

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
September 28, 2010

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; Dr. Sharon Gentry; Michael W. Hayes; Cheryl D. Mayes; Kay Simmons</p> <p>Members Absent: Ed Kindall, Anna Shepherd and Antwan Steele, Student Board Member</p> <p>Ms. Porter called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pledge of Allegiance 	<p>Led by Avi Poster, Co-Chair of the Middle School Transformational Leadership Group.</p>	
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 – 9/14/10 Regular Board Meeting; II-A-1-b- Change Order #1 for Roof Replacement at Whites Creek High School – Porter Roofing Contractors, Inc. – M-442; II-A-1-c- Change Order #1 for Glenclyff High School Shops to Classrooms Renovations – Robert S. Biscan & Co. – M-426; II-A-1-d –Awarding of Bids and Contracts (1.) CSS, International (Audit of Magellan), (2.) CSS, International (Human Resources – Race to the Top), (3.) The Library Corporation, (4.) Cool Kids Learn, Inc., (5.) Pencil Math Academy, (6.) Martha O-Bryan Center, (7.) Westwood Baptist Church, (8.) A to Z In-Home Tutoring, (9.) Alphabest Education, Inc., (10.) Alternatives Unlimited, (11.) A Plus In-Home Tutoring, (12.) Kastle Instructional Recovery, LLC., (13.) Club Z! In-Home Tutoring, (14.) Masterkey Tutoring, (15.) Appleton Learning, (16.) Story Cove, LLC, (17.) Rocket Learning Centers, LLC, (18.) Next Level Educational Programs, (19.) KTC Learning Center, (20.) Global Partnership Schools, (21.) Education Advantage! LLC, (22.) The Achievement Academy, (23.) Education Support Systems, (24.) IMF Peniel Educational Program, (25.) Learn It Systems, (26.) Center for Refugees and Immigrants, (27.) YMCA of Middle Tennessee, (28.) New Vision, Inc., (29.) MTS Tutorial Service, Inc., (30.) Knowledge Points of Middle Tennessee, (31.) Tutoring Unlimited; II-A-1-e- Legal Settlement – Case #3:09-CV-114 (\$142,225); II-A-1-f- Legal Settlement – Claim #C-24575 (\$8,500); II-A-1-g- Memorandum of Understanding between the Community Education Commission and Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools.</p> <p>Dr. Brannon made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Hayes seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE:7-0</p>


