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TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll Call</li> </ul>	<p>Members Present: Mark North, Vice-Chair; Dr. Jo Ann Brannon; Dr. Sharon Gentry; Michael Hayes; Ed Kindall; Cheryl D. Mayes; Anna Shepherd; and Kay Simmons</p> <p>Member Absent: Gracie Porter, Chair</p> <p>Mr. North called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pledge of Allegiance</li> </ul>	Led by Erica Lanier, Chair of the Parent Advisory Council.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Memoriam – Suzette Kavanaugh</li> </ul>	<p><b>Suzette Kavanaugh 08/25/48 – 07/09/11</b> - Suzette Kavanaugh passed away on July 9, 2011. She worked for 19 years as the secretary/bookkeeper at Hickman Elementary School. She spent her lifetime in the Donelson community. She graduated from Donelson High School and married her school sweetheart, Mike Kavanaugh. Two beautiful children completed their early family: Michael, who works as a Centerstone counselor at Spectrum and Upper Murrell; and Deanna, who lives in the White House community. Now there are two grandchildren in the family, too. Suzette began working with children and staff at Hickman as a volunteer when her children began school. She invested many, many hours and eventually worked herself into a job. In August 1991, she started to work as the secretary/bookkeeper at the Hickman Annex, which was housed in the current Stanford Montessori building when Hickman School was located on Ironwood Drive. She continued to serve in the same position when the Hickman school family moved into the new building on the Donelson Middle School campus. Suzette was dedicated to her job and to Hickman Elementary School. She served the community with honesty, integrity, and a genuine love for the faculty and students at Hickman. She had a way with parents that put their minds at ease whenever they were anxious about their children.</p>	
<b>AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scientists in the Classroom Partnership with Vanderbilt Center for Science Outreach</li> </ul>	Jeannie Tuschl, Program Coordinator for the Scientists in the Classroom Partnership with Vanderbilt Center for Science Outreach, introduced each of the scientists working within MNPS schools, and the Board presented each with a Certificate of Appreciation for their commitment to MNPS students.	
<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erica Lanier – Balanced Calendar</li> </ul>	Ms. Lanier addressed the Board concerning the balanced calendar proposal. She asked the Board to ensure that the calendar vote is based on the calendar that will best serve the students of MNPS.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laura Delgado – Proposed Calendars</li> </ul>	Ms. Delgado addressed her support of the proposed balanced calendar which offers additional school days for students.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Francie Hunt – Balanced Calendar</li> </ul>	Ms. Hunt addressed the Board concerning the balanced calendar on behalf of Stand for Children, and asked the Board to support a balanced calendar.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emma Osa-Oni – Balanced Calendar</li> </ul>	Ms. Osa-Oni stated that she was in support of the balanced calendar.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bonnie Spear – Balanced Calendar</li> </ul>	Ms. Spear addressed the Board concerning her support of the balanced calendar, and asked the Board to vote for a balanced calendar.	
