

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools  
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll Call</li> </ul>	<p>Members Present: Gracie Porter, Chair; Mark North, Vice-Chair; Dr. Jo Ann Brannon; Michael Hayes; Dr. Sharon Gentry; Ed Kindall; Cheryl D. Mayes; Anna Shepherd; Kay Simmons; Antwan Steele and Jhamia Poole, Student Board Members</p> <p>Ms. Porter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pledge of Allegiance</li> </ul>	<p>Led by Dr. Linda DePriest, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Support.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Board Member Report</li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Poole made the following report: There are plans on May 20<sup>th</sup> for a group of T-MAC and Director's Student Advisory Council students to visit TSU, Belmont, Lipscomb, Fisk, and Trevecca for a tour and information session on admission. This will be the second educational tour that provides us with more direct exposure to universities. Mr. Steele made the following report: On April 17<sup>th</sup>, T-MAC and the Director's Student Advisory Council meeting was hosted by McGavock High School. We received an informative presentation from Metro Nashville Police Department's Kennetha Sawyers, Director of the Office of Professional Accountability, and Officer Johnson. Both presented information dealing with traffic stops. We learned how to respond appropriately when stopped by police officers for traffic violations. As a result, we understand that our protection is equally as important as the protection of the officer. Students participated in a service-learning project in partnership with Pearman Photography on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Students assisted with services to the homeless community, which took place at the Country Music Hall of Fame Park.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Memoriam – Betty Goldweig - 09/18/50–04/05/11</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. DePriest read the following In Memoriam for Betty Goldzweig. Betty Goldzweig passed away March 5<sup>th</sup> after a valiant battle with breast cancer. She was employed by Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools for 18 years, most recently working as an exceptional education consultant. Betty had over 30 years of experience working with at-risk youth and their families. She was a wife, mother, teacher, mentor, and advocate. Most of all, Betty was a friend to everyone who knew her. She was a role model to many and exemplified the spirit of collaboration in all her endeavors.</p> <p>She leaves behind her beloved husband, Irwin, her daughters Anna Lockwood and Rachel Goldzweig, and new grandson, Henry Lockwood. She will be dearly missed by all those who knew and loved her.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Memoriam - Lorraine Johnson -01/16/50 – 03/17/11</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. De Priest read the following In Memoriam for Lorraine Johnson. Lorraine Johnson passed away March 17<sup>th</sup> after a long, courageous battle with breast cancer. She served Metro Schools over 30 years as an educator, a principal, and most recently, an exceptional education coordinator. An extraordinary</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Memoriam – Lorraine Johnson- continued</li> </ul>	<p>person, Lorraine’s legacy will be passed on through those fortunate enough to have met and known her. At Lorraine’s memorial service, a long time friend described Lorraine as having a “servant heart”. Indeed, her loyalty and support to school staff, parents, children, and community members was clearly evident in her day-to-day life. She was a role model to many and exemplified the spirit of service to others. Lorraine will be deeply missed by her devoted husband, Rory Johnson, daughters, Stephanni Montgomery and Emily Taylor, grandchildren, Taylor and Ryan, additional relatives, colleagues, and many cherished friends.</p>	
<b>SPECIAL RECOGNITION</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher of the Year Runners-Up</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Keel announced the following Teacher of the Year Runners-Up who were not recognized at the Teacher of the Year ceremony: Ashley Jarrell, MLK Magnet High; Kent Messner, Margaret Allen Middle; and Constance Wade, Cockrill Elementary.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US Community Credit Union Partnership with McGavock High School</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Steele presented an overview of the US Community Credit Union partnership with McGavock High School. This partnership will establish a student-run credit union in McGavock’s Academy of Hospitality and Finance.</p>	
<b>GOVERNANCE ISSUES</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACTIONS</li> <li>Consent Agenda</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. North read the following consent agenda items: III-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes – 4/12/11 Regular Board Meeting; III-A-1-b – Amendment G for HVAC Water Management – Flozone Services, Inc. –L-1938; III-A-1-c- Awarding of Bids and Contracts (1.) Proquest LLC, (2.) US Community Credit Union, III-A-1-d- Recommended Approval of Request for Compulsory Attendance Waiver.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Kindall made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Brannon seconded.</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE: 9-0 - Unanimous</b></p>
