

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
February 8, 2011

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call 	<p>Members Present: Gracie Porter, Chair; Dr. Jo Ann Brannon; Dr. Sharon Gentry; Michael Hayes; Ed Kindall; Cheryl D. Mayes; Anna Shepherd; Kay Simmons; Antwan Steele and Jhamia Poole, Student Board Members</p> <p>Members Absent: Mark North, Vice-Chair and Antwan Steele, Student Board Member</p> <p>Ms. Porter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledge of Allegiance 	<p>Led by Overton High School students Logan Kirby and Andrew Montgomery.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Board Member Report 	<p>Ms. Poole made the following comments: Antwan could not be here this evening, as he is part of a YMCA Seal Team Presentation: a series of skits to promote abstinence among teens. Our last meeting, held on January 27th, was hosted by McGavock High School. The agenda items included a presentation on admissions from Ms. Priscilla Tibbs, with Nashville State Community College; a service learning project presented by Alvin Pearman, Pear Image Photography, to address the needs of the homeless population in Nashville. On March 11th, five MNPS students, including myself and Antwan, will be attending the SCOPE (Student Congress on Policies in Education) Conference representing MNPS students. We will bring back a report on information we receive and how to utilize it in our district. Our next joint Teens Making A Change (TMAC) and the Director's Student Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 24th at 2:30pm at the Nashville Youth Opportunity Center. TMAC and Director's Student Advisory will host an interactive dialogue with 24 visiting Chinese principals as part of an invitation received from Tom Ward with Vanderbilt University. We will engage in sharing information about school climate and academics.</p>	
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logan Kirby, John Overton High School – Selected to the Army All-American Bowl Marching Band 	<p>The Board and Dr. Register recognized Logan Kirby for being selected to the Army All-American Bowl Marching Band. Mr. Kirby is the first MNPS student to receive this honor.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew Montgomery, John Overton High School – Hume Award Winner 	<p>The Board and Dr. Register recognized Andrew Montgomery for receiving the 2010 Hume Award. The Hume Award honors students who excel on and off the football field. Mr. Montgomery is a fullback on the Overton High football team; he has a 3.7 GPA and has been awarded a scholarship to attend Carson-Newman University.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Board Certified Teachers 	<p>The Board and Dr. Register recognized the following teachers: Karen Boles, Carol Drake, Kenneth Fox, Jillian Frantz, Brittney Hannah, Elizabeth Hosea, Stacy Klein, Melissa Kurras, Brenda Pollock, Betty Roberts, Molly Sehring, Melissa Sexton, and Sharon Smith for receiving their National Board Certification.</p>	
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robert Sawyer 	<p>Mr. Sawyer addressed the Board concerning Zero Tolerance and Special Education guidelines. He asked the Board to research those issues.</p>	
GOVERNANCE ISSUES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACTIONS Consent Agenda 	<p>Mr. Kindall read the following consent agenda items: IV-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes – 1/25/11 Regular Board Meeting; IV-A-1-b- Recommended Award of Contract for Roof Replacement at Old Brick Church School (Sections A1-A7, B1, C1, D1) – Jolly Roofing, Inc. - MBOE 10-044; IV-A-1-c- Recommended Award of Contract for Roof Replacement at McMurray Middle School - Burress Roofing Co., Inc. MBOE 10-037; IV-A-1-d- Recommended Award of Contract for Roof Replacement at Stratford High School (Sections A-F, H, J, L, O, Q, R, W, X, and Y) – Don Kennedy Roofing - MBOE 10-041; IV-A-1-e- Recommended Award of Contract for Roof Replacement at McGavock High School (Entire Roof Except Sections I and H) – AAR of North Carolina, Inc. – MBOE 10-035; IV-A-1-f- Recommended Award of Contract for Roof Replacement at Hume-Fogg Magnet High School (Sections A-K, N, and O) – Porter Roofing Contractors, Inc. – MBOE 10-042; IV-A-1-g- Change Order #3 for Haywood Elementary School Additions – TG Constructors, Inc. – M-429; IV-A-1-h- Supplement #1 for Chadwell Elementary School Renovations – Southeast Ventures – L-2436; IV-A-1-i- Change Order #1 for ADA Improvements at Whites Creek High School – Edwards Construction, Inc. – M-419; IV-A-1-j- Change Order #3 for Glenview Elementary School Additions – TG Constructors, Inc. – M-427; IV-A-1-k- Change Order #2 for Glencliff High School Shops to Classrooms Renovations – Robert S. Biscan & Co. – M-426; IV-A-1-l- Amendment D for Diversity Business Enterprise Program – 3H Management Consultant Group, Inc. – L-1859; IV-A-1-m- Awarding of Bids and Contract (1.) Rivercity Technology Enrichment Institute; IV-A-1-n- Approval of Policy Changes GP-2 Governing Style; IV-A-1-o- Approval of Policy Changes BD/R-5 Monitoring Director’s</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent Agenda - continued 	<p>Evaluation; IV-A-1-p- Recommended Approval of Adoption of Math Textbooks. Ms. Shepherd moved to accept the consent agenda as read. Dr. Brannon seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE: 8-0 - Unanimous</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification of Charges – Joelle Bowers 	<p>Dr. Register read the following letter: I am writing to recommend the dismissal of Joelle Bowers from employment as a tenured teacher with the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-5-511. I have charged her with incompetence, inefficiency, insubordination and neglect of duty, which are grounds for her dismissal pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §49-5-511. These terms are specifically defined in Tenn. Code Ann. §49-5-501. Evidence supporting these charges was set forth in my letter to Ms. Bowers (with attachments) on January 19, 2011, a copy of which is attached. I am asking you to certify these charges by voting that if proven true, these charges warrant Ms. Bowers’ dismissal. Should you certify these charges, I will inform Ms. Bowers of your action and formally advise her of the right to request a hearing before an impartial hearing officer. At the present time, I am only asking you to certify the charges. I am not asking you to weigh evidence either for or against dismissal. I am merely asking you to vote that the charges, if proven true, warrant dismissal. If Ms. Bowers requests a hearing, it will occur at some point in the future. Accordingly, this is my recommendation that Joelle Bowers be dismissed from employment with Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools.</p> <p>Ms. Shepherd made the motion to accept the charges as read. Mr. Hayes seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE:8-0 - Unanimous</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TLG: Information Technology 	<p>Mr. John Williams presented a Power Point to the Board on the TLG: Information Technology. Ms. Porter stated that she would like to share MNPS’ IT efforts with Metro Council. Dr. Register recognized Laura Hansen for her hard work with the IT TLG. He also stated that the Nashville Chamber of Commerce has requested that MNPS present the MNPS data warehouse to 200 local businesses. Ms. Simmons asked how MNPS compares with other districts concerning technology? Mr. Williams said other districts face similar challenges, such as device access and reaching all communities. Overall, MNPS is in good standing in comparison to other districts. Mr. Kindall asked if Charter Schools will be involved in the IT growth process? Dr. Register said Charter</p>	

