

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
June 28, 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; Michael Hayes; Ed Kindall; Cheryl D. Mayes; Anna Shepherd; and Kay Simmons</p> <p>Member Absent: Dr. Sharon Gentry</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 Dr. Linda DePriest, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Support.	
GOVERNANCE ISSUES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACTIONS Consent Agenda 	<p>Mr. North read the following consent agenda items: II-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes – 6/14/11 Regular Meeting; II-A-1-b- Change Order #1 for Security Vestibules at Various Schools – Edwards Construction – M-435; II-A-1-c- Change Order #1 for Roof Replacement at Lakeview Elementary School – Burress Roofing-M-452; II-A-1-d- Change Order #1 for Roof Replacement at Hillwood High School – Elite Roofing –M-441; II-A-1-e- Awarding of Bids and Contracts (1.) Vanderbilt University, Center for Science Outreach (CSO), (2.) CSS International, Inc., (3.) Web Associates (1st Amendment), (4.) Noser Consulting, LLC (1st Amendment), (5.) Education Development Center, Inc., (6.) Tamra Stambaugh, Ph.D., (7.)Web Associates, (8.)William K. Warren, Jr., (9.) Kagan Publishing & Professional Development, (10.) Public Impact, LLC; II-A-1-f- Recommended Approval of Request for Compulsory Attendance Wavier; II-A-1-g- Recommended Approval of the Final 2011-2012 Operating Budget.</p> <p>Ms. Shepherd made the motion to accept the consent agenda as read. Dr. Brannon seconded.</p>	VOTE: 8-0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Charter Application Review Committee Recommendations – Appeal 	<p>Mr. Coverstone presented the charter school application appeal to the Board for Boy’s Prep. Mr. Coverstone stated that the Charter Review Committee recommended that the appeal application for Boy’s Prep be approved.</p> <p>Mr. Kindall asked how many students will attend Boy’s Prep? Mr. Coverstone said there will be 110 students in 7th and 8th grades starting in the Fall of 2012 and adding 100 students each year. Ms. Shepherd said she is not convinced that Boy’s Prep has moved, in such a short period of time, to the level needed to open a successful school since the submission of their first 2011 charter application. Mr. Coverstone said that he understood the concerns and was willing to answer any additional questions. Ms. Simmons asked if Boy’s Prep</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Charter Application Review Committee Recommendations – Appeal - continued 	<p>submitted a charter application appeal in 2010. Mr. Coverstone said, no, this was Boy’s Prep’s first charter school application appeal. Mr. Kindall asked if the application included culturally-based professional development for teachers? Mr. Coverstone said, yes, culturally-based professional development was included in the application. Ms. Simmons asked if the application mentioned fundraising? Mr. Coverstone said charters are encouraged to budget on the funds issued by the state. However, Boy’s Prep has an employee who is committed to community outreach and fundraising . Mr. North asked if Boy’s Prep’s renovation plan would meet proposed future growth? Mr. Coverstone said yes.</p> <p>Mr. Hayes made the motion to approve the charter application appeal for Boy’s Prep. Mr. Kindall seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE: 7-1 (Shepherd – No)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Recommendation for the Request to Increase Enrollment for Smithson-Craighead Academy – Contract Amendment 	<p>Mr. Coverstone stated that the Charter School Office recommends that the Board deny the request to increase enrollment for Smithson-Craighead Academy.</p> <p>Ms. Shepherd moved to deny the request to increase enrollment for Smithson-Craighead Academy. Mr. North seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE: 7-0-1 (Mr. Kindall - Abstained)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drexel Academy 	<p>Mr. Coverstone stated that he would be informing the Board via email on Drexel Academy’s status concerning meeting the terms of their charter by the agreed upon date of July 1, 2011.</p> <p>Mr. Hayes asked if Drexel currently has a building and funding? Mr. Coverstone said, yes, they have a building and state funding has been issued. Mr. Hayes asked if the terms of the charter agreement are not met by Drexel, what will be the result? Mr. Coverstone said those details will need to be discussed, as there is no precedent set for that issue.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Policy Revision – First Reading – GP-8E- Annual Agenda Planning 2011-2012 	<p>Ms. Simmons stated that the Governance Committee met and recommends to the Board that GP-8E-Annual Agenda Planning 2011-2012 be approved with the following changes: (1.) The October monitoring of the Director’s Performance be moved to November. (2.) That there be added reports on Advanced Academics in MNPS, and that those reports be made at the 2nd Board meeting in January and the 2nd Board meeting in June. In addition, the test results and student data from the Advanced Placement program be presented as soon as they are available per Board policy E-2: Academic</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Policy Revision – First Reading – GP-8E- Annual Agenda Planning 2011-2012 - continued 	<p>Achievement.</p> <p>Mr. North made the motion to approve the First Reading – GP-8E- Annual Agenda Planning 2011-2012 and to add to consent at the next Board meeting for a second and final reading. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE: 8-0</p>
REPORTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Association of Charter School Authorizers – Grant Status 	<p>Mr. Coverstone stated that MNPS has been awarded a grant from the National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA). William Haft of NACSA, presented a Power Point to the Board on the findings from their evaluation of MNPS.</p> <p>Mr. Kindall asked if there was a way to improve school district and charter school relationships? Mr. Haft said relationships vary from district to district, but was pleased with the Board’s trust in the Charter School Office and their recommendations. Dr. Brannon asked where MNPS stands concerning development? Mr. Haft said MNPS is rated as partially developed. Ms. Simmons stated that she believes the suggested recommendations will lead MNPS in the right direction. She congratulated the Charter School Office for seeking out such help to improve the department. Ms. Porter asked Mr. Haft to discuss the status of charter school discussions in Congress around LEA’s retaining authority? Mr. Haft said there is continued support for school districts retaining authority over charter schools.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing Update 	<p>Dr. Keel presented a Staffing Update to the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Shepherd thanked Dr. Keel for the detailed report. She asked if the decrease of federal funds had an effect on non-renewals? Dr Keel said no. Mr. Kindall asked for the data concerning Teach for American retention rate? Dr. Keel said the retention rate was more than 80%.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Update 	<p>Mr. Henson presented a Budget Update to the Board. Mr. Henson said the Budget and Finance Committee had met earlier on June 28th to discuss the detailed changes to the budget since the Board vote on March 22nd. The prior budget update to the Board indicated there was a \$4.3 million gap. The Governor had proposed, and the state legislature has approved, a state teacher raise which was not included in the MNPS budget in March. The Metro Council approved the entire Metro budget on June 21st, and we were able to make up the \$4.3 million gap in the following ways: (1.) State BEP revenue estimate was increased by \$2 million, (2.) The transfer of an additional \$1.5 million from the school district’s debt service fund over to the general purpose</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Update - continued 	<p>operating fund. This totals a \$3.5 million increase in revenue. (3.) The Metro Finance Department advised that the support employee's insurance increase was lower than the initial estimate of a 15% increase; the revised estimate is a 7.5% increase, which translates into a savings of \$760,000. This allowed MNPS to receive an additional \$3.5 million, which covered the gap for the state teacher raise, bringing the budget to \$674 million; just over a \$40 million increase. The Board, Dr. Register, and Mr. Henson thanked the Mayor's Office and Metro Council for their support in funding the district.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed Calendar Changes 2012-2013 	<p>Dr. Register confirmed that the proposed calendar changes, if approved, will not go into effect until the 2012-2013 school year. Additionally, the calendar will be on the August 9th Board agenda. He also stated that there will be a Public Hearing held in July for the community to offer feedback on the proposed calendar changes.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Chairman's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) Meeting 	<p>Ms. Porter gave the following report on the CUBE Conference held June 22nd-25th. Subjects discussed were: Budget crisis, increased price of school lunches, No Child Left Behind reauthorization, and charter schools. During the conference, as a Steering Committee member, Ms. Porter was asked to preside over a panel discussion and Dr. Kriner Cash, Superintendent of Memphis City Schools, amongst others participated in this section. Nearly sixty districts from around the country were in attendance, and it was a very good conference. CUBE will hold its annual conference in New Orleans in October.</p>	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southwest Community Charter School Information Event 	<p>Ms. Mayes thanked Jeremy Kane and Mr. Coverstone for visiting Antioch High School to inform the community on the charter schools opening in the Southeast district. There will be follow-up meetings held in the future.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condolences 	<p>Mr. North and the Board offered condolences to the family and friends of Tikez Roland, a Neely's Bend Middle School student who recently passed away.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hot Chicken Festival 	<p>Ms. Porter announced the Hot Chicken Festival that will be held July 4th at East Park on Woodland Street. She invited the community to attend and support the event.</p>	
WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sales Tax Collections as of June 20, 2011 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fiscal Year Operating 2010-2011 Budget Financial Report 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Policy FM 2.128 – Property Disposition 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Calendar Items 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjournment 	Ms. Simmons adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signatures 	 <hr style="width: 150px; margin-left: 0;"/> Chris M. Henson Gracie Porter Date Board Secretary Board Chair	