<b>REPORTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Director’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School for Science and Math at Vanderbilt Student Presentation – Dr. Angela Eeds</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Musarrat Maisha and Yi-Ting Huang from the School for Science and Math at Vanderbilt presented the results of a study conducted on “Getting Active: Benefits of Aftercare Program for MNPS Students.”</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Budget Update</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Register said the Mayor's Budget recommendation includes a \$37.5 million increase for MNPS, which includes BEP funding and local funds from Metro Government. It is the amount of the original request from the budget hearing with the Mayor. Mr. Henson added that with the additional 130 teachers we have included in next year's budget, we will still see a dramatic decrease in teacher positions. Governor Haslam has proposed a 1.6% state teacher raise, which would add \$4.3 million to the MNPS budget. We will have to look to see what adjustments or reductions might need to be made in order to provide the state teacher raise.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Board Chairman's Report               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ NSBA/CUBE Annual Conference</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Porter presented a report on her trip to the NSBA/CUBE Annual Conference. At the conference, the group learned innovations in education to make districts better and to strengthen student achievement. New ideas were discussed to provide quality education during this difficult economic time. This conference offers Board members leadership development opportunities and time to collaborate with Board members from across the country. Some of the subjects discussed during the conference were: Increasing Student Achievement, Federal Legislation and Funding, Educational Technology, and more. During the trip, the group visited Abraham Lincoln High School; this school has 2,350 students with a graduation rate of 95%. Lincoln High School offers a rigorous AP and Honors program, services for severe and non-severe special education students, Career Academies, Wellness programs, and more. Ms. Porter was thoroughly impressed with this school and looks forward to similar successes in MNPS.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Council of the Great City Schools</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Brannon presented a report on her trip to the Council of the Great City Schools conference. This year's Legislative Conference for the CGCS, held in March, was pre-empted by a collaborative full-day Unite To Make A Difference education forum co-sponsored by the CGCS and USA Today at their headquarters in VA. The President and Publisher of USA Today, David Hunke, welcomed teachers, principals, and students from VA and DC. The Executive Director of CGCS, Mike Casserly, gave a passionate address in which he challenged the corporate community throughout the nation to step forward as a voice for ALL students in public schools to ensure that the quality of education be lifted to a higher level so that more students can graduate, attend college, and become successful. He also made references to the Council's report "A Call For Change". Panelists for this event included Superintendents from Urban School districts. (Carol Johnson, Boston; Alberto Carvalho, Miami Dade; Arlene Ackerman, Philadelphia; James Williams, Buffalo; Mary Elia, Hillsborough County Tampa; and Eugene White, Indianapolis). Corporate panelists included representatives from Microsoft, Behrens, Best Buy, Capital One Financial, Bechtel Engineering, and Digital Development. Questions for panelists included, "What are public education's greatest challenges and how to collaboratively address the key issues," "How can the business community support the changing student population," and "How do we measure the impact/success of new programming?" Another highlight of the forum was an address by Alma Powell, who is the spokesperson for America's Promise Alliance, the largest partnership organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and youth in our nation. The Alliance believes the success of our young people is grounded in the Five Promises – Caring Adults, Safe Places, A Healthy Start, An Effective Education, and Opportunities to Help Others.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Council of the Great City Schools - continued</li> </ul>	<p>The Legislative Conference began the following day with gloom and doom reports from Jeff Simering, Director of Legislation for CGCS, stating that there was no light at the end of the financial tunnel. With the threat of cuts of \$100 billion from the federal budget, it appeared that cuts to education would be fair game. If ongoing negotiations cannot be resolved, the \$5 billion in cuts will directly affect education, in the areas of Technology, Title II-D, Vocational Tech, School Improvement Grants, and Teacher Quality Grants. Most devastating were the proposed cuts of \$694 million in Title I funds. So, the question remains as to whether the federal government will maintain its historic support for disadvantaged, minority, language minority, and students with disabilities. CGCS believes that every child deserves a better break than they are getting. She also announced that the CGCS Annual Fall Conference will be held in Boston on October 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. The theme this year is An Education Revolution.</p>	