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	Schools can be involved in MNPS Professional Development, but when it comes to expenditures for equipment, the individual charter school must make that decision. Ms. Shepherd asked how schools are prioritized concerning IT needs? Mr. Williams said each school's School Improvement Plan was considered. Dr. Gentry asked what the standard for downloading / updating operating systems is? Mr. Williams said we now have the software, but sometimes our computers cannot support the updated software; those are goals that we are moving towards meeting. Dr. Gentry asked if it is possible for students to logon to the MNPS network with their personal computers? Mr. Williams said that we are moving towards making that happen. Ms. Porter asked how early IT is incorporated into the classroom? Mr. Williams said Pre-K. Ms. Porter asked how the needs of Special Needs students are being met? Mr. Williams said that information can be provided at a later time. Ms. Porter asked if the use of ELMO's have been addressed? Mr. Williams said ELMO's have been considered, but funding is an issue.	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
• Director's Evaluation Committee	Dr. Gentry announced the Director's Evaluation Committee meeting will be held February 18 th at 5:30 p.m.	
• FAFSA Night – McGavock High School	Ms. Shepherd announced that volunteers helped over 80 students complete FAFSA forms on February 3 rd at McGavock High School.	
• FAFSA Night – Antioch High School	Ms. Mayes announced the FAFSA night at Antioch High School on February 8 th at 6:00 p.m.	
• Youth Safety Summit	Ms. Mayes announced that the Youth Safety Summit would meet February 9 th at 4:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.	
• Percy Priest – Read-a-Thon	Mr. Hayes announced that he attended the Read-A-Thon event at Percy Priest Elementary in which the school also received a check from the city of Forest Hill for \$300,000 to go to the school's library campaign. For more information visit: www.percypriest.org .	
• Davidson County Republican Party Information Session	Mr. Hayes announced that he attended an information session held by the Davidson County Republican Party to educate potential council candidates on education issues that could occur in the next term.	
• Parent's Advisory Council	Dr. Register announced that the Parent's Advisory Council meeting has been moved from Thursday, February 10 th to Thursday, February 17 th at 6:30 p.m. to accommodate the Stratford Academies Open House.	
• CLASS	Ms. Porter announced that CLASS will meet Monday, February 21 st at 4:30p.m. at the Sheraton Downtown Nashville.	
• TSBA Day on the Hill	Ms. Porter announced TSBA's Day on the Hill on February 22 nd at 7:00 a.m.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meigs Middle School – TVAAS Scores 	Ms. Porter congratulated Meigs Middle School for receiving all A's on their TVAAS scores. A pep rally was held at the school for students to honor their achievement.	
WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Calendar Items 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjournment 	Ms. Simmons adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signatures 	<div style="text-align: center;">  <hr style="width: 150px; margin: 0 auto;"/> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Chris M. Henson Board Secretary</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Gracie Porter Board Chair</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Date</div> </div>	