

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING – April 9, 2019

Members present – Sharon Gentry (Chair), Rachael Anne Elrod, Jill Speering, Anna Shepherd, Christiane Buggs (Vice-chair), Fran Bush, Gini Pupo-Walker, Will Pinkston, Amy Frogge

Members absent - Anna Shepherd

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

CONVENE and ACTION

- A. Call to Order
Dr. Gentry called the meeting to order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Tequila Johnson, The Equity Alliance.
- C. Quorum Validation
There was a quorum present at the meeting.
- D. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion to accept the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Pinkston, seconded Ms. Pupo-Walker

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Sharon Gentry, Rachael Anne Elrod, Christiane Buggs, Fran Bush, Gini Pupo-Walker, Amy Frogge, Jill Speering

- E. Termination of Director's Contract

Motion for the Board to hire independent counsel to negotiate the terms of the Director of Schools contract.

Motion by Amy Frogge, seconded by Jill Speering

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yes: Amy Frogge, Fran Bush, Jill Speering

No: Sharon Gentry, Christiane Buggs, Will Pinkston, Gini Pupo-Walker, Rachael Anne Elrod

Dr. Gentry read the terms of the proposed Director's Severance Agreement.

Motion to accept the terms of the severance agreement with Dr. Joseph.

Motion by Gini Pupo-Walker, second by Christiane Buggs.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Sharon Gentry, Will Pinkston, Rachael Anne Elrod, Christiane Buggs, Gini Pupo-Walker

No: Jill Speering, Fran Bush, Amy Frogge

AND THE GOOD NEWS IS...

- A. J.T. Moore Middle School displayed artwork before the Board Meeting.
- B. Hadley Harmony Choir from Dupont-Hadley Middle Schools performed before the Board Meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Rep. Love – Rep. Love addressed the Board concerning the Board's relationship with the Director of Schools.
- B. Kelly Watlington – Ms. Watlington addressed the Board concerning issues within the district such as funding and Board/Director relations.
- C. Fallon Wilson – Ms. Wilson addressed the concerning the Board and Director's Relationship and issues within the Board.
- D. Lucas Leverett – Mr. Leverett addressed the Board concerning the future of MNPS.
- E. Deyonna Fairbanks – Ms. Fairbanks addressed the Board concerning her experiences within MNPS.
- F. Liz Lyons – Ms. Lyons addressed the Board concerning her experiences within MNPS.
- G. Sonya Thomas – Ms. Thomas addressed the Board concerning her experiences within MNPS.
- H. Parnell Jackson - Mr. Jackson addressed the Board concerning her experiences within MNPS.
- I. Golding Calix – Ms. Calix addressed the Board concerning her experiences within MNPS.
- J. Brooke Huppenthal – Ms. Huppenthal addressed the Board concerning partnering with MNPS.
- K. Brad Rayson – Mr. Rayson addressed the Board concerning SEIU's positive experiences of working with Dr. Joseph. He also thanked the Board for passing a budget that includes needed resources for students and staff.
- L. Clifton Harris – Mr. Harris addressed the Board concerning the Board's conflicts and differences.
- M. Keith Caldwell – Mr. Caldwell addressed the Board concerning funding of schools in the Pearl-Cohn cluster.
- N. Constance Wade – Ms. Wade addressed the Board concerning discipline issues within MNPS.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A. Consent

1. Consent

- a. Recommended Approval of Request #7 for Andrew Jackson Elementary School (ADA Playground Accommodation) - Playworld Preferred
- b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts
 - 1. CDW-G
 - 2. Envirowerks, LLC
 - 3. JLT Foods, LLC dba Piepers Pies
 - 4. Maury County Public Schools
 - 5. Rethink Autism, Inc.
 - 6. Teaching Strategies, LLC
 - 7. Tennessee Higher Education Commission (2 amendments)
 - 8. TNTP, Inc.
 - 9. Vertiv Services, Inc.
 - 10. Xcalibur, Inc..
- c. Approval of CTE Special Courses and Special Program of Study Submission (SPOS)
- d. Special Course Approval for Global Religious Studies
- e. Approval of Social Studies and World Language Textbooks
- f. Legal Settlement Claim #C-38222 (\$5,500)

Ms. Buggs read the consent.

Motion to approve the consent agenda as read.

Motion by Christiane Buggs, second by Will Pinkston.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Sharon Gentry, Will Pinkston, Rachael Anne Elrod, Christiane Buggs, Fran Bush, Gini Pupo-Walker, Amy Frogge

Not Present : Jill Speering

B. Recommended Approval of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget – Budget Committee

Motion to Approve the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Operating Budget.

Motion by Christiane Buggs, second by Gini Pupo-Walker.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Sharon Gentry, Rachael Anne Elrod, Jill Speering, Christiane Buggs, Fran Bush, Gini Pupo-Walker, Amy Frogge

Abstain: Will Pinkston

C. Recommended Approval of Nutrition Services Fund Budget – Budget Committee

Motion to Approve of Nutrition Services Fund Budget – Budget Committee

Motion by Christiane Buggs, second by Will Pinkston.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Sharon Gentry, Will Pinkston, Rachael Anne Elrod, Jill Speering, Christiane Buggs, Fran Bush, Gini Pupo-Walker, Amy Frogge

D. Recommended Approval of Federal Programs and Grants Fund – Budget Committee

Motion to Approve the of Federal Programs and Grants Fund

Motion by Christiane Buggs, second by Will Pinkston.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Sharon Gentry, Will Pinkston, Rachael Anne Elrod, Jill Speering, Christiane Buggs, Fran Bush, Gini Pupo-Walker, Amy Frogge

Action: E. Appointment of Interim Director

Motion to appoint Adrienne Battle as Interim Director.

Motion by Rachael Anne Elrod, second by Fran Bush.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Will Pinkston, Rachael Anne Elrod, Jill Speering, Christiane Buggs, Fran Bush, Gini Pupo-Walker, Amy Frogge

Abstain: Sharon Gentry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Ms. Bush announced that the SE Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 13 at the SE Community Center.
- B. Ms. Elrod announced that April is Autism Awareness month.
- C. Ms. Speering announced that she met with teachers concerning the budget at Dan Mills Elementary School.
- D. Ms. Buggs announced the upcoming MNPS Next meetings.
- E. Mr. Pinkston announced that his Board resignation would go in effect at a future date.
- F. Ms. Pupo-Walker announced that Hillsboro High School would host a Community Yard Sale and Blood Drive on April 13th.
- G. Ms. Pupo-Walker announced that the Hillsboro High School PAC would meet on April 11th at 6:30 p.m.
- H. Ms. Pupo-Walker congratulated Special Olympian Grant Marshall for competing in his first race.

- I. Ms. Frogge gave details on the upcoming voucher bill in the legislation HB939 and SB799.

WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

- A. New Hire Report
B. Sales Tax Collections as of March 20, 2019

Ms. Buggs adjourned the meeting at 6:39 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Sharon Gentry Date
Board Chair