

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING – November 26, 2019

Members present – Anna Shepherd (chair), Amy Frogge (vice-chair), Christiane Buggs (5:05 p.m.), Rachael Anne Elrod (arrived at 5:15 p.m.), Sharon Gentry (arrived at 5:15 p.m.), 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

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- A. 1. Consent
 - a. **Approval of Minutes – 09/24/2019 – Regular Minutes**
 - b. **Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. **120 Water Audit, Inc.**
 - 2. **Apple Inc.**
 - 3. **CDW-G**
 - 4. **Dell Marketing LP**
 - 5. **Personal Computer Systems, Inc.**
 - c. **Legal Settlement Claim (AH-06900)**
 - d. **Director Search Timeline**

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

By Amy Frogge, seconded Jill Speering

Motion Passes

Vote: 6-0 Unanimous

- 2. McGavock High School Band Proclamation – Ms. Shepherd read the following proclamation.

WHEREAS, the McGavock High School Band has, for many years, attained a national reputation for both musical excellence and artistic precision, and;

WHEREAS, the McGavock Band, maintains a robust year-round music program that educates students while at the same time entertaining and delighting audiences from the marching field to the concert stage, and;

WHEREAS, the McGavock Band continues to this day to excel in competitions against other elite high school marching music ensembles, and;

WHEREAS, the Contest of Champions, established in 1962 and held for the past fifty-seven years on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University, is regarded among the most prestigious of marching band competitions, and;

WHEREAS, former Governor Buford Ellington named the trophy awarded to the highest-scoring marching band from the State of Tennessee the "Governor's Cup," and;

WHEREAS, the winner of the Governor's Cup shall be recognized as the state's champion marching band, and;

WHEREAS; the McGavock High School Band has, in twenty-four prior years dating back to 1972, won the Governor's Cup, and;

WHEREAS, on November 2nd, 2019 the McGavock High School Band, under the able direction of Mr. John David Hazlett and Mr. David DePriest, along with numerous other talented coordinators and instructors, won both the Governor's Cup, and was also named Grand Champion for receiving the highest overall score in the finals competition.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Education recognizes the excellent work of the McGavock High School Band and all those associated with the program including directors, staff, administration, parents, and especially students. The Board salutes these efforts and hopes for continued success.

Motion to adopt the McGavock High School Band Proclamation

By Freda Player-Peters, seconded Jill Speering

Motion Passes

VOTE: 7-0 Unanimous

3. Notice of Charges of Dismissal – Clinton Cummings

Motion to certify the charges of Dismissal for Clinton Cummings

By Gini Pupo-Walker, Jill Speering

Motion Passes

Vote: 7-0 Unanimous

4. Student Disciplinary Appeal

Motion to grant the Level III Student Disciplinary Appeal Hearing

by Christiane Buggs, seconded Fran Bush

Motion Passes

Vote: (5-2) Yes (Pupo-Walker, Bush, Buggs, Shepherd, Player-Peters)

No (Frogge, Speering)

5. STEM Preparatory Academy

Motion to approve the amendment to STEM Preparatory Academy

By Sharon Gentry, seconded Gini Pupo-Walker

Motion Passes

Vote: (7-2) Gentry, Elrod, Shepherd, Buggs, Bush, Player-Peters, Pupo-Walker – yes; Speering, Frogge – no

6. Purpose Preparatory Academy

Dr. Gentry and Ms. Frogge stated that a planned needed to be created to address under performing schools within the district. Ms. Elrod asked for an update on MNPS Next. Dr. Battle said there would be reports and updates forthcoming.

**Motion to approve the amendment to Purpose Preparatory Academy
By Sharon Gentry, seconded Gini Pupo-Walker**

Motion Passes

Vote: (6-3) Gentry, Shepherd, Buggs, Bush, Player-Peters, Pupo-Walker – yes; Elrod Speering, Frogge - no

7. Valor Flagship/Voyager

Ms. Elrod asked if there were plans to help alleviate the over capacity issues at Cane Ridge and Overton High Schools. Mr. Latimer said there had been plans mentioned but nothing yet confirmed. Another full high school was not needed but some type of program for students could offer capacity relief. Ms. Frogge stated that approving Valor's amendment would have a negative fiscal impact and increase inequities within the district. She also expressed concern over the disciplinary techniques used at some of charter schools and that Valor had to opened the their proposed elementary school.

