

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

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
<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; 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"> <li>Pledge of Allegiance</li> </ul>	<p>Led by Gary Appenfelder, MNPS Director of Purchasing and U.S. Veteran.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recognition of Special Guests               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Albert Tieche, Administrator of Elections – High School Voter Registration Drive</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Tieche thanked the Board for allowing the Election Commission to use MNPS schools as voting precincts. He addressed the Board concerning conducting voter registration drives within MNPS high schools. He asked the Board to designate a teacher at each high school to serve as a liaison for the Election Commission to assist in the future with registering 17 and 18 year old students to vote.</p> <p>Ms. Simmons said she is grateful to the Election Commission for encouraging students to register to vote. Ms. Porter thanked the Election Commission for their hard work.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Board Member Report</li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Poole made the following comments: A joint T-MAC and Director's Student Advisory Council meeting was held on October 21<sup>st</sup>. We engaged in an activity with Mr. Jonathan Orr, Program Manager for Tennessee Safe Schools and a T-MAC advisor on identifying school bullying slogans for the development and marketing of an anonymous texting program. This program is pending approval, and I will report the results at a later date. On November 7<sup>th</sup>, students representing T-MAC and the Director's Student Advisory Council, participated in the 4<sup>th</sup> bi-annual interactive dialogue with Lipscomb University pre-service teachers. Our next meeting is November 17<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted by McGavock High School.</p>	
<b>AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Donna Nicely – Retired Director of Nashville Public Library</li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Nicely received an Award of Recognition for her support of MNPS and her tireless efforts with Limitless Libraries while serving as the Director of the Nashville Public Library.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Confucius Institute at the University of Memphis</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Terry Shrader addressed the Board on the dedication of the Confucius Classroom at Hillsboro High School. Hillsboro has a partnership with the University of Memphis Confucius Institute in which students are able to explore Chinese language learning as well as cultural exchanges.</p>	


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<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cesar Muedas – School Vouchers Equal School Choice</li> </ul>	Mr. Muedas addressed the Board concerning School Vouchers Equal School Choice. He asked the Board to support the idea of vouchers.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erick Huth, MNEA – American Education Week</li> </ul>	Dr. Huth addressed the Board concerning American Education Week. He asked the Board to join MNEA in Celebrating the 90 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of American Education Week. He thanked the Board for their support on the school voucher issue. He also stated that teachers and principals are very concerned about the teacher evaluation TEAM model.	
<b>GOVERNANCE ISSUES</b>		
1. ACTIONS 2. Consent Agenda	<p><b>Mr. North read the following consent agenda items: IV-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes-10/25/2011 Regular Meeting; IV-A-1-b- Change Order #2 for ADA Improvements at Whites Creek High School – Edwards Construction, Inc. – M-419; IV-A-1-c- Awarding of Bids and Contracts (1.) Municipal Auditorium, (2.) Vanderbilt University (Sub-award agreement), (3.) Expeditionary Learning, (4.) Buck Institute for Education, (5.) DK Brand Strategy, (6.) Riddell; IV-A-1-d- Recommended Approval of Requests for Compulsory Attendance Waiver.</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Shepherd made the motion to accept the consent agenda as read. Dr. Brannon seconded.</b></p>	<b>VOTE: 9-0 (Unanimous)</b>
<b>REPORTS</b>		
3. Director's Report 1. Teacher Evaluation Update	<p>Dr. Register presented a Teacher Evaluation Update to the Board, reviewing the Tennessee State Board of Education modifications of the Teacher and Principal Evaluation Policy.</p> <p>Ms. Simmons asked if the Tennessee State Board of Education modifications will be implemented? Dr. Register said he is not sure of how MNPS will respond to the modifications. The modification offers more flexibility, which could result in some changes in how MNPS conducts the teacher evaluations. It is important that we use the new teacher evaluation process to create conversations around improving instruction in the classroom, and not just for the purpose of firing teachers. Mr. North said it is important that we remain focused in the classroom so that students continue to excel. He expressed concern about the reliability and accuracy of the evaluations, and wants to ensure that we are consistently reliable and accurate on the teacher evaluations. Mr. Kindall said he would like to further discuss the environmental domain of</p>	

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1. Teacher Evaluation Update - continued	the teacher evaluation at another time.	
2. Update on Vouchers	<p>Dr. Register stated that he and Mr. North addressed the House Education Committee representing the Urban School Systems in Tennessee (Shelby, Hamilton, Davidson, and Knox Counties). Some of the points made to the House Education Committee were: (1.) That the voucher mandate is unfunded, (2.) Research concerning the positive effects of vouchers is inconclusive, (3.) Why is the issue of vouchers brought up at this time?</p> <p>Mr. North said he and Dr. Register addressed the House Education Committee concerning the voucher resolution approved by the Board. The House sponsor made it clear that he would not consider the Board's resolution and noted the voucher issue will be a challenging one to those in opposition. Mr. Kindall and Ms. Porter thanked Dr. Register and Mr. North for their work and support at the Legislature.</p>	
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
• McGavock Cluster Parent Advisory Council	Ms. Shepherd announced that the McGavock Cluster Parent Advisory Council will meet November 14 <sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at McGavock High School. Allison Vai, Coordinator of Magnet Marketing, will be in attendance to discuss magnet school options with parents.	
• Apollo Middle School PTSO meeting	Ms. Mayes announced that the Apollo Middle School PTSO will meet November 8 <sup>th</sup> . Parents will be learning how to use GradeSpeed at the meeting.	
• Cane Ridge High School PTSO meeting	Ms. Mayes announced that the Cane Ridge High School PTSO will hold a meeting on November 10 <sup>th</sup> . Discussion will be held at the meeting concerning the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction, which will be held at Cane Ridge on November 12 <sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.	
• Antioch High School – Wizard of Oz	Ms. Mayes announced that Antioch High School's performing arts class will be presenting the Wizard of Oz on November 10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> .	
• Youth Safety Summit Meeting	Ms. Mayes announced the Youth Safety Summit meeting will be held on November 11 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. at the Martin Center.	
• State Cross Country Champion	Mr. North congratulated Sam Klockenkemper, a student at MLK, who is the State Champion of Cross Country.	
• Community Task Force on Student Assignment	Mr. North announced that the Community Task Force on Student Assignment will meet on November 17 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Museum of African American Music</li> </ul>	Ms. Porter announced that she attended a meeting concerning the National Museum of African American Music. The museum is scheduled to be built on the corner of Jefferson Street and Rosa Parks Blvd. Ms. Porter stated that she believed this museum will be a great addition to the city of Nashville.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TSBA Annual Convention</li> </ul>	Ms. Porter announced the TSBA Annual Convention will be held November 13 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> . The Coalition of Large School Systems (CLASS) will meet on November 14 <sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Meeting Schedule</li> </ul>	The next Board meeting will be November 22 <sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. There will be only one Board meeting in December on the 13 <sup>th</sup> . Beginning January 2012, the Board will hold only one Board meeting and one work session per month.	
<b>WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Calendar Items</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjournment</li> </ul>	Ms. Simmons adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signatures</li> </ul>	 <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <u>Chris M. Henson</u> Board Secretary         </div> <div> <u>Gracie Porter</u> Board Chair         </div> <div> <u>                    </u> Date         </div> </div>	