

## **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING – November 12, 2019**

**Members present** – Anna Shepherd (chair), Amy Frogge (vice-chair), Christiane Buggs, Rachael Anne Elrod, Sharon Gentry, Jill Speering, Fran Bush, Freda Player-Peters, Gini Pupo-Walker, Adrienne Battle

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

### **CONVENE and ACTION**

- A. Call to Order  
Ms. Shepherd called the meeting to order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance by Captain Jamie Fuller, MNPS Communication Department.

### **AND THE GOOD NEWS IS...**

- A. The Antioch High School Ambassadors gave the Board a brief update on their academies.

### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- A. The Board recognized Katherine Knowles for receiving the National Homeless Liaison of the Year Award.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- A. Katherine Green – Ms. Green asked the Board to support the paying the concrete workers for their work at a MNPS school.
- B. M Lopez – Ms. Lopez asked the Board to address school leadership issues at Two River Middle School.
- C. Mara Rivera – Ms. Rivera addressed the Board concerning her experience at STEM Prep.
- D. ShaRika Brown – Ms. Brown addressed the Board concerning her experience at Purpose Preparatory Academy.
- E. Tremayne Haymer – Mr. Haymer addressed the Board concerning his experience at Purpose Preparatory Academy.
- F. Jayce Parker – Mr. Parker addressed the Board concerning his experience at Purpose Preparatory Academy.
- G. Cordnie Brown – Ms. Brown addressed the Board concerning his experience at Purpose Preparatory Academy.
- H. Lawrence Newman – Mr. Newman addressed the Board concerning his support of Purpose Prep.
- I. Miracle Walker – Ms. Walker addressed the Board concerning her support of Purpose Prep.

- J. Armando Arzate – Mr. Arzate asked the Board to support the paying the concrete workers for their work at a MNPS school.
- K. Rafael Medina – Mr. Medina asked the Board to support the paying the concrete workers for their work at a MNPS school.
- L. Andrew Reckard – Mr. Reckard addressed the Board concerning the payment of concrete workers for their work at a MNPS school.
- M. Akeim George – Mr. George announced that a Climate Strike would be held December 6<sup>th</sup> and asked the Board to excuse students who attend the strike from school on that day.
- N. Carlos Aquino - Mr. Aquino asked the Board to support the paying the concrete workers for their work at a MNPS school.
- O. Catarino Hernandez - Mr. Hernandez asked the Board to support the paying the concrete workers for their work at a MNPS school.
- P. Manuel Marquez - Mr. Marquez asked the Board to support the paying the concrete workers for their work at a MNPS school.
- Q. Molly Williams – Ms. Williams asked the Board to support the paying the concrete workers for their work at a MNPS school.
- R. Elizabeth Shear – Ms. Shear asked the Board to support the paying the concrete workers for their work at a MNPS school.
- S. Rachel Ternes – Ms. Ternes asked the Board to support the paying the concrete workers for their work at a MNPS school.
- T. Jack Willey – Mr. Willey asked the Board to support the paying the concrete workers for their work at a MNPS school.
- U. Bobbilyn Negron – Ms. Negron asked the Board to support the paying the concrete workers for their work at a MNPS school.
- V. Amanda Kail - Ms. Kail asked the Board to support the paying the concrete workers for their work at a MNPS school.
- W. Armando Arzate Jr - Mr. Arzate asked the Board to support the paying the concrete workers for their work at a MNPS school.

## **GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

- A. 1. Consent
  - a. **Approval of Minutes –09/10/2019 –Regular Meeting**
  - b. **Recommended Approval of Request for BioPond Construction (Tusculum Elementary School) –Southland Constructors, Inc.c.**
  - c. **Recommended Approval of Supplement #4 for Program Management Services –CBRE Heery, Inc.**
  - d. **d. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
    - 1.**Apple Inc.**
    - 2.**Bootstrap Architecture & Construction**
    - 3.**CDW-G**
    - 4.**Central Technologies, Inc.**
    - 5.**Crisis Prevention Institute, Inc.**
    - 6.**Dell Marketing LP**
    - 7.**JJCA**
    - 8.**Kerr Bros. & Associates**
    - 9.**Michael & Susan Dell Foundation**
    - 10.**Moody Nolan, Inc.**

