

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –
January 12, 2021 *This meeting was held virtually in accordance with Governor Bill Lee’s Executive Order #16 that allows Local Governments to hold public meeting electronically to the COVID-19 health crisis.*

Members Present: Christiane Buggs, chair, Freda Player-Peters, Fran Bush, Gini Pupo-Walker, Rachael Anne Elrod vice-chair, Christiane Buggs, Emily Masters, Abigail Tylor, John Little and Sharon Gentry

Members Absent:

Meeting called to order: 5:00 p.m.

CONVENE AND ACTION

- A. Call to Order
Christiane Buggs called the meeting to order.
- B. Awards and Recognition – The Board recognized National Board Certified Teachers.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Carolyn Batts – Ms. Batts addressed the Board concerning in-person learning for MNPS students.
- B. Raquel Villagrana – Ms. Villagrana addressed the Board concerning her experience at Republic Schools and asked the Board to renew their charter.
- C. Chelsea Rogers – Ms. Rogers addressed the Board concerning her experience at Republic Schools and asked the Board to renew their charter.
- D. Kevin Rose – Mr. Rose addressed the Board concerning his experience at Republic Schools and asked the Board to renew their charter.

- E. Jon Rybka – Mr. Rybka addressed the Board concerning his experience at Republic Schools and asked the Board to renew their charter.
- F. Antjuan Welch – Mr. Welch addressed the Board concerning his experience at East End Prep and asked the Board to renew their charter.
- G. Abigail Garcia – Ms. Garcia addressed the Board concerning her experience at East End Prep and asked the Board to renew their charter.
- H. Tedric Robinson – Mr. Robinson addressed the Board concerning his experience at Republic Schools and asked the Board to renew their charter.
- I. Abril Vera-Espinoza – Ms. Vera-Espinoza addressed the Board concerning her experience at East End Prep and asked the Board to renew their charter.
- J. Bernadette Minyard – Ms. Minyard addressed the Board concerning her experience with virtual learning during COVID.
- K. Lamont Hall – Mr. Hall addressed the Board concerning his experience at East End Prep and asked the Board to renew their charter.
- L. Roya Rahimi – Ms. Rahimi addressed the Board concerning her experience at East End Prep and asked the Board to renew their charter.
- M. Kylia Yancey – Ms. Yancey addressed the Board concerning her experience at Republic Schools and asked the Board to renew their charter.
- N. Amanda Gansberger – Ms. Gansberger asked the Board to reopen schools for in person-learning for students.
- O. Tom Gilroy - Mr. Gilroy addressed the Board concerning his experience at Republic Schools and asked the Board to renew their charter.
- P. Mehreen Butt – Ms. Butt addressed the Board her experience at Republic Schools and asked the Board to renew their charter.
- Q. Celeste LaReau – Ms. LaReau addressed the Board concerning his experience at Republic Schools and asked the Board to renew their charter.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- A. 1. Consent
 - a. **Approval of Minutes - 12/08/20 - Meeting**
 - b. **Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. **Apple, Inc.**
 - 2. **Coughlan Companies LLC dba Capstone**
 - 3. **Cumberland International Trucks, Inc.**
 - 4. **Education, Training, and Research Associates dba ETR Associates**
 - 5. **Gannett GP Media, Inc., dba TN Media**
 - 6. **LiveSchool, Inc.**
 - 7. **McCartney Produce**
 - 8. **Meharry Medical College Ventures**
 - 9. **Metis Associates, Inc.**
 - 10. **~~Metropolitan Nashville Public Health Department~~**
 - 11. **Personal Computer Systems, Inc.**
 - 12. **Unico Technology**
 - c. **Legal Settlement Claim (\$60,000)**

Rachael Anne Elrod pulled A-1-b-(10) Metropolitan Nashville Public Health

Motion to approve consent agenda
By Sharon Gentry, seconded Christiane Buggs
Motion Passes
Vote: 9-0

Motion to A-1-b-(10) Metropolitan Nashville Public Health
By Emily Masters, seconded Abigail Tylor
Motion Passes
Vote: 9-0

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Director's Remarks – Dr. Battle gave a report.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- A. Rachael Anne Elrod congratulated Marie Shields an Overton High School student being named Nashville Youth Poet Laureate and the Boys and Girl Bowling Teams at Overton for winning the district championships.
- B. John Little announced he would be meeting with the community at Caliber Coffee in the coming weeks. He also announced Two Rivers Middle School needed volunteer reading buddies and encouraged the community to support the school.
- C. Freda Player-Peters announced encouraged the public to review a presentation concerning MNPS Budget on the Metro Nashville Network Channel.
- D. Gini Pupo-Walker congratulated longtime MNPS employee Donna Gilley on her retirement from MNPS. She also thanked teachers for their support of students during the pandemic.
- E. Christiane Buggs offered condolences to the North Family in the passing of Former Judge Steve North.

Ms. Buggs adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Christiane Buggs
Board Chair

Date