

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

**October 22, 2024**

The Clarksville Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, October 22, 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: Board Chair Kent Griffy, Jimmie Garland, Carol Berry, Kacie Bryant, Chis Lanier and Aron Maberry. Also present were: Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder, Director of Schools; Mark Nolan, School Board Attorney; Jeff Taylor, Chief Financial Officer; David Holman, Chief Technology Officer; Dr. Chris Causey, Chief of Staff; Melissa Izatt, Chief Human Resources Officer; Dr. Schanda Doughty, Chief Academic Officer; Anthony Johnson, Chief Communications Officer, Jessica Harris, Director of Elementary Schools; Amanda Nicks, Director of Elementary Schools; Matthew Slight, Director of Middle Schools; Bryan Feldman, Director of High Schools; Carol Joiner General Counsel and LaTonya Long, School Board Secretary who recorded minutes of the meeting. Members present of the County Commission School Liaison Committee: David Harper, Nathan Burkholder, Chris Rasnic

**Point of Pride Awards**

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

**2024 Tennessee State Math Competition**

**Northwest High School;** Katherine Kim 2<sup>nd</sup> in Algebra II, **Rossvie High School;** Carson Carroll 2<sup>nd</sup> in Algebra II, Jason Moon 5<sup>th</sup> in Geometry, Cale Weber 7<sup>th</sup> in Algebra II

**2024 FloWrestling Who's Number One (WNO) National Championships**

**Kirkwood High School,** Janiyah Johnson National Champion 16U 155

**2024 National Blue Ribbon School Award**

**Spanish Immersion Elementary School at Barksdale**

**Public Conversation**

Ms. Andra Brown addressed the board on 5th grade Curriculum and preparing future incoming 6th graders for middle school curriculum.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

1. 09/24/2024 Regular Session Minutes
2. Surplus Property, Child Nutrition, 1<sup>st</sup> Read 10/08/2024

**Policy Monitoring**

The policy monitoring report for **Executive Limitation 4–Financial Planning/Budgeting**; was interpreted by Dr. Luna-Vedder. The annual financial planning process is driven by budget priorities established by the Director of Schools and the Senior Leadership Team. Financial priorities are aligned with the Board's Ends Policies and the district's strategic plan, without risk of fiscal jeopardy. Estimates of revenues and expenditures used in developing the budget are based on historical trends and the best and most current data available using a conservative approach. Additionally, key performance indicators (KPI's) are identified and monitored to ensure desired outcomes and to make course corrections if necessary for continuous improvement.

A motion was made by Mr. Jimmie Garland to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-4. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Carol Berry (No Discussion) Motion passed 6-0.

The policy monitoring report for **Executive Limitation 10–Learning Environment and Student Discipline/Safety** was interpreted by Dr. Luna-Vedder. The Director of Schools shall provide a safe learning environment conducive to effective learning. Accordingly, the Director of Schools shall: Develop, publish and annually distribute a written student code of conduct to all students and parents. Assure that discipline policies are fairly and consistently enforced using reasonable judgment. Develop and maintain emergency and disaster plans with regular testing of their effectiveness; Minimize unnecessary disruption that encroaches on instructional time; Prohibit illegal discrimination; Protect confidential information and records.

A motion was made by Mr. Aron Maberry to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-10. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chris Lanier (No Discussion). Motion passed 6-0.

**Board Discussion & Consideration**

**Board Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Depository Authorization:** Pursuant to GP-11, Mr. Mark Nolan, School Board Attorney, opened the floor for nominations to select a new School Board Chair, Ms. Kacie Bryant nominated Mr. Kent Griffy. The nominations closed on said name. Mr. Nolan called for the vote by a show of hands. Mr. Griffy was elected School Board Chair by a vote of 6-0. Mr. Griffy will serve as School Board Chair November 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

Mr. Nolan opened the floor for nominations for School Board Vice-Chair. Mrs. Carol Berry nominated Mr. Jimmie Garland for Vice-Chair. Ms. Kacie Bryant nominated Mr. Chris Lanier for Vice Chair. The nominations closed on said names. Mr. Nolan called for the vote by a show of hands. Mr. Lanier was elected as School Board Vice-Chair by a vote of 4-2. Mr. Lanier will serve as School Board Vice Chair November 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

Depository Authorization; The depository authorization authorizes the new Board Chair to conduct financial business on behalf of the district. A motion was made by Mr. Lanier to accept the depository authorization. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garland (No Discussion) Motion passed 6-0.

**Comments**

**Fort Campbell School Liaison Officer**

No Comments

**CMCEA/PET Representatives**

Ms. Stefi Outlaw, President of CMCEA gave comments about community being not just a place but a sense of belonging and a connection to others, stating that the members of CMCEA are friends, neighbors and parishnors that spend hundreds of dollars of their own money to provide classroom resources for their students. Ms. Outlaw announced the launch of My Passion, My Community, My TEA campaign. A new campaign that empowers educators to speak with pride about their love for their students, communities and professional organization. It aims to counter attacks on public education and promote the inclusion of all students in public education regardless of race, religion or zip code. It emphasizes that our community should make decisions that benefit public school students not the state or outside entities.

Ms. Cathy Kolb, President of PET spoke about Veterans Day, sharing that veterans are people with experience in a particular field. As veterans' day is approaching on November 11<sup>th</sup> Ms. Kolb encouraged everyone to remember to celebrate, thank and show kindness to veterans and reminded everyone to also celebrate, thank and show kindness to teachers as they are also veterans.

**County Commissioners**

No Comments

**Board Members**

Mrs. Berry revisited comments that were made by Mr. Maberry at the Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> board study session stating that Mr. Maberry commented that he was now in the majority as he had been in the minority as related to political affiliation. Mrs. Berry stated that she is a Democrat but she looks at what is best for public schools, students, employees and Clarksville Montgomery County when making decisions. Mrs. Berry stated that Mr. Maberry has always been in the majority as former board members Margaret Pace and Charlie Patterson were both Republicans and made decisions that were best for the students of Montgomery County. Mrs. Berry stated that she hoped board members were on the board to serve Clarksville Montgomery County regardless of one's political affiliation and that she is going to do what is best for Clarksville Montgomery County even if she has to vote by herself.

Mr. Garland thanked the board for allowing him to serve two consecutive years as vice chair stating that this is not his first rodeo, he has previously served as board chair twice and vice chair three times and that going to the spectator seat is just another way of saying this is the way democracy is supposed to work. Mr. Garland thanked the director, staff and board for the work that they do, and encouraged them to not let anyone tell them that the Clarksville Montgomery County school board is not the best school board in the state of Tennessee and that other boards wished that they could do what Clarksville Montgomery County is doing and has been doing for the past 20 years due to the work of the teachers, director, board and citizens of this community.

**Director of Schools Report**

Dr. Luna-Vedder reported that this week is the first week back to school from fall break for faculty, staff and students stating that hopefully the break allowed time for much needed rest and rejuvenation. Dr. Luna-Vedder gave a huge thank you to employees at the district level that tackled projects that could not be accomplished with people in

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buildings to include cleaning HVAC systems, painting and constructing over 500 clear touch boards that were delivered to schools over the break. Surveys for Federal Impact Aid have begun. As a reminder Federal Impact Aid is designed to assist school districts that have lost property tax revenue due to the presence of a tax-exempt federal property. This funding helps support programs such as JROTC, after school programming and summer learning opportunities. The district appreciates the continued support and partnership of Ft. Campbell and encourage all families to complete this short survey.

Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Kent Griffy adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.



Kent Griffy  
Board Chair



Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder  
Director of Schools



LaTonya Long  
School Board Secretary