

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
December 13, 2011

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call 	<p>Members Present: Gracie Porter, Chair; Mark North, Vice-Chair; Dr. Jo Ann Brannon; Dr. Sharon Gentry; Michael Hayes; Ed Kindall; Cheryl D. Mayes; Anna Shepherd; Kay Simmons</p> <p>Member Absent: Jhamia Poole, 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 	Led by Mr. Robbin Wall, Principal of McGavock High School.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition of Audience Guests 	Susan Lyle addressed the Board concerning Coordinated School Health for MNPS. Coordinated School Health is made up of eight modules that are designed to meet the needs of the whole child.	
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> McGavock High School Academy of Digital Design and Communications 	The Board presented McGavock High School Academy of Digital Design and Communications and Country Music Television with a Certificate of Recognition.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maplewood High School Football Team – State TSSAA Semi-Finalists 	The Board presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Maplewood High School Football Team for ending their season as runners-up in the TSSAA State Championship game.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2011 Hume Award Winner – Dustin Binkley 	The Board presented Dustin Binkley with a Certificate of Recognition for receiving the 2011 Hume Award.	
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yolanda Martin – Closure of Drexel Preparatory Academy 	Ms. Martin addressed the Board concerning the closure of Drexel Preparatory Academy. Ms. Martin asked the Board to consider how the students, parents, staff and community members will be affected by the closure of Drexel Preparatory Academy.	
GOVERNANCE ISSUES		
<p>1. ACTIONS</p> <p>2. Consent Agenda</p>	<p>Mr. North read the following consent agenda items: IV-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes-11/22/11 Regular Meeting; IV-A-1-b- Change Order #1 for Cane Ridge Elementary School – New Building Construction – Bomar Construction Co., Inc. – M-475; IV-A-1-c- Change Order #2 for Cane Ridge Elementary School – Site Work – R.G. Anderson & Co., Inc. – M-472; IV-A-1-d- Change Order #1 for Chadwell Elementary School Additions and Renovations – TG Constructors Inc. – M-469; IV-A-1-e- Change Order #2 for Hermitage Elementary School Additions and Renovations - Dyer & Boger Construction, Inc. –M-449; IV-A-1-f- Change Order #2 for Security Vestibules at Various Schools – Edwards</p>	


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2. Consent Agenda - continued	<p>Construction - M-435; IV-A-1-g- Awarding of Bids and Contracts (1.) Delta Dental, (2.) Martha O'Bryan, (3.) Knowledge Academies, Inc., (4.) ASCD, (5.) AVID Center, (6.) Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, (7.) Headsprout, Inc.; IV-A-1-h- Recommended Approval of Requests for Compulsory Attendance Waiver; IV-A-1-i- Recommended Approval of Proposed Letter of Agreement for Southern Strategy Group to Continue Providing Services to the Coalition of Large School Systems (Recommended by Advocacy Committee); IV-A-1-j- Recommended Approval of CLASS Legislative Position Statements for 2012 (Recommended by Advocacy Committee); IV-A-1-k- Recommended Approval of 2011-2012 Operating Budget Amendment #1 (Recommended by Budget and Finance Committee).</p> <p>Ms. Shepherd made the motion to accept the consent agenda as read. Dr. Brannon seconded.</p>	VOTE: 9-0 (Unanimous)
REPORTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TLG – Performance of English Learners 	<p>Ms. Nicole Chaput-Guizani presented a Power Point to the Board on TLG- Performance of English Learners.</p> <p>Mr. North asked is there a plan to expand the parental resources for new-comers across the district? Ms. Chaput-Guizani said those resources will begin to be offered across the District. Ms. Shepherd asked what are the methods used to reach parents? Ms. Chaput-Guizani said translators and the call-out systems are some ways used to ensure that all parents receive information needed about the District.</p>	
2. TLG-Central Office Effectiveness	<p>Dr. Register presented a report to the Board on the TLG-Central Office Effectiveness.</p> <p>Ms. Simmons asked how should the Board measure the effectiveness of the reform of the Central Office? Dr. Register said that would be a report based on MNPS Achieves.</p>	
3. 2011 Tennessee Department of Education Report Card	<p>Dr. Chngas presented the 2011 Tennessee Department of Education Report Card to the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Mayes stated that the event dropout rate decrease is fantastic. She asked if the decrease could be contributed to the alternative learning choices available for students? Dr. Chngas said as data is evaluated, relationships seem to be a</p>	

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2011 Tennessee Department of Education Report Card - continued	key detail for student achievement. Mr. North asked in K-8 value-added scores, is there a way to see scores by grade level? Dr. Chngas said we do receive a district summary by grade and year. It is fairly consistent and we are seeing some of the greatest gains in the middle school area. Dr. Chngas said he would be happy to provide that information by grade level and even school level. Ms. Porter asked if there was correlation between the choice options and the dropout rate? Dr. Chngas said yes. Mr. Kindall asked how can we use this information to evaluate the success of individual programs? Dr. Chngas said it is possible to evaluate the success of programs. Mr. Kindall asked how can we use the successes of some schools to help other schools? Dr. Chngas said our office is working on evaluating achievement and growth, to find best practices that we can model.	
4. 2012-2018 Capital Master Plan	Mr. Edgens presented the 2012-2018 Capital Master Plan to the Board. Ms. Simmons asked what year did the Mayor recommend the \$200 million bond issue for schools? Mr. Edgens said it was the 1998 School Improvement Plan. Ms. Simmons asked how would you describe the condition of MNPS facilities? Mr. Edgens said we have a lot of aged buildings that have to be conformed to service the needed technology.	
5. Memorandum of Agreement Between the Tennessee Department of Education and MNPS	Dr. Register reported to the Board the Memorandum of Agreement between the Tennessee Department of Education and MNPS. MNPS is no longer considered a high-risk sub-grantee and is now in Good Standing.	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
• McGavock Cluster Coalition	Ms. Shepherd announced that the McGavock Cluster Coalition will meet on December 14 th at 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at McGavock High School.	
• Advocacy Committee	Ms. Shepherd said the Advocacy Committee met on December 6 th .	
• Winter Graduates	Ms. Shepherd congratulated all of the winter graduates.	
• Shwab Elementary School	Ms. Porter announced that she visited Shwab Elementary School on December 12 th to read to the 2 nd graders.	
• Drexel Preparatory Academy	Ms. Porter announced that a hearing concerning Drexel Preparatory Academy would be held December 19 th at 4:30 p.m.	
• Board Meeting and Work Session	Ms. Porter announced that the next Board meeting will be January 10 th . Beginning in January, there will only be one meeting and one work session each month.	

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WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
• Board Calendar Items		
• Sales Tax Collections as of December 20, 2011		
• Adjournment	Ms. Simmons adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.	
• Signatures	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <hr style="width: 150px; margin: 0 auto;"/> Chris M. Henson Board Secretary </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <hr style="width: 150px; margin: 0 auto;"/> Gracie Porter Date Board Chair </div> </div>	