

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
October 11, 2011

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
Roll Call	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; and Jhamia Poole, Student Board Member Ms. Porter called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.	
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by Stephen Henry, MNEA President.	
Student Board Member Report	Ms. Poole gave the following report: T-MAC and the Director's Advisory Council met in September at the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel. Ms. Poole reviewed several of the questions addressed during the meeting. The students in attendance discussed issues relating to School Culture, School Safety, and Health and Wellness. She also announced that T-MAC and the Director's Advisory Council have been invited to attend a panel discussion with the Pre-Service Teachers at Lipscomb University. Also, former Student Board member Antwan Steele will be serving as a Youth Advisor for T-MAC. The next scheduled T-MAC meeting will be October 27th.	
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION		
Catrenna McCord – Cheerleaders at Hunters Lane	Ms. McCord addressed the Board concerning the Cheerleading squad at Hunters Lane High School. She asked the Board to research issues relating to the cheerleading sponsor at Hunters Lane.	
Carmita Ikeard – Cheerleaders at Hunters Lane	Ms. Ikeard addressed the Board concerning the Cheerleading squad at Hunters Lane High School. She asked the Board to audit the cheerleading budget.	
Stephanie Rankin – Cheerleaders at Hunters Lane	Ms. Rankin addressed the Board concerning financial issues at Hunters Lane High School in the cheerleading department. She asked the Board to conduct an audit of the cheerleading program.	
Toni Alderson – Cheerleaders at Hunters Lane	Ms. Alderson addressed the Board concerning the Hunters Lane Cheerleading squad. She asked the Board to research the unfair treatment of students on the cheerleading squad.	
Kyla Rankin – Cheerleaders at Hunters Lane	Ms. Rankin addressed the Board concerning the Hunters Lane Cheerleading squad. She asked the Board to research financial issues in the cheerleading department.	
Isophine Childress - Cheerleaders at Hunters Lane	Ms. Childress addressed the Board concerning the Hunters Lane Cheerleading squad. She asked the Board to research unfair treatment of cheerleaders and financial issues concerning the cheerleading program.	
Hope Baynham - Cheerleaders at Hunters Lane	Ms. Baynham addressed the Board concerning the Hunters Lane Cheerleading squad. She asked the Board to research the unfair treatment of cheerleaders on the squad.	

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• Daisha Zirker - Cheerleaders at Hunters Lane	Ms. Zirker addressed the Board concerning the Hunters Lane Cheerleading squad. She asked the Board to research financial concerns surrounding the cheerleading budget.	
• Laetitia Armstrong - Cheerleaders at Hunters Lane	Ms. Armstrong addressed the Board concerning the Hunters Lane Cheerleading squad. She asked the Board to research the unfair treatment on the squad and also issues relating to uniforms, etc.	
• Britney Ikeard - Cheerleaders at Hunters Lane	Ms. Ikeard addressed the Board concerning the Hunters Lane High School Cheerleading squad. She asked the Board to address concerns about the cheerleader's coaching staff.	
GOVENANCE ISSUES		
1. ACTIONS 2. Consent Agenda	Mr. North read the following consent agenda items: IV-1-a- Approval of Minutes – 9/27/11 Regular Meeting; IV-A-1-b- Recommended Award of Contract for Prototypical Playgrounds at Various Schools – Custom Recreation – MBOE 11-003; IV-A-1-c - Change Order #1 for Hermitage Elementary Additions and Renovations - Dyer & Boger Construction, Inc. – M-449; IV-A-1-d- Change Order #4 for Maplewood High School Additions and Renovations – Robert S. Biscan & Company - M-413; IV-A-1-e- Awarding of Bids and Contracts (1.) Beacon Technologies, (2.) PENCIL Foundation, (3.) Kathryn Dillard, (4.) Educational Funding Partners, (5.) School Sports Media, LLC; IV-A-1-f- Recommended Approval of Requests for Compulsory Attendance Waiver; IV-A-1-g- Recommended Approval of 2011 Extended Learning Contract. Ms. Shepherd made the motion to accept the consent agenda as read. Dr. Brannon seconded.	VOTE: 9-0
REPORTS		
3. Director's Report 1. TLG - Communication Systems	Olivia Brown and Meredith Libbey, with the Communication Systems TLG, presented a Power Point to the Board. Ms. Mayes asked the Communications Department to consider promoting Middle College, and asked about the status of the mystery shopper program for Customer Service? Ms. Libbey said they are currently looking for a firm to help to develop a mystery shopper program to train staff. Ms. Shepherd asked if there is a reason that there are fewer stories this year compared to last year? Ms. Libbey said media coverage depends upon the issues going on in the District. Ms. Shepherd asked why are we focusing on informing the public	