- 11. Personal Computer Systems, Inc.**
- 12. Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA)**
- 13. TMPartners, PLLC**
- 14. Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC)**
- 15. Turnip Green Creative Reuse**
- e. Amendment to Board Policy 1.300 Board Committees**
- f. Amendment to Board Policy 6.600 Student Records**
- g. Amendment to Board Policy 3.300 Code of Conduct**
- h. 2020-2021 District Calendar**
- i. Legal Settlement Claim (\$6,000)**
- j. Legal Settlement Claim (\$7,000)**

Jill Speering pulled Item A-1-h- 2020-2021 District Calendar.  
Christiane Buggs pulled Item A-1-d-(12)- Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA).  
Gini Pupo-Walker pulled Item A-1-g- Amendment to Board Policy 3.300 Code of Conduct.

**Motion to approve the consent agenda as amended.**  
**By Sharon Gentry, seconded Rachael Anne Elrod.**  
**Motion Passes**  
**Vote: 9-0 Unanimous**

Dr. David Sevier addressed a brief wording update to Board Policy 3.300 Code of Conduct.

**Motion to approve the amendment to Board Policy 3.300 Code of Conduct with the addition of the language "the county".**  
**By Sharon Gentry, seconded Rachael Anne Elrod.**  
**Motion Passes**  
**Vote: 9-0 Unanimous**

Christiane Buggs addressed the contract with TSBA to conduct a Director Search. Sharon Gentry asked that a Director Search Timeline and search plan be presented to the Board. Anna Shepherd said that she would provide that information to the Board.

**Motion to approve the Item A-1-d-(12)- Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA).**  
**By Gini Pupo-Walker, second Jill Speering**  
**Motion Passes**  
**Vote: 9-0**

Jill Speering asked questions about the Election Days on the District calendar. Staff answered her questions.

**Motion to approve the 2020-2021 District Calendar as presented.**  
**By Christiane Buggs, seconded by Jill Speering.**  
**Motion Passes**  
**9-0 Unanimous**

## 2. Charter Schools

Ms. Frogge stated that she would like delay the charter school votes until the next meeting to allow for additional time to review the charter information.

**Motion to delay the vote on STEM Preparatory Academy, Purpose Preparatory Academy, Valor Flagship/Voyager, and Nashville Classic at the following meeting.**

**By Amy Frogge, seconded Jill Speering**

**Motion Passes**

**Vote: 9-0 – Unanimous**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Jill Speering attended Goodlettsville Elementary's, Veteran Day Celebration on November 7<sup>th</sup>. She thanked Col. Dearing for helping to secure Veteran's Day as an off day for all MNPS Employees. She also thanked the MNPS ROTC's and bands who participated in the Veteran's Day parade. She announced that there will be Teaching and Learning Committee meeting before the next Board meeting.
- B. Freda Peter-Player thanked the Board and the community warmly welcoming her to the Board.
- C. Fran Bush offered condolences to the family of James Lewis a long time MNPS sub at Antioch High School. She asked for a follow-up concerning the construction workers payment for work done within the district.
- D. Amy Frogge welcomed Freda Player-Peres to the Board.
- E. Christiane Buggs announced that she served as Principal for the Day at Warner Elementary School and a community meeting Lockeland Design Center. She also attended the MDHA event hosted at Napier Elementary where students and parents received laptops. She also attended the Mayor's Youth Council's 20 Year Celebration and the Celebration of an historical marker being placed at A.Z. Kelley Elementary. She also thanked My Brother's Keeper for their work within the city.
- F. Gini Pupo-Walker recognized and offered support to the MNPS Dhaka students, staff and community members. She also asked the administration to address the wage theft issue. She announced that had lunch with Hillsboro High student leaders.
- G. Rachael Anne Elrod thanked the community for supporting the community meeting at Oliver Middle School on November 5<sup>th</sup>. She also asked the administration to address the wage theft compliant.
- H. Anna Shepherd announced that the McGavock High School Band won first place at the State Band Championship. She also announced that she would be bringing a resolution to honor the band at the next meeting. She congratulated Derek Rowe, McGavock High School teacher for receiving a donation from Harbor Freight.

**Ms. Shepherd adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.**



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Chris M. Henson

Board Secretary

Anna Shepherd

Board Chair

Date