<b>GOVERNANCE ISSUES</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACTIONS</li> <li>Consent Agenda</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ms. Mayes read the following consent agenda items: IV-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes – 7/12/11 Regular Meeting; IV-A-1-b- Recommended Approval of Lease for LEAD Academy’s Use of Brookmeade Building; IV-A-1-c- Awarding of Bids and Contracts (1.) Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (2.) Rural Metro of Tennessee, L.P. dba Rural Metro Ambulance, (3.) Special Security, Inc.</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Shepherd made the motion to accept the consent agenda as read. Dr. Brannon seconded.</b></p>	<b>VOTE: 8-0</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommended Approval of 2012-2013 Student Assignment Proposal</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Weber presented the 2012-2013 Student Assignment Proposal.</p> <p><b>Ms. Simmons made the motion to approve the Student Assignment Plan (Antioch and Cane Ridge Clusters) as presented by Chris Weber for Cane Ridge. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Shepherd made the motion to approve the Hunter’s Lane Cluster Student Assignment Plan as presented. Dr. Brannon seconded.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Kindall made the motion to approve the Pearl-Cohn Cluster Student Assignment Plan as presented. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</b></p> <p>Mr. Kindall asked how does the change in the Geographic Priority Zone affect diversity? Dr. Register said the GPZ is designed to pull in students who live around the school, but not necessarily to affect the “diversity” of the school. Mr. Hayes asked if prior to the Student Assignment Task Force meeting, the Task Force could consider a five or ten year plan for the Hillsboro Cluster that specifically addresses overcrowding? Mr. Weber said his office will begin reviewing projections, and working on an initial report. Mr. Kindall said he</p>	<p><b>VOTE: 8-0</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: 8-0</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: 8-0</b></p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommended Approval of 2012-2013 Student Assignment Proposal - continued</li> </ul>	<p>originally opposed Carter-Lawrence changing to a partial magnet school. Had the changes not taken place, there may have been more children at Percy Priest and other schools. Dr. Register said there is a need for more space in many schools, but the problem is deciding how to best develop a pupil assignment plan that will create diversity.</p> <p><b>Ms. Shepherd made the motion to approve the Geographic Priority Zones in the Student Assignment Plan as presented. Ms. Simmons seconded.</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE: 8-0</b></p>
<b>REPORTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Director's Report               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TLG-Central Office Effectiveness</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Fred Carr, Ms. Marla Ucelli-Kashyap, and Mr. Chris Henson presented to the Board a report from the TLG-Central Office Effectiveness. Dr. Register introduced Lisa Wiltshire, the Assistant to the Director for Strategic Planning and Management and Tamara Fentress, the Assistant for Program Results Management.</p> <p>Mr. Kindall stated that he would like the Board to receive reports throughout the year that actually analyze the results of the student drop-out rate and student achievement. "We must analyze results to find out whether or not progress is actually being made." Mr. North said as the culture changes in the Central Office, and collaboration and communication improve, that same spirit should trickle down to the schools. "The idea of project management is to watch and chart how changes in the Central Office translate, which is very important and I look forward to the results."</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2012-2013 Calendar Options</li> </ol>	<p>Dr. Register presented the Calendar Options to the Board in a PowerPoint.</p> <p>Mr. North made the following comments: There are two general issues: (1.) Should we spread out the school year by shortening the summer to address the achievement gap, with concerns being the replacement of cool weather days with more hot weather days and ensuring our facilities' air conditioners can handle such a change? (2.) The 180-day calendar and the concern with this calendar is how it will affect the budget? Mr. North asked if facilities will be able to handle the hot weather? And how will the calendar affect snow days? Dr. Register said every year we run the risk of having hot days with school air units being stressed and hot school buses. These are concerns in August, as well as September. Ms. Shepherd asked if it had been considered to use the intercession time to address options for Gifted/Exceptional students? Dr. Register said, yes, we hope to have community involvement to help provide enrichment activities. Mr. Kindall said he wasn't sure the Board needed to</p>	