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1. TLG- Communication Systems - continued	about MNPS middle schools? Ms. Libbey said middle school is a transition period, and we want parents to be comforted during that period. So, we decided to focus in on middle school promotion and development, but we will still promote all schools. Dr. Brannon thanked the Communications, TLG for their hard work and innovative ideas. Ms. Simmons said she also hopes that there can be more communication to the public about Big Picture School and Middle College, and asked if there had been a freeze on Virtual Schools? Ms. Libbey said there are enrollment periods for Virtual School classes. Ms. Libbey said there will be a school Selection event on November 7 th , at I.T. Creswell Arts Magnet from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Dr. Register said we have a lot of choice in MNPS, which can make that process complicated for parents, and commended Mr. Carr, Student Assignment Services, and the Communications Department for the work to help streamline the choice process to make it easier for parents.	
2. Board Chairman's Report	Ms. Porter stated that she attended several TSBA Professional Development workshops. She stated she will give a report on her trip to the CUBE Conference at the October 25 th Board meeting. She also stated that Nashville is being considered for the next Annual CUBE Conference in 2013.	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
• Academies Tours	Dr. Brannon encouraged the Board to attend the Academies Tours. The next tour will be held October 25 th at Stratford High School.	
• Promise Ceremony at McGavock High School	Ms. Shepherd announced that McGavock High School will hold their Promise Ceremony on October 13 th at 9:00 a.m. This is a commitment to graduate ceremony held for all freshman.	
• U.S. Community Credit Union Ribbon Cutting	Ms. Shepherd announced that the ribbon cutting ceremony for U.S. Community Credit Union will be held at 10:30 a.m. on October 13 th at McGavock High School.	
• McGavock High School Band Annual Music City Invitational	Ms. Shepherd announced that on October 15 th at 10:00 a.m. the McGavock High School marching band will be hosting their annual Music City Invitational.	
• Tennessee Association of Middle Schools Conference	Ms. Mayes announced that she attended the Tennessee Association of Middle Schools Conference at Kennedy Middle School on October 8 th . Ms. Mayes also congratulated Kelly Holmes, a Kennedy Middle School student, for her bass guitar performance.	
• Youth Safety Summit	Ms. Mayes announced that the Youth Safety Summit Committee would be meeting October 14 th at 7:30 a.m. at the Martin Center.	

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• Making Strides Against Breast Cancer	Ms. Mayes announced that she would be walking in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk at LP Field.	
• Annual 37013 Bowl	Ms. Mayes announced that on October 28 th the first annual 37013 Bowl between Antioch High School and Cane Ridge High School will be played at Antioch High School.	
• Bass at McKissack Middle School	Mr. Kindall stated that he visited Bass at McKissack Middle School. The school looks brand new and students are fantastic. He encouraged other Board members to visit the school.	
• Board Work Session	Ms. Porter announced the Board Work Session will be held on October 18 th at 5:00 p.m. in the Board conference room.	
• College Access for Black Females	Ms. Porter announced that she attended College Access for Black Females at the Oasis Center on October 10 th .	
• Fall Break	Ms. Porter announced that Fall Break will be held October 14 th -21 st .	
WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
• Board Calendar Items		
• Adjournment	Ms. Simmons adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.	
• Signatures	 <u>Chris M. Henson</u> Board Secretary <u>Gracie Porter</u> Board Chair <u> </u> Date	