

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING – December 10, 2019

Members present –Amy Frogge (vice-chair), Christiane Buggs (5:05 p.m.), Rachael Anne Elrod (arrived at 5:15 p.m.), (arrived at 5:15 p.m.), Jill Speering, Fran Bush, Freda Player-Peters, Gini Pupo-Walker, Adrienne Battle

Members absent - Anna Shepherd (chair), Sharon Gentry

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

CONVENE and ACTION

- A. Call to Order
Ms. Frogge called the meeting to order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance led by Sean Braisted, Executive Officer of Communications and Community Engagement.
- C. **Motion to amend the agenda to allow Dr. Battle to make a brief statement before Public Participation.
By Amy Frogge, seconded Jill Speering
Motion Passes
7-0 – Unanimous**

AND THE GOOD NEWS IS...

- A. Glenclyff High School Ambassadors gave the Board a brief update on their school academies.
- B. Overton High School displayed artwork during the Board meeting.
- C. STEM Prep Charter Schools choir performed prior to the Board meeting.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Pearl-Cohn Entertainment Magnet High School Football Team – The Board and Dr. Battle congratulated the football team for achieving an undefeated season and becoming State Runner in the State Championship game.
- B. Hume Award – The Board and Dr. Battle congratulated Wesley Schelling, MLK Magnet High School student for receiving the Hume Award.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Dr. Battle made a brief statement concerning the Wage Theft accusations against MNPS vendors.

- A. Vivian Wilhoite – Ms. Wilhoite addressed the Board concerning a curriculum she developed teaching students about property assessments.
- B. Chris Moth – Mr. Moth addressed the Board concerning the Board's vote to expand Valor Charter School.

- C. Elizabeth Hines – Ms. Hines addressed the Board concerning an issue that occurred while she was serving as a substitute teacher.
- D. Armando Arzate – Mr. Arzate addressed the Board concerning payment for his company’s work through a vendor on a MNPS school.
- E. Armando Arzate Jr – Mr. Arzate addressed the Board concerning payment for construction work through a vendor on a MNPS school.
- F. Rafael Medina – Mr. Medina addressed the Board concerning payment for construction work through a vendor on a MNPS school.
- G. Carlos Aquino – Mr. Aquino addressed the Board concerning payment for construction work through a vendor on a MNPS school.
- H. Catarino Hernandez- Mr. Hernandez addressed the Board concerning payment for construction work through a vendor on a MNPS school.
- I. Jaime Marquez - Mr. Marquez addressed the Board concerning payment for construction work through a vendor on a MNPS school.
- J. Eduardo Galan – Mr. Galan addressed the Board concerning payment for construction work through a vendor on a MNPS school.
- K. Jack Willey – Mr. Willey addressed the Board concerning payment for construction work through a vendor on a MNPS school.
- L. Bobbi Negron – Ms. Negron addressed the Board concerning issues of payment for construction work through a vendor on a MNPS school.
- M. Rachel Ternes – Mr. Ternes addressed the Board concerning payment for construction work through a vendor on a MNPS school.
- N. Molly Williams – Ms. Williams addressed the Board concerning payment for construction work through a vendor on a MNPS school.
- O. Andrew Reckard – Mr. Reckard addressed the Board concerning payment for construction work through a vendor on a MNPS school.
- P. Kelly Ann Graff – Ms. Graff addressed the Board concerning payment for construction work through a vendor on a MNPS school.
- Q. James Robinson – Mr. Robinson addressed the Board concerning Rocketship charter school.
- R. Abby Spaulding – Ms. Spaulding addressed the Board concerning Rocketship charter school.
- S. Amanda Kail – Ms. Kail addressed the Board concerning Collaborative Conferencing and Worker’s Dignity.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- A. 1. Consent
 - a. **Approval of Minutes – 10/22/2019 – Regular Meeting**
 - b. **Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. **Allovue, Inc.**
 - 2. **Barnes & Noble**
 - 3. **Beanstack Inc.**
 - 5. **Didax Inc.**
 - 6. **Educators Publishing Services dba School Specialty**
 - 7. **Ford of Murfreesboro**
 - 8. **Great Minds, LLC**

9. **NOTES for EDUCATION, Inc.**
10. **Performance Management Services, LLC**
- c. **CLASS Agreement**
- d. **Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget Amendment**
4. **Center for Guided Montessori Studies, Inc.**

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

By Jill Speering, seconded Amy Frogge

Motion Passes

Vote: 7-0 Unanimous

2. Rocketship Nashville #3 Appeal Charter Application

Motion to deny local governance of Rocketship Nashville #3 appeal.

By Rachael Anne Elrod, seconded Gini Pupo-Walker

Motion Passes

VOTE: 5-2 (No, Gini Pupo Walker and Fran Bush) Unanimous

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Gini Pupo Walker gave a brief Budget and Finance committee report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Rachael Anne Elrod announced that Two Rivers Middle School pack boxes for the HERO program and that the Mayor's Night Out would be held at Shayne Elementary on December 12th.
- B. Gini Pupo-Walker thanked Cory Harkey the Board's Metro Legal for her service to MNPS and wished her well in her new position. She also announced: Abbey Kucher And Osha Merchanson, Hillsboro High School students were chosen to work with News Channel 5, on a national new Literacy Campaign, also Alan Cook, a student at Hillsboro High School made the All-state Band in five different instruments.
- C. Christiane Buggs announced that the Nashville Chamber Education Report Card would be released next week. Southern Word organization will hold a show case in the coming weeks.
- D. Freda Player-Peters thanked Whitsitt Elementary for creating a Holiday Store for parents.

Ms. Frogge adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.



Chris M. Henson

Board Secretary

Anna Shepherd

Board Chair

Date