

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

**November 19, 2024**

The Clarksville Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, November 19, 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, Herbert Nelson 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; Dr. Kimmie Sucharski, Director of Accountability, 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, Carmelle Chandler, Autumn Simmons

**Point of Pride Awards**

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

**2024 TSSAA State Golf Championships;** Clarksville High School-Clarksville High School Girls' Team – Third Place-Clarksville High School Boys' Team – Fifth Place

**2024 JROTC National Raider Championships**-Kenwood High School-Knight's Raider Team – Third Place in Challenge Division

**2024 TSBA New School Construction School of the Year Award** – Kirkwood High School-Lyle Cook Martin Architects Rufus Johnson Associates

**Public Conversation**

No Requests

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

1. 10/22/2024 Regular Session Minutes
2. Surplus Property, Rossvie Middle School Basketball Jersey's, 1<sup>st</sup> Read 11/05/2024
3. Surplus Property, Disposal Request, 1<sup>st</sup> Read 11/05/2024
4. Surplus Property, Safety & Health, 1<sup>st</sup> Read 11/05/2024
5. 2024 LEA Compliance Report, 1<sup>st</sup> Read 11/05/2024
6. FY25 November Budget Amendments, 1<sup>st</sup> Read 11/05/2024

**Policy Monitoring**

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 Mr. Jimmie Garland to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-5. The motion was seconded by Mr. Aron Maberry (No Discussion) Motion passed 6-0.

**Reports**

Dr. Kimmie Sucharski, Director of Accountability gave an update on ESSER, Relief and Alternative Funding. The presentation consisted of alternative funding amounts CMCSS has received over the past several years, current activities associated with those funds, current alternative funding focus, samples of alternative funding and next steps. The entire presentation can be view at the following link. [https://www.cmcss.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2024-25-Grants\\_Alternative-funding.pptx](https://www.cmcss.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/2024-25-Grants_Alternative-funding.pptx)

**Comments**

**Fort Campbell School Liaison Officer**

Ms. Laquvia Garrett shared information on the first semester progress between CMCSS and Ft. Campbell to include drafting and finalizing an MOU for the adopt the school program, training for the faculty at K-12 Virtual which included understanding and meeting the distinctive needs of military connected students and collaboration with the districts lead counselors to plan and develop an upcoming resiliency training day.

**CMCEA/PET Representatives**

Ms. Stefi Outlaw, President of CMCEA reported that this week is American Education Week. During American Education Week, parents, education support professionals and substitute teachers were honored as each play a vital role on the education team and in the lives of students. Ms. Outlaw stated that the strength of communities is directly connected to the strength of public schools and it takes the entire village to ensure that students have the best educational opportunities. Ms. Outlaw commented on the state wide voucher program, stating that voucher programs drain necessary resources from public schools sending them to unaccountable and inequitable private schools. Ms. Outlaw stated that she hopes the board will continue to honor the resolution to reject vouchers.

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

**County Commissioners**

No Comments

**Board Members**

Mr. Garland commended the board in its entirety for attending TSBA’s annual Leadership Conference and Convention. Mr. Garland stated that the board has the responsibility to make sure that all schools get what they need to educate students. Mr. Garland thanked the county commissioners and county mayor for their support to ensure CMCSS is one of the best school districts in the division. Mr. Garland also thanked the director for her leadership and the leadership team for their support of teachers and commented that his mission as a board member is to ensure that all CMCSS students have access to a safe and quality education.

Mrs. Berry shared that the school board was recognized as a board of distinction at the TSBA Leadership Conference, stating that the board works hard to do what is best for public schools and are advocates for CMCSS students, staff and the community.

Mr. Nelson thanked the county commission for their support as it has made a tremendous difference in CMCSS being able to move forward as other districts school boards do not have the same level of support.

**Director of Schools Report**

Dr. Luna-Vedder recognized the school board, leadership team, school administrators and teachers as CMCSS has achieved the highest system wide composite student growth score of a level 5 from the Tennessee Department of Education. For schoolwide composite scores 72% of CMCSS’ schools met or exceeded student growth expectations, additionally the district has improved its graduation rate by nearly 3% to 95.1%. Dr. Luna-Vedder is looking forward to sharing more celebrations when the embargo is lifted. Dr. Luna-Vedder thanked all team members of CMCSS as well as community members, county commission and school board who serve students on a daily basis, stating that she does not take for granted the collaborative spirit of everyone in this community to support education, also stating that we are blessed to be part of a school system that continually puts students first. Dr. Luna-Vedder wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

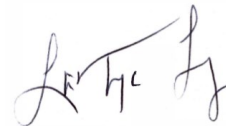
Items on the agenda having been completed, Board Chair Kent Griffy adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.



Kent Griffy  
Board Chair



Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder  
Director of Schools



LaTonya Long  
School Board Secretary