

Minutes
Clarksville-Montgomery County
Board of Education

July 16, 2024

The Clarksville Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, July 16, 2024 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 Vice Chair, Jimmie Garland, Herbert Nelson, Margaret Pace, Carol Berry, Charlie Patterson and Aron Maberry. Also present were: Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder, Director of Schools; Mark Nolan, School Board Attorney; Norm Brumblay, Chief Operations Officer; Jeff Taylor, Chief Financial Officer; David Holman, Chief Technology Officer; Dr. Angela Huff, Chief of Staff; Melissa Izatt, Chief Human Resources Officer; Dr. Schanda Doughty, Chief Academic Officer; Jessica Harris, Director of Elementary Schools; Amanda Nicks, Director of Elementary Schools; Bryan Feldman, Director of High Schools; 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, David Harper, Nathan Burkholder, Chris Rasnic, Autumn Simmons

Public Conversation

No Requests

Approval of Consent Agenda

On a motion by Mr. Charlie Patterson and seconded by Mrs. Carol Berry the Board approved the Consent Agenda 6-0. The Consent Agenda consisted of:

1. 06/18/2024 Regular Session Minutes
2. Surplus Property Child Nutrition, 1st Read 07/02/2024
3. Rossvie Road Right of Way Recommendation, 1st Read 07/02/2024
4. Directors Annual Evaluation, 1st Read 07/02/2024

Policy Monitoring

The policy monitoring report for **Executive Limitation 6 – Asset Protection** was interpreted by Dr. Luna-Vedder. The Director of Schools shall not allow assets of the district to be inadequately maintained, inappropriately used, or unnecessarily risked recognizing budgetary limitations. Accordingly, the Director of Schools may not: Fail to maintain adequate insurance to protect the district’s assets, allow unbonded personnel access to material amounts of funds, subject plant and equipment to improper wear and tear or insufficient maintenance, unnecessarily expose the organization its Board or Staff to claims of liability.

A motion was made by Mr. Herbert Nelson to declare full compliance of this reporting period of EL-6. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aron Maberry. The motion passed 6-0.

The policy monitoring report for **Executive Limitation 7 - Emergency Director of Schools** was interpreted by Dr. Luna-Vedder. In order to protect the Board from sudden loss of Director of Schools services, the Director of Schools may have no fewer than three other executives familiar with Board and Superintendent/ Director of Schools issues and processes. Four CMCSS executives have been designated to handle district business, Chief Communications Officer, Chief Academic Officer, Chief Human Resource Officer and Chief of Staff.

A motion was made by Mrs. Margaret Pace to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-7. The motion was seconded by Ms. Carol Berry. Motion passed 6-0.

Reports

Dr. Kimmie Sucharski, Director of Accountability shared information on CMCSS’ summer intervention programs, detailing the multiple programs available, the number of students that attended the programs and the associated supports to include transportation and meals provided.

Board Discussion & Consideration

Student Disciplinary Appeal: The Board had an opportunity to review information regarding a parents request for a student disciplinary appeal in a closed executive session on July 16, 2024. Mr. Nolan, Board Attorney explained the appeal process. The Board could make a motion to modify the discipline imposed by the hearing authority. If no motion is made to grant a hearing, or to modify the discipline imposed, the decision of the Director shall be affirmed. No motions were made. The decision of the Director was affirmed.

Comments

Fort Campbell School Liaison Officer

Ms. Karen Watkins-Diouf reported that calendars for the 2024-2025 school year are being completed. Ms. Watkins-Diouf and Ms. Garret are also working on Ft. Campbells partner in education initiative. Ms. Watkins-Diouf thanked the director and the school board for allowing them to be of service.

CMCEA/PET Representatives

Ms. Stefi Outlaw, President of CMCEA made comments on the excitement of teachers at the beginning of a school year. Ms. Outlaw asked that grace would be extended to teachers in the upcoming first few weeks of the year as this time can be frustrating and hectic for educators. Ms. Outlaw also made comments on social media and the effects it can have on educators as they operate in their professional capacity. Ms. Outlaw thanked the board for their support and is looking forward to working with them for the 2024-2025 school year.

Ms. Cathy Kolb, President of PET made comments on board members sitting at the warrior's table. Ms. Kolb spoke about the upcoming new teacher's orientation and questions that new teachers have concerning the districts process' and procedures. Ms. Kolb stated that the board should be prepared to answer questions as there are 400 new teachers coming into the district.

County Commissioners

No Comments

Board Members

Mr. Patterson thanked Dr. Luna-Vedder, Jeffrey Taylor, and Chris Reneau for the work completed on CMCSS' 24-25 school budget.

Mrs. Berry made comments on kindness and its effects on others and shared some personal experiences related to kindness.

Mr. Garland thanked the county commissioners for their support of CMCSS stating that many districts across Tennessee do not have the level of support as CMCSS.

Director of Schools Report

Dr. Luna-Vedder reported that senior leadership, board members and elected officials had the privilege of touring Kirkwood Elementary School. The building is 95% complete with final touches being added. Furniture is being assembled and pending some successful last-minute inspections district leaders are optimistic that administrators and teachers will begin moving in next week. The district is excited to show off the culminating building of the Kirkwood complex and welcome all the baby cobras on their first half day of school on August 7th.

Dr. Luna-Vedder shared that the county commission passed the 24-25 school budget at their special called session. Dr. Luna-Vedder extended a huge thank you to the Mayor and all of the Commissioners, stating that especially in a reappraisal year, it is a monumental task in presenting and passing a balanced budget. Dr. Luna-Vedder stated that she was thoroughly impressed throughout the entire process of the thoughtfulness that went into making the decisions, the professionalism and the resiliency of the Commissioners to power through and pass the budget as it is not an easy job. Dr. Luna-Vedder thanked all for their support and for serving.

CMCSS' back-to-school bash will be held on Saturday July 20, from 5:00-7:00 at the Kenwood Complex. All CMCSS families are welcome, there will be free backpacks, school supplies, shoes, food, games and seven barbers will be available to give haircuts. District leadership wants to ensure every student feels their best and feels ready as they start their school year.

Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Vice Chair Jimmie Garland adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.



Jimmie Garland
Board Vice-Chair



Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder
Director of Schools



LaTonya Long
School Board Secretary