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2. 2012-2013 Calendar Options - continued	<p>consider budget implications in considering the calendar. The Board must make the decision based on what is best for student learning and student achievement. Dr. Register stated that Mr. Kindall made a good point. If funding is not available, the result will be a balanced calendar without the additional days. Ms. Mayes asked when will the results of the survey be available? Dr. Register said the results should be available the next day after the survey is executed. Ms. Mayes asked if the adopted calendar will be ongoing? Dr. Register said the recommendation would be to stay with the calendar for at least two to three years. Ms. Mayes assured the public that a decision on the calendar had not been made, and she encouraged the community to offer each Board member feedback on the calendar. Mr. Hayes asked if the Administration had a copy of the report the Franklin Special School District did on their use of the balanced calendar? Dr. Register said that report can be provided. Mr. Hayes asked if there was discussion around a balanced calendar with more summer school opportunities for our English Language Learners? Dr. Register said that could be an option, but capacity issues may be a concern. Ms. Simmons asked if the option of providing more days after testing ends, by extending the school year until June, could be considered? Dr. Register said that could be an option, but that option has not been considered. The Administration is willing to develop a calendar based on options that the Board recommends. Dr. Gentry asked if the survey call could state when exactly the optional school days would be held? Dr. Register said yes, that can be done. Mr. Hayes asked about the funding implications for a balanced calendar if our budget decreases next year? Dr. Register said his hope is that the Mayor and Council will continue to fully fund education.</p>	
3. 2010-2011 District AYP Status	<p>Dr. Chngas presented the 2010-2011 District AYP Status report to the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Kindall asked what can be done about closing the achievement gap as it relates to African-American students? Is this information being analyzed to develop solutions to close the gap? Dr. Chngas said the gap widened due to the new standards. We are looking at every student's data, and we have TLG's that are also addressing these issues. Dr. Gentry asked what does a school leadership team do to change the performance numbers of certain groups of students? Dr. Chngas said there are many interventions in place. Dr. Hall said school schedules have been extended, and teachers are provided with the needed training. Ms. Steele said we are very intentional about how to work with students effectively. Mr. Kindall asked what can specifically be done to address the achievement gap issues and to show that MNPS is actually making</p>	

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3. 2010-2011 District AYP Status - continued	progress in this area? Dr. Register said he hopes that the reform initiatives that he has put in place will create positive results. Mr. Kindall said in order to get the needed results, it is imperative that every teacher believes that every child can learn. Ms. Simmons asked if we should begin to see results next year? Dr. Register said, yes, we should begin to see the benefits of these changes occur this year. Mr. Hayes asked if the graduation rate improvement is from the 2009-2010 school year? Dr. Chngas said, yes, that is 2009-2010 data. We do not have the updated data at this point.	
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
• Updated State Law Requirements on Immunizations	Mr. North announced that State law now requires 7 <sup>th</sup> grade students to have two additional immunizations. If students report to school without the updated immunization certificate, the following things will happen: (1.) The parents will be given five days to provide the updated certificates, (2.) After five days, the students will not be allowed to attend school until the information is provided. Schools will send students home after five days if the proper certificate is not provided.	
• Immunization Clinic	The Metro Public Health Department will be holding their annual immunization clinic August 8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> and August 15 <sup>th</sup> . The clinic will be held at the Lentz Public Health Center, 311 23 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue North from 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. daily.	
• The Golf Channel	Mr. North announced that Pearl-Cohn is the recipient of a very generous donation from The Golf Channel. Todd Young, broadcasting teacher at Pearl-Cohn, has offered an idea to express the District's appreciation to The Golf Channel that will require Board participation. We are asking that you meet here at 4:00 p.m. prior to the August 23 <sup>rd</sup> Board meeting. The Golf Channel provided Pearl-Cohn with millions of dollars in broadcasting equipment.	
• First Day of School	Mr. North announced Thursday, August 11 <sup>th</sup> is the first day of school and a half-day for all students. The first full day is Monday, August 15 <sup>th</sup> .	
• McGavock Cluster Coalition	Ms. Shepherd announced that the McGavock Cluster Coalition will be welcoming students back to McGavock High School on August 15 <sup>th</sup> .	
• Hermitage Elementary	Ms. Shepherd announced that she will be attending Hermitage Elementary on August 15 <sup>th</sup> to help welcome students.	
• Glenview Elementary	Ms. Mayes announced that Glenview Elementary's Open House will be held August 18 <sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.	
• Antioch High School	Ms. Mayes announced that Antioch High School's Open House will be held August 25 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.	

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• Condolences	Ms. Mayes, on behalf of the Board, extended condolences to the family and friends of Kennedy Goodloe, a student at A.Z. Kelley Elementary School. Kennedy passed away on July 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	
<b>WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD</b>		
• Sales Tax Collections as of July 20, 2011		
• Board Calendar Items		
• Adjournment	Ms. Simmons adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.	
• Signatures	 <div>Chris M. Henson                      Gracie Porter                      Date</div> <div>Board Secretary                      Board Chair</div>	