by Mr. Garland to approve the proposed calendar change. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Berry (Discussion) Mr. Maberry asked if the calendar change would prevent the added 30 minutes to the school day according to CMCSS' inclement weather plan. Dr. Luna-Vedder explained that the inclement weather plan would still be in effect should the district run out of stockpile days. Adding Feb. 7th as an instructional day would give the district two additional stockpile days for inclement weather before that plan would have to be utilized. (No Further Discussion) Motion passed 7-0.

Comments

Fort Campbell School Liaison Officer

Karen Watkins-Diouf extended an invitation on behalf of Ft. Campbell's Garrison Commander to attend Ft. Campbell's Student Transition Response Team Meeting and Resource fair being held on February 8th, 2024. The meeting allows area superintendents to collaborate and share what is working well in their school districts as well as challenges encountered associated with military connected students. The invitation is for school Superintendents, Lead Counselors and Educational Support Staff. The 101st band will be visiting schools for "Music in Our Schools". Information for the Military Month of the Child will be available in the coming weeks.

CMCEA/PET Representatives

Steffi Outlaw, CMCEA President, reported that CMCEA was chosen to represent professional educators for collaborative conferencing. Ms. Outlaw shared information on agendas related to the 2024 legislative session and how they will affect public education highlighting three areas of concern to include the opportunity for parents and educators to testify to the feasibility of rejecting federal education dollars, A-F letter grade assignment and Governor Lee's voucher program. Ms. Outlaw expressed how important it is for educators, district leadership, school board members and families to work together to ensure that CMCSS has the resources needed to make Clarksville Montgomery County the best place to live, teach and learn.

Ms. Cathy Kolb, President of PET offered words of encouragement stating to treat everyone the way you want to be treated, never give up on anybody, miracles happen, be tough minded but tenderhearted, be kinder than necessary and leave everything better than you found it. Ms. Kolb shared information on the 2024 Legislative session, House bill 1709, Senate bill 1718 teacher child care bill that would allow LEAs to reimburse teachers for the cost of child care expenses and Governor Lee's school voucher bill. PET is in support of the teacher child care bill and is not in favor of Governor Lee's voucher bill.

County Commissioners

No Comments

Board Members

Mr. Patterson acknowledged Ms. Francis Ann Camp as the new Principal for Kirkwood Elementary School.

Mr. Maberry thanked everyone again for their tremendous efforts and support during the tornado recovery efforts and welcomed the new county commission school liaison members.

Mr. Garland welcomed the new county commission school liaison members and thanked them for the relationship's CMCSS' leadership, school board and staff have with the county commission to work together for the betterment of district students and the community. Mr. Garland expressed the importance of listening to what is happening in the world as related to education.

Director of Schools Report

Dr. Luna-Vedder welcomed the new county commission school liaison members and is looking forward to their partnership. Dr. Luna-Vedder thanked the Highway Department, Clarksville City Street Department and CMCSS operations, maintenance and custodial crews that worked tirelessly to ensure that the district could return to instruction on today. CMCSS is one of the very first districts impacted by the inclement weather that was able to open schools today due to their efforts. Dr. Luna-Vedder also thanked CMCSS' transportation team for driving around the county each day to determine feasibility and high-light areas that still needed work. Dr. Luna-Vedder reported that today's school attendance was the highest attendance rate it has been within the past three months.

Dr. Luna-Vedder acknowledged the school board for school board appreciation week stating that she is so thankful and appreciative to have seven school board members that are so engaged and always looking to make the best decisions for students.

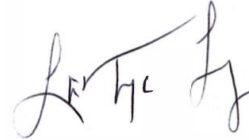
Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Kent Griffy adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.



Kent Griffy
Board Chair



Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder
Director of Schools



LaTonya Long
School Board Secretary