

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING – July 9, 2019

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

Members absent - Anna Shepherd

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

CONVENE and ACTION

- A. Call to Order
Ms. Buggs called the meeting to order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Dr. Sharon Gentry
- C. Quorum Validation
There was a quorum present at the meeting.
- D. Adoption of the Agenda
Ms. Frogge pulled Item-III-A-1-d-(1) Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC. The Board approved the agenda with changes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Sharon Smith – Ms. Smith addressed the Board concerning her concerns with Knowledge Academies. She talked about her experience with the school.
- B. Jackie Cissell – Ms. Cissell addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academies. She updated the Board on the family involvement measures taken at the school and asked for the Board support.
- C. Eric Lewis – Mr. Lewis addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academies. He asked the Board to support the school.
- D. James Bristol – Mr. Bristol addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academies. He gave the Board brief history the schools successes and asked for the Board's support.
- E. Delana Claybrooks – Ms. Claybrooks addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academies and offered her support of the school.
- F. Roy Renfro – Mr. Renfro addressed the Board concerning his experiences with Knowledge Academies.
- G. Brian Densmore – Mr. Densmore addressed the Board concerning his experiences with Knowledge Academies.
- H. Scott Schumpert – Mr. Schumpert addressed the Board concerning his support of Knowledge Academies.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A. Consent

- a. Approval of Minutes - 06/25/2019 and 07/01/2019 - Meetings**
- b. Recommended Award of Contract for Parking Lot Addition at Cole Elementary School – Pride Concrete, LLC**
- c. Recommended Approval of Request #1 for Small Scope Projects at Various Schools (Johnson Alternative Learning Center) – Case Restoration Company**
- d. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. ~~Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC~~**
 - 2. The Big Picture Learning dba Big Picture Learning**
 - 3. Davis Demographics & Planning**
 - 4. Donors Choose**
 - 5. Noser Consulting LLC**
 - 6. Snap Raise**
 - 7. State of Tennessee, Office of Criminal Justice Programs**
 - 8. YWCA of Nashville and Middle Tennessee**
- e. 2019-2020 MNPS Student Parent Handbook**

Ms. Buggs read the consent agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda as read.

By Christiane Buggs, seconded Jill Speering

Motion Passes

Vote: 8-0 Unanimous

Motion to approve Item-III-A-1-d-(1.) Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC

By Amy Frogge, seconded Jill Speering

Motion Passes

Vote: 8-0 Unanimous

B. Resolution to Name the Transportation Building “The Carlisle Beasley, Jr Building”

Ms. Speering read the following resolution

WHEREAS, Metro Nashville Public Schools’ Board of Education is the local governmental body responsible for providing public education to the students in Nashville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Carlisle Beasley, Jr, a retired career employee of the Metro Nashville Public School Transportation Department, serving 33 years as Director of Pupil Transportation, passed away on Memorial Day, May 27, 2019, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, his relentless focus on transportation safety for Nashville’s public school students resulted in national prominence within the Pupil

Transportation Industry, and an incomparable perfect safety record of more than 600 million daily school bus rides for Nashville students without a single fatality or serious injury; and

WHEREAS, his successful execution of the transportation component of the 1971 court-ordered desegregation plan enabled Metro Nashville Public Schools to become nationally recognized as a model for successful pupil integration; and

WHEREAS, throughout the transition stages of the desegregation plan, Mr. Beasley routinely broke down barriers by meeting arriving school buses in areas of stiff resistance, regularly escorting anxious children to the comfort of awaiting teachers and principals and intervening on their behalf in threatening situations; and

WHEREAS, his successful safety record and selfless leadership style not only translated into national recognition for The Metro Nashville Public School District, but also translated into acknowledgement from his peers, with national honors including:

- **Co-founder and President of the National Association of Pupil Transportation**
- **National Safety Council Board Member and Chairman of its School Transportation Committee**
- **The Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor given, from both the National Safety Council and the National Association of Pupil Transportation, and**
- **School Bus Magazine's "Man of the Year"; and**

WHEREAS, The Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education, in gratitude for his exemplary service and on behalf of the students and parents served by the Metropolitan Nashville Public School District, has unanimously decided to memorialize this extraordinary public servant by permanently naming the Metro Nashville Public School Transportation Department building as the "Carlisle Beasley, Jr Building";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the building that houses the Metro Nashville Public School Transportation Department be permanently named the Carlisle Beasley, Jr Building to recognize the substantial contributions Carlisle Beasley, Jr made to the students and parents of the Metro Nashville Public School District and the citizens of Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County.

Motion to approve Resolution to Name the Transportation Building "The Carlisle Beasley, Jr Building".

By Jill Speering, seconded Rachael Anne Elrod

Motion Passes

Vote: 8-0 Unanimous

C. Knowledge Academies

Motion to require the Charter School Office to send written notice to Knowledge Academies that the Board may consider a motion to revoke the Charter agreements after 30 days based on the reason for possible revocation as stated and discussed during the Board meeting.

By Fran Bush, seconded Jill Speering

Motion Passes

Vote: 8-0 Unanimous

Motion to require the Charter School Office to request any additional documentation for Knowledge Academies needed for consideration by the Board in the possible revocation decision.

By Fran Bush, seconded Jill Speering

Motion Passes

Vote: 8-0 Unanimous

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A.** Strategic Plan Update – Dr. Williams, Dr. Changas and staff presented the Strategic Plan Update to the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Ms. Speering announced that she would bring a resolution to the next Board meeting concerning Carlisle Beasley, Jr, a retired career employee of the Metro Nashville Public School Transportation Department.
- B. Ms. Walker gave an update on the construction at Hillsboro High School. She also announced the new principals in her district.
- C. Ms. Shepherd announced that the Music Makes Us Council will begin meeting and she will continue to serve on the council.
- D. Ms. Shepherd announced the new principals in her district.
- E. Ms. Elrod announced that she will attending the Nashville Pride parade on June 22nd.
- F. Ms. Elrod suggested that Board receive training on Open Meetings from the TN Comptroller.
- G. Ms. Buggs thanked the Nashville Tools for Schools program for their support of MNPS.

WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

- A. Sales Tax Collections as of June 20, 2019

Ms. Frogge adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.



Chris M. Henson

Board Secretary

Sharon Gentry

Board Chair

Date