

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
May 12, 2009

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call 	<p>Members Present: David A. Fox, Chair; Gracie Porter, Vice-Chair; Dr. Jo Ann Brannon; Alan Coverstone; Dr. Sharon Gentry; Steve Glover; Karen Y. Johnson; Ed Kindall; Mark North; Student Board Members Brittany McShand and Sierra Scivally</p> <p>Mr. Fox called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pledge of Allegiance 	Led by Ralph Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Board Member Report 	The Board, Dr. Register and Ralph Thompson recognized student board members Sierra Scivally and Brittany McShand for serving one and a half terms on the Board. Both students thanked the Board, Dr. Register and the Student Services Department for allowing them to serve as student board members. Both students will be attending Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia this fall.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Memoriam – Blanca E. Ocon 	Blanca died on April 10, 2009 at the age of 43 after a hard fought battle with ovarian cancer. Blanca began working for MNPS in 2002. She worked as a school translator for several Metro schools and, this past year, worked in the ELL Office as a Parent Translator. There were a few things that you knew about Blanca if you were with her for just a short while. First of all, you knew that Blanca was a woman of faith. Secondly, Blanca loved her family as well as education. We mourn the loss of a wife, daughter, mother, grandmother and a special friend. Blanca was a people person who loved life to the fullest.	
GOVERNANCE ISSUES		
	<p>Ms. Porter read the following consent agenda items: III-A-1-a-Approval of Minutes – April 24, 2009 Special Meeting and April 28, 2009 Regular Meeting; III-A-1-b- Extension of Contract for Digital Reprographics and Printing Services – A Plus Reprographics – MBOE 07-016; III-A-1-c- Change Order #1 for Maplewood High School Additions and Renovations – Robert S. Biscan & Company – M-413; III-A-1-d- Awarding of Bids and Contracts (1.) United Neighborhood Health Services, (2.) NCS Pearson, Inc., (3.) National Deaf Academy.</p> <p>Mr. Glover moved for approval. Ms. Johnson seconded.</