

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
November 9, 2010

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call 	<p>Members Present: Gracie Porter, Chair; Mark North (left at 5:27 p.m.), Vice-Chair; Dr. Jo Ann Brannon; Dr. Sharon Gentry; Michael W. Hayes; Ed Kindall (left at 5:24 p.m.); Cheryl D. Mayes; Anna Shepherd; Kay Simmons; 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 	Led by Rita McDonald, Director of ONE Nashville.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of Newly Elected – Student Board Member – Jhamia Poole 	Mr. Thompson introduced newly elected Student Board member Jhamia Poole to the Board. Ms. Poole is a junior at MLK, with a 3.6 GPA, and will be serving as a Student Board member until 2012.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Board Member Report 	Mr. Steele reported that on November 2 nd , students from TMAC, the Director’s Student Advisory Council, MLK, McGavock High School, and Transitions, participated in an interactive dialogue with Lipscomb University’s College of Education pre-service teachers. Mr. Steele and Ms. Poole have been invited to speak to pre-service teaches at MTSU on November 17 th . Mr. Steele and Ms. Poole will also be visiting schools to speak with members of high school Student Government Councils to discuss school environments and academics.	
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rita McDonald, Director of ONE Nashville - Endorsing Partners 	Ms. McDonald introduced ONE Nashville endorsing partners to the Board. ONE Nashville brings together people, organizations, and businesses with the common commitment to make MNPS the best in the nation. This is a city-wide campaign to support public schools through increasing community involvement. ONE Nashville is a joint collaboration with the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, MNPS, Alignment Nashville, Nashville Alliance for Public Education, PENCIL Foundation, Stand for Children, and the Mayor’s Office.	
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim Buckley – Response to Allegations of Union-Sponsored Sick Out 	Mr. Buckley addressed the allegations of a union-sponsored sick out. Mr. Buckley denies the allegations. He said the bus drivers’ main focus is on the safe transportation of MNPS students to and from schools each day.	
GOVERNANCE ISSUES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACTIONS Consent Agenda 	Mr. North read the following consent agenda items: IV-A-1-a-Approval of Minutes – 10/26/10 Regular Board Meeting; IV-A-1-b- Awarding of Bids and Contracts (1.) Encyclopaedia Britannica, (2.) American Alliance for	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent Agenda - continued 	<p>Innovative Schools, LLC, (3.) Vanderbilt University’s Peabody College of Education and Human Development, (4.) EBS Healthcare Services, Inc., (5.) Joseph McLaughlin, Ph.D; IV-A-1-c- Recommended Approval of Requests for Compulsory Attendance Waiver; IV-A-1-d - Recommended Approval of Math Textbook Adoption Committee. Ms. Shepherd made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Brannon seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE: 9-0 - Unanimous</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Policy Revision – First Reading - EE-14 District Calendar 	<p>Mr. Kindall made a motion to adopt the first reading of EE-14 District Calendar. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE: 9-0 - Unanimous</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Policy Revision - EE-17 Charter Schools 	<p>Mr. North made a motion to adopt EE-17 Charter Schools. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</p> <p>Dr. Gentry amended the motion to add the word “all” to the first sentence of the first paragraph under EE-17- Charter Schools to read “The director shall make recommendations to the Board with respect to all charter school applicants.” Mr. North seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE: 8-0 – Unanimous (Mr. Kindall not present)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board Monitoring Report: EE-11- Annual Report to the Board 	<p>Members of the Communications Department presented the electronic 2009-10 Annual Report by demonstrating how to access the wealth of information provided in the report.</p> <p>Ms. Simmons asked how parents without internet access are notified of the Annual Report. Noelle Mashburn said the Annual Report is available in PDF for printing, and parents may access the report from MNPS school computers and libraries. Ms. Shepherd asked if the Annual Report had been advertised in the community. Ms. Mashburn said there has been news coverage and also the use of social media outlets to communicate the availability of the Annual Report.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council of the Great City Schools Annual Fall Conference 	<p>Dr. Register, Dr. Brannon, and Mr. Henson reported to the Board on their trip to Tampa, FL to attend the CGCS Conference held October 20-24, 2010. Dr. Brannon reported: “As a Board representative for the Council of the Great City Schools, comprised of 65 urban school districts, it was again my pleasure to attend the 54th CGCS Annual Fall Conference. This year’s representatives also included Dr. Register and Mr. Henson. In addition, Dr. Gregory Hutchings, Principal of West End Middle School answered the call to present and conducted a session on Taking a Closer Look at International Baccalaureate Programs. Part of my duties while in attendance included</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Council of the Great City Schools Annual Fall Conference – continued 	<p>meeting with the Executive Committee and attending the General Board meeting. The first session was the annual address by the Board Chair, Dr. Delifruz Williams, School Board member from the Portland School District. This position is alternated between a Superintendent and a School Board Member. As usual, the well-planned conference agenda was filled with strands that are pertinent to urban schools: Use of Data-Drive Tools to Advance Student Progress, Human Capital, Boosting Achievement, Intentional Strategies, Strategies for Students with Disabilities, Financial Obstacles, and Strategies for Urban Schools. Other highlights included guest speakers: Gwendolyn Ifill, Managing Editor of the Washington Week; Hill Harper, Author and Actor who works through his foundation in promoting student success; and John Quiones, co-anchor of PrimeTime Live, and most recently “What Would You Do?”, and Byron Pitts, CBS News Chief and 60 Minutes correspondent. Each of the guest speakers spoke of the importance of education in each of their lives and obstacles that had to be overcome in order for them to be successful. For Ms. Ifill, it was constantly moving from school to school because her father was a minister. Hill Harper wants students to know that things are not always easy and that one must be prepared for surprises that cause changes in plans. John Quiones spoke of his challenges as a young student; being punished for speaking Spanish at school – the prominent language he now uses in much of his work as a correspondent. And finally, the diagnosis that almost institutionalized Bryon Pitts (who was illiterate until he was 12 years old, as well as being a stutterer) except that his mother was a true advocate and fought for him to become educated. Hillsborough County personnel were great hosts and coordinated the conference par excellence that also featured extremely talented student entertainment. In addition, they spearheaded an effort with Dell computers and convinced them to give each participant of the conference a Dell notebook with the stipulations that it be presented to a deserving student in each district. We will be selecting the students and presenting these gifts very soon. The recipient of the 2010 Richard Green Award (that is alternately presented to a School Board Member and Superintendent) was Arlene Ackerman, Superintendent of the Philadelphia School District. Dr. Register will continue with his reflections as a first-time participant-since this is his first position as Director of a system that is a member of the CGCS. He was also a facilitator of one of the sessions.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Council of the Great City Schools Annual Fall Conference - continued 	<p>Mr. Henson said that he attended the CGCS Conference and also the CGCS Chief Financial Officers Conference in the past and found both conferences very beneficial. Mr. Henson attended the following sessions: How Urban School Districts are Navigating the Financial Abyss, presented by the Superintendent of Albuquerque and the Detroit Public Schools CFO; Four Revolutionary Urban Teacher Contracts concentrated on Washington DC, Baltimore, Seattle, and Philadelphia public schools; and Taking a Closer Look at the International Baccalaureate Programs presented by MNPS Principal Greg Hutchings. The CGCS was also committed to going green, providing each attendee with a flash drive.</p> <p>Dr. Register said he enjoyed the presentations on turnaround strategies by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District. He stated that he is considering visiting Charlotte's school district in the future. Dr. Register also attended a Town Hall meeting concerning The Social and Educational Factors Contributing to the Outcome of Black Males in Urban Schools. Dr. Register encouraged Board members and MNPS staff to attend in the future.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ MNPS Achieves: First to the Top – TLG Quarterly Meeting 	<p>Dr. Register stated that the quarterly review of MNPS Achieves meeting went very well. The TLG's discussed the ongoing work and the Oversight Team reviewed the work of the TLG's. Dr. Register thanked Ms. Porter for attending the meeting. Ms. Porter thanked members of the TLG's and Oversight Team for their hard work.</p>	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Robert Churchwell Museum Magnet Dedication 	<p>Dr. Gentry announced that the Robert Churchwell Museum Magnet School dedication has been scheduled for November 18th at 10:00 a.m.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● TSBA Annual Convention 	<p>Ms. Porter announced the TSBA Annual Convention will be held November 14th -16th at the Renaissance Hotel.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CLASS Meeting 	<p>Ms. Porter announced that CLASS will hold its meeting at the Renaissance Hotel on November 15th at 7:00 a.m.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PAC Meeting 	<p>Ms. Porter announced that PAC will be meeting November 18th at 6:30 p.m.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board Retreat 	<p>Ms. Porter announced the Board Retreat on November 19th-20th at Montgomery Bell State Park.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work Session – Risk Management 	<p>Ms. Porter announced a work session on Risk Management to be held December 7th at 4:30 p.m.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Work Session – Charter Schools 	<p>Ms. Porter announced a follow-up work session on Charter Schools on January 18th at 4:30 p.m.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Advisory Team 	Ms. Porter announced that Cheryl Mayes has been appointed as Co-Chair of the Mayor is Dean Child/ Youth Master Plan Advisory Team.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Vision Charter School Dedication 	Dr. Brannon announced that New Vision Charter School will hold their dedication on November 12 th .	
WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Calendar Items 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjournment 	Ms. Simmons adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signatures 	<div style="text-align: center;">  <hr style="width: 150px; margin: 0 auto;"/> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">Chris M. Henson Board Secretary</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Gracie Porter Board Chair</div> <div style="text-align: center;">Date</div> </div>	