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REPORTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ PLAN – Tom Ward 	<p>Participants in the 2010 Education Leadership Learning Exchange provided a presentation to the Board of their trip to Guangzhou, China as part of the ELLE partnership.</p> <p>Ms. Simmons asked if all schools in China were open to everyone. Mr. Ward said in most cases there is no tuition unless a parent would like to move the student to another district. Ms. Simmons asked if students were schooled from K-12th grade. Mr. Ward said after the eighth grade, students can choose whether to enter the workplace in a vocational area or continue on to high school.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Raising the Bar: The New Standards for Excellence in Tennessee 	<p>Ms. Jan Lineberger presented a report to the Board on the New Standards for Excellence in Tennessee.</p> <p>Dr. Gentry asked if students are aware of the TCAP goals. Ms. Lineberger said yes, there are discussions around helping students to understand what they are learning and how they will use the information. Dr. Gentry said if students begin to set goals, it will help them in high school and with future testing. Dr. Register said it is important that MNPS communicates with MNPS staff and the community about TCAP scores and the new standards. The Communications Department has a comprehensive plan to communicate to staff and the community about TCAP. Ms. Porter said she believes the MNPS presence on Twitter and Facebook has been very beneficial. Ms. Porter stated Board members need information concerning all areas of TCAP in order to answer community questions and concerns.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TLG Report: Middle Schools 	<p>Dr. Lora Hall and Avi Poster, Co-Chairs of the Middle School TLG, presented a Power Point to the Board.</p> <p>The mission of the Middle School TLG is to study, align, and implement research-based best practices for middle school students' success. In order to achieve success in middle schools, the following work will be done over the next two months and beyond: (1.) Extensive research and study, (2.) Creation of Middle School Mission and Vision Statements, (3.) Adoption of <i>This We Believe</i> and the 16 Characteristics of Middle School Education, (4.) Implement National Middle School Association Self-Assessment, (5.) Debrief Results of the Self-Assessment with each school and many other action steps. The goal of the Middle School TLG is to have high expectations demonstrated for all students; teachers are confident and knowledgeable of their content and best teaching practices; middle schools are respected and</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TLG Report: Middle Schools - continued 	<p>valued by teachers, staff, students; and families, and all students are, and feel safe and comfortable everywhere in the building.</p> <p>Dr. Brannon stated that she appreciated the passion of the Middle School TLG. Ms. Porter thanked the Middle School TLG for their report and all of the members for their hard work and support of MNPS. Ms. Simmons asked if more specifics of how we are doing in middle schools will be addressed in a future report. Dr. Hall said that a plan is being drafted to address math development and more plans are being developed in other areas. Mr. North noted the importance of recognizing the difficulty of students transitioning from elementary to middle school, and asked if parents experiencing such transitions have been considered in the TLG's discussions. Dr. Hall said, yes, that plan is under development.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board Chairman's Report 	<p>Ms. Porter announced the 2010-2011 Board Committee Assignments. Advocacy Chair - Ms. Shepherd; Budget and Finance Chair - Mr. Hayes; Capital Needs Chair- Mr. Kindall; Director's Evaluation Co-Chairs- Dr. Gentry and Dr. Brannon; Executive Committee – Dr. Register and Ms. Porter; Ethics – Ms. Porter, Chair and Ms. Simmons; Governance Chair – Ms. Simmons; Non-Discrimination Procurement Program – Ms. Mayes, Chair and Dr. Brannon; Student Assignment Task Force – Mr. North; Administrative Retirement Committee – Dr. Brannon; Athletic Council – Mr. North; Charter Schools – Dr. Brannon; Insurance Trust – Mr. North, Ms. Mayes, and Ms. Porter; Negotiations – Ms. Shepherd; Sick Leave Bank – Mr. Kindall and Dr. Gentry; Alignment Nashville – Ms. Porter; Council of Great City Schools Liaison – Dr. Brannon; Metro Board of Parks and Recreation – Ms. Simmons; NSBA Council of Urban Boards of Education (CUBE) – Ms. Porter; PENCIL Foundation – Ms. Porter; TSBA Legislative Network Representative – Mr. North; TSBA Ambassador – Mr. Kindall.</p>	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● College Night at LP Field 	<p>Dr. Register announced the College Night held at LP Field on September 28, 2010.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Antioch High School 	<p>Ms. Mayes announced a meeting that will be held September 30th at Antioch High School to discuss the new Tennessee standards.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mayor's Quarterly Meeting 	<p>Ms. Porter announced the Quarterly Meeting with the Mayor on October 14th at 2:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Media Room.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board Retreat 	<p>Ms. Porter announced the Board Retreat that will be held November 19th - 20th, 2010</p>	

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• TSBA Fall District Meeting	Ms. Porter announced that she and Mr. North attended the TSBA Fall District Meeting. Mr. North received a Level Two Boardsmanship Award.	
• TSBA Annual Convention	Ms. Porter announced the Annual TSBA Convention that will be held November 14 th -16 th at the Renaissance Hotel.	
• Immunization Requirements	Ms. Porter announced that the deadline for providing the new immunization certificate for students who have transferred from out-of- state schools is October 1 st .	
WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
• Sales Tax Collections as of September 20, 2010		
• Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget Financial Report		
• Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget Financial Report		
• Board Calendar Items		
• Adjournment	Ms. Simmons adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.	
• Signatures	<div style="text-align: center;">  <hr style="width: 150px; margin: 0 auto;"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; width: 100%;"> <div>Chris M. Henson Board Secretary</div> <div>Gracie Porter Board Chair</div> <div>Date</div> </div> </div>	