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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Advanced Academics</li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Simmons made the following comments and requests of the Administration: I would like to follow-up on my response to the overwhelming community and stakeholder concern about the transfer of a highly regarded educator at Hillsboro, and more important, the concern over the future of high academic programs at this school and others. I would like to request a report at the beginning of the new school year, and at the end of the first semester of 2011, on the progress and growth of the IB program at Hillsboro, on the leadership of the new coordinator at Hillsboro, and on the affect, if any, on other high academic (AP) classes. I am also concerned about Hillwood High School and would love to know the same for them. I assume my colleagues have similar concerns, and maybe the report should address this issue across the district. I want to emphasize that this request in no way reflects negatively on the solid leadership of Dr. Register and his team, nor does it question the personnel decisions made at Hillsboro, or any attempt to interfere with those decisions. It only is meant to monitor the programs of rigor at our schools. I would go on to say, that although the work of reforming our schools and the implementation of the academies at all high schools in our district is very promising, we must not “throw the baby out with the bathwater” and neglect the importance of ensuring there are high academic programs in all our comprehensive high schools. If we fail to pay attention to raising the bar for all students, we will never be the “first choice for all families” in Nashville. We all have received a tremendous amount of calls concerning the IB program at Hillsboro. I am confident that the Hillsboro program will continue to grow into the future, and I am also excited about the expansion of the program into lower grade levels. The goal of MNPS should be to prepare students for college, ensuring that they make a 21 on the ACT so that they can be eligible for the Hope Scholarship. Also, concentrating on ensuring that all TLG Reports are relevant will also help reinforce Ms. Simmons concerns. Mr. Hayes announced that three Hillsboro students applied for the Chinese Summer Bridge program, and more information will be provided in the future.</p>	
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whites Creek High School</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. North congratulated Whites Creek High School for opening the new Center for Alternative Energy.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hume-Fogg High School</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. North congratulated Hume-Fogg High School for hosting the Mayor’s State of Metro Address on April 26th.</p>	

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• MNPS Youth Safety Summit	Ms. Mayes announced the Youth Safety Summit will be held Saturday, April 30 <sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Martin Professional Development Center. She also announced the pick-up and drop-off sites for persons needing transportation to the event.	
• Ms. Shepherd Notice of Motion	Ms. Shepherd made the following Notice of Motion: Last month, in an expression of overwhelming support of our only employee, Dr. Register, the Board unanimously approved a glowing evaluation of the previous year's work and accomplishments of Dr. Register. To reward his efforts and to further express our confidence, I think it is incumbent upon us to go full circle and offer a contract extension and renewal. I believe this action aligns with the support clearly expressed in the results of his evaluation. Accordingly, I am giving notice that I will be bringing a motion at the May 10, 2011 regular Board meeting to extend and renew Dr. Register's contract until June 30, 2015.	
• The Teacher Leadership Institute	Ms. Porter announced that on Tuesday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. – the Teacher Leadership Institute Reception will be held at the Wyatt Center Rotunda at the Peabody College of Education at Vanderbilt.	
• 30 and 40 Year Service Awards	Ms. Porter announced that on Tuesday, May 10 <sup>th</sup> , the Board and Dr. Register will honor employees who have provided 30 and 40 years of service to Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools.	
• Salute to Excellence	Ms. Porter announced that on Monday, May 16 <sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will have our annual Salute to Excellence, where the Board and Dr. Register will recognize student excellence. It will be held at the Martin Professional Development Center.	
• Sherrard and Roe and The Nashville Bar Association	Ms. Simmons thanked the Sherrard and Roe law firm for donating furniture and \$1,800 to MNPS. The Nashville Bar Association will also be donating furniture to MNPS.	
• Glenview Elementary	Ms. Mayes thanked the staff and students at Glenview Elementary for their dedication of the new classroom wing at Glenview Elementary School.	
• Crieve Hall Elementary	Ms. Porter announced Crieve Hall Elementary will have its dedication ceremony on April 29 <sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.	
<b>WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD</b>		
• Sales Tax Collections as of April 20, 2011		
• Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget Financial Report		
• Board Calendar Items		
• Adjournment	Ms. Simmons adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.	

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