

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
June 23, 2009

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
• Roll Call	Members Present: David A. Fox, Chair; Gracie Porter, Vice-Chair; Dr. Jo Ann Brannon; Alan Coverstone; Dr. Sharon Gentry (5:52 p.m.); Steve Glover; Karen Y. Johnson; Mark North Member Absent: Ed Kindall Mr. Fox called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.	
• Pledge of Allegiance	Led by Lance Lott	
GOVERNANCE ISSUES		
• ACTIONS • Consent Agenda	Ms. Porter read the following consent agenda items: II-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes –06/09/09 Regular Board Meeting; II-A-1-b – Recommended Award of Contract for Asbestos Abatement at Various Schools – J.J. Morley Enterprises, Inc. – MBOE-09-009; II-A-1-c- Change Order #1 for HVAC Middle School Gyms Pkg. E Phase 3- Bruce Adams Construction co. – M-407-Control No. (A-23578); II-A-1-d- Change Order #1 for J.E. Moss Elementary School Classroom Addition- Edwards Construction Co. – M-408-Control No. (A-23619); II-A-1-e- Change Order #1 for Una Elementary School Renovation and Addition-Shankle-Lind, LLC-M-404; II-A-1-f- Change Order #1 for Asbestos Abatement Services, 2008-2009- Pinanncle Pollution Control Services – M-402- Control No. (A-23579); II-A-1-g – Awarding of Bids and Contracts (1.) William K. Warren, Jr. (2.) Collaborative Communications Group, Inc., (3.) Southern Strategy Group of Tennessee (4.) Sheila H. Young (5.) Warren Hill (6.) Group Dynamics and Strategy Training, Inc. (7.) McGrath Training Systems, Inc. (8.) WEB Associates; II-A-1-h- Approval of 2008-2009 Operating Budget Amendment #2; II-A-1-i- Approval of Textbooks for Floral Design, Carpentry and HVAC. Ms. Johnson moved for approval. Mr. Glover seconded.	VOTE: 7-0 - Unanimous
• NCS Pearson, Inc.	Mr. Lott presented a Power Point to the Board concerning the renewal of the NCS Pearson, Inc. contract for the Chancery student management system. Ms. Porter asked if any of the federal stimulus funding could be used towards IT concerns. Dr. Register said there may be some limited Stimulus funds available for equipment and facilities. Mr. Henson said there is a possibility that Stimulus funds could be used for infrastructure, but there are no details at this time. Mr. Lott said the Board has approved for fiber connections to be added to every school, as this will help address many IT issues. Dr. Brannon asked if Chancery training had been scheduled. Mr. Lott said training schedules have been developed, but staff must be mandated to enroll in the training. Dr. Brannon asked for more information on the advisory team. Mr.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCS Pearson, Inc. - continued 	<p>Lott said the advisory team will be meeting monthly to discuss and monitor Chancery and its usage. Mr. Coverstone asked if feedback was collected from parents and teachers concerning the GradeBook software. Mr. Lott said much feedback has been received. Ms. Porter asked if additional personnel will be added to help with Chancery/IT professional development. Mr. Lott said we must be more creative and innovative in training techniques in order to meet the needs without adding more staff.</p> <p>Mr. Glover moved to approve the NCS Pearson, Inc. contract. Ms. Porter seconded. Ms. Porter called for the question.</p>	<p>VOTE: 7-0 - Unanimous</p>
BOARD DEVELOPMENT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Assignment Monitoring Report 	<p>Mr. Weber presented the Student Assignment Monitoring Report. Mr. Weber reviewed the implementation of the Student Assignment Plan to date and discussed future goals. Some of the future goals are as follows: Continue to monitor the implementation and report to the Student Assignment Task Force, improve capacity based on programs versus facility, and monitor the implementation of Zoned Options for 2009-10. Mr. Weber also presented the Board with an updated Organizational Chart for the Student Assignment Department.</p> <p>Ms. Porter suggested that Fashion Design, Engineering, and Culinary Arts magnet programs should be considered for implementation. She believes these programs would capture the attention and interests of many students. Ms. Porter asked if a Charter School office is under consideration. Dr. Register said with the change in the law, a Charter School office is being considered. Mr. Coverstone asked if Charter School data was included in the data presented. Mr. Weber said no. Mr. Coverstone asked about the timeline of developing the school option catalog. Mr. Weber said many departments and parents should be included in developing the school option catalog. A date has not been set for completion of the catalog. Dr. Gentry asked for more information on the district switching to utilizing another type of ID number for students. Mr. Lott said this summer the replacement of all student ID numbers will begin in all of the district's systems. Mr. Glover stated with the new Charter School legislation, monitoring of the student assignment data must be continued. The Una Elementary piece is being considered by both the McGavock and Antioch clusters, and I hope that the task force will be considering this issue also. Mr. Fox said he is pleased to see the technological aspect of the plan.