Minutes
Clarksville-Montgomery County
Board of Education

September 15, 2026

The Clarksville Montgomery County Board of Education convened Tuesday, September 15, 2026 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: Chris Lanier, Board Chair; Carol Berry, Kacie Bryant, Darryl Anderson, Kent Griffy, Jacqueline Burton and Christina Trawinski. Also present were: Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder, Director of Schools; Mark Nolan, School Board Attorney; Dr. Chris Causey, Chief of Staff; Norm Brumblay, Chief Operations Officer; Jeff Taylor, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Schanda Doughty, Chief Academic Officer; Anthony Johnson, Chief Communications Officer; David Holman, Chief Technology Officer; Bryan Feldman, Director of High Schools; Jessica Harris; Director of Elementary Schools, Amanda Nicks; Director of Elementary Schools, Matthew Slight, Director of Middle 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, Josh Beal, John Gannon, Renee Bruens

Point of Pride Awards
Connie Gibbons School Health Award, Taryn Suiter

Alliance for a Healthier Generation Healthiest Schools in America Winners, Barkers Mill Elementary, Supporting School Health Services-Strengthening Social-Emotional Health and Learning-Cultivating Staff Wellness
Liberty Elementary, Supporting School Health Services-Implementing Local School Health & Wellness Policy-Cultivating Staff Well-Being **Rossview High School,** Cultivating Staff Well-Being

Legion of Valor Bronze Cross for Achievement, Montgomery Central High School, Cadet Shelby Epps, winner of the SY 2025-2026 Legion of Valor Bronze Cross Award for Achievement

National Junior Classical League 2026 Competition, Clarksville High School, Zoey Malotte (Latin 1) 6th Latin Literature Test, August Daniels (Latin 2) 1st Impromptu Art Grade 11, 2nd Traditional Scrapbook Small, Harlynn Fox (Latin 2) 3rd Impromptu Art Grade 10, 5th Acrylic/Oil Grade 10, 5th Colored Pencil Grade 10, Michell Mah (Latin 2) 1st Greek Derivatives Test, Evan Rush (Latin 2) 4th Latin Grammar Test, 6th Intermediate Certamen (Quiz Bowl), Cherish Howard (Latin 3) 6th Latin Literature Test, 6th Advanced Certamen (Quiz Bowl)

National Merit Semifinalist, Rossview High School, Carson Carroll, Ishan Chakrabarti, Srushti Gudipati, Jason Moon

Public Conversation
Rondal Ballard addressed the school board on how vaping in school's affects the learning environment.
Autumn Harper addressed the school board on special education concerns.
Megan Wise addressed the school board on OSP MOU and how it relates to certified nursing care in CMCSS.
Julie Senft addressed the school board on suicide awareness and prevention.
Jessica Davis addressed the school board on the school bus crash.
Stacia Marie Mercer addressed the school board on mental health support for students and families.
Rosalee Lugo addressed the school board on decorum.

Approval of Consent Agenda
On a motion by Mr. Kent Griffy and seconded by Mrs. Carol Berry the School Board approved the Consent Agenda 7-0. The Consent Agenda consisted of

1. 08/18/2026 Regular Session Minutes
2. Surplus Property CHS Basketball Uniforms, 1st Read, 09/01/2026
3. Resolution FY'27 Budget Amendments, 1st Read, 09/01/2026
4. 2026-2027 Family Life Curriculum Update, 1st Read, 09/01/2026

Policy Monitoring
The policy monitoring report for Executive Limitation 11–Capital Projects: was interpreted by Dr. Luna-Vedder. The Clarksville-Montgomery County School System shall not fail to ensure that District facilities are safe and adequate in order to accomplish the Board's policies and priorities. Accordingly, the Director of Schools shall not build or renovate buildings and other facilities without well-documented needs and Board input. Projects are prioritized appropriately based on student and staff safety, educational needs, environmental impact, and aesthetics. Projects exceeding $50,000 go to public bid. The lowest and best bids are accepted based on contractor's performance, quality, and work history.