**Motion to approve the amendment to Valor Flagship/Voyager
by Pupo-Walker, Christiane Buggs**

Motion Passes

**Vote: (5-4) Gentry, Shepherd, Buggs, Player-Peters, Pupo-Walker – yes
Elrod, Speering, Bush, Frogge – no**

8. Nashville Classical

Ms. Speering stated that she had concerns on approving the enrollment increase at Nashville Classical due the fiscal impact on the district as a whole. Ms. Frogge said, she would like to devote more energy and resources into funding and supporting existing zone schools. She felt that adding seats to Nashville Classical would add to that issue. Ms. Buggs she supported the amendment for Nashville Classical due to their collaborative sprit with MNPS. Ms. Players stated that she look forward to receiving the MNPS Next report and understanding what was needed to support zone schools. Ms. Shepherd asked that the Board receive the letters of intent for charters immediately after they are received. Mr. Queen said their department would work to make those changes. Ms. Shepherd expressed conflict of the challenge of approving schools in which the Board's decision that making concerning charter do not actually manner once the charter appeals to the state level.

**Motion to deny the amendment because of fiscal impact in the district and also
Based upon discussion on the board floor.**

By Fran Bush, seconded Jill Speering

Yes- 6 Elrod, Speering, Shepherd, Bush, Player-Peters, Frogge

No- 3 Gentry, Buggs, Pupo-Walker

BOARD CHAIR REPORT

- A. Anna Shepherd gave a brief chair report.

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- B. Jill Speering gave a brief Teaching and Learning Committee report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Rachael Anne Elrod thanked the businesses who have partnered with Overton High School and encouraged other businesses to partner with district schools.
- B. Gini Pupo-Walker thanked the Academies of Nashville staff for the hosting 11th Annual Freshman Career Fair. She also announced: Hillsboro High School will receive a new STEM Pathway, The Boro Underground Magazine published by Hillsboro High School has been assisting Sylvan Park with their school Literacy Nights and the Hillsboro Park organization painted a mural at West End Middle School.
- C. Christiane Buggs thanked The Theater Bug for their partnership with MNPS. And also Hume Fogg Magnet High School for inviting herself and Gini Pupo-Walker to speak with students about government. She announced upcoming Metro council community meetings. And stated that she attended the TSBA Conference at sat in on a session led by Matthew Portell, principal at Fall Hamilton Elementary School.
- D. Amy Frogge thanked Kristine Harrison for her hard work at Gower Elementary.
- E. Fran Bush congratulated Antioch Middle School for creating a "House Council" similar to the student Council.
- F. Freda Player-Peters offered her condolences to the Cox Family, who received lost their child who attended Croft Middle School. She announced that Frank Brogan, Assistant Secretary for Elementary and Secondary Education toured Croft Middle School.
- G. Jill Speering thanked Mayor Cooper and Dr. Battle for the announcement of the 3% raise for employees. She also welcomed new employees Sean Braisted and Michael Cass to MNPS. She announced: A National and Local Climate Strike would be held on December 6th and the dedication of the transportation building would be held on December 5th in honor of Carlisle Beasley Jr.
- H. Sharon Gentry congratulated Yolanda Hockett for becoming the new President of the Hayes Manor Community Organization, the organization will be working to support schools in District 2. She thanked Kevin Byard of the TN Titans and Crosspoint Church for providing "Take and Heat" Thanksgiving Dinners for all students at Buena Vista Elementary School and TN Titan, Tye Smith, for providing lunch for the whole school.
- I. Anna Shepherd announced that she attended the TSBA Leadership Conference.

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

Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Anna Shepherd
Board Chair

Date