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual and Performing Arts Monitoring Report 	<p>Ms. Crittenden presented the Board with a Power Point on the Visual and Performing Arts Monitoring Report. The mission of the Visual and Performing Arts Department is to provide a sequential standards-based arts education for all MNPS students taught by highly-qualified, certificated arts educators, who will encourage and nurture creativity within and appreciation of various art forms. Some of the Visual and Performing Arts goals are: To give students the opportunities for individual expression, develop artistic growth and specific artistic skills, and develop appreciation for all forms of art, particularly in the area of each student's interest.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson thanked Ms. Crittenden for her hard work and dedication to MNPS. She asked should funding become available, will string instruments be added to middle school music programs. Ms. Crittenden said yes. Mr. Glover asked Ms. Crittenden for a cost analysis concerning hiring an instrument repair tech versus outsourcing instrument repairs. Ms. Crittenden estimated that it would cost around \$200,000 to outsource repairs of all instruments correctly. The cost of establishing a MNPS instrument repair shop would consist of hiring one full-time employee (\$35,000-50,000), a part-time string employee, and a part-time piano tuner. Ms. Crittenden also recommended that barcodes be placed on all instruments.</p>	
REPORTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Chairman's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Task Force on Student Assignment 	<p>Mr. North stated the Student Assignment Plan approved by the Board called for a continual monitoring of the plan, in which the Student Assignment Plan Task Force would meet twice a year to monitor the progress. The task force met on June 18 and plans to meet again in November. He thanked the Administration for their support and for attending the meeting. The district's hard work in reaching students and parents to communicate the choices available through the Student Plan was excellent, but those same initiatives must be taken and information must be communicated to parents each year. He also stated that discussion around Una Elementary moving from the McGavock cluster to the Antioch cluster will be held in November. There will be vacancies on the task force, thus requiring appointments to be made by some Board members, the Mayor and Dr. Register. Mr. North added that above all else, we must ensure that every school is an excellent school.</p>	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Employee Hearing Appeal 	<p>Mr. Fox stated that the Board needed to set a date to hear the appeal. He asked each Board member to forward their availability to the Board Administrator.</p>	

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• Dr. Register's Vision for Reform	Mr. Fox announced that videos and information on Dr. Register's reform initiatives are available on the MNPS website.	
• Mark North	Mr. Fox also welcomed Mr. North back from an intensive surgery.	
• Nelson Andrews	Mr. Fox announced the loss of Nelson Andrews, who was a major friend and contributor to MNPS.	
• MNPS College Career and Employment Fair	Ms. Johnson thanked Dr. Register and staff for their hard work on planning the first MNPS College Career and Employment Fair to be held in October.	
WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
• Sales Tax Collections as of 6-20-09		
• Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Operating Budget Financial Report		
• Board Calendar Items		
• Adjournment	Mr. Coverstone made the motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m.	
• Signatures	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <hr style="width: 150px;"/> Chris M. Henson Board Secretary </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <hr style="width: 150px;"/> David A. Fox Board Chair </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Date </div> </div>	