A motion was made by Mrs. Carol Berry to declare full compliance for this reporting period of EL-11. The motion was seconded by Ms. Christina Trawinski (No Discussion) Motion passed 7-0.

Board Discussion & Consideration

Board Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Depository Authorization: Pursuant to GP-11, Mr. Mark Nolan, Board Attorney, opened the floor for nominations to select a new School Board Chair. Ms. Jacqueline Burton nominated Mrs. Carol Berry for Board Chair. Ms. Kacie Bryant nominated Mr. Chris Lanier for School Board Chair; no other nominations were made. Mr. Nolan called for the vote, stating that all votes will be casted by a show of hands. Mrs. Berry was elected as School Board Chair by a vote of 4-3. Mrs. Berry will serve as School Board Chair October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

Mr. Nolan opened the floor for nominations for School Board Vice-Chair. Mr. Darryl Anderson nominated Mr. Kent Griffy for Vice-Chair. Mr. Griffy declined the nomination. Mr. Griffy nominated Ms. Kacie Bryant for Vice-Chair; no other nominations were made. Mr. Nolan called for the vote. Ms. Bryant was elected as School Board Vice-Chair by a vote of 5-2. Ms. Bryant will serve as School Board Vice Chair October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027.

Depository Authorization; The depository authorization authorizes the new School Board Chair to conduct financial business on behalf of the district. A motion was made by Ms. Kacie Bryant to accept the depository authorization. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jacqueline Burton (No Discussion) Motion passed 7-0.

Comments

Ft. Campbell School Liaison Officer

No Comments

CMCEA/ PET Representatives

Ms. Stefi Outlaw, President of CMCEA congratulated the newly elected board members and student representative and thanked them for stepping forward to lead, recognizing that it is a big responsibility. Ms. Outlaw shared that CMCEA is looking forward to working with the new board members and wished the new board members a successful and meaningful term.

County Commissioners

No Comments

Board Members

Ms. Bryant requested that more information be shared on the resources the school district has available for suicide prevention. Dr. Schanda Doughty, Chief Academic Officer shared that teachers go through required trainings for suicide prevention. Dr. Doughty also shared that during the month of September, suicide prevention month, there are focused activities related to suicide prevention to include a suicide prevention walk and a campaign with 988 which is a text number that students can text 24 hours 7 days a week if they are in crisis. Anthony Johnson, Chief Communications Officer shared that CMCSS' family newsletter contained resources for families and the community for suicide prevention, the district was able to secure a variety of gun locks provided by CMCSS' resource partners and information was shared on Care Solace, a CMCSS partner that helps with navigating resources for anyone in the community that may need assistance. Additionally, there are 120 counselors across the district available for students and families as well as additional information on the district's safety hub for families to access.

Ms. Bryant requested that a presentation on student behaviors be presented at an October board meeting to include behavior and discipline trends, challenges schools are experiencing, different student's needs and supports, policies and legal requirements and how they affect the way behaviors are addressed, what is working, greatest challenges and additional tools and resources schools may need.

Mrs. Berry thanked the board for their trust in electing her as board chair. Mrs. Berry stated that she sees herself as a servant of the people, a good listener and has a heart for children.

Director of Schools Report

Dr. Luna-Vedder reported that the district is half way through the first quarter of the school calendar and is currently 99% staffed. Dr, Luna-Vedder, stated that she has been impressed with the quality of instruction and the level of engagement she has witnessed while visiting schools thanking educators, educational assistants, custodians, cafeteria staff and everyone in the school buildings that are doing the work. Dr. Luna-Vedder recognized the operations department for receiving a Governors Environmental Stewardship Award for emissions and efficiency as CMCSS has the largest fleet of propane busses which has less emissions and thanked the accountability department for applying for

the grants that funded those busses. In conclusion Dr. Luna-Vedder welcomed Mr. Anderson one of CMCSS' newest school board members, stating that she is excited to have him on board and is looking forward to working collaboratively with everyone.

Items on the agenda being completed, Mr. Lanier adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Chris Lanier	Dr. Jean Luna-Vedder	LaTonya Long
Board Chair	Director of Schools	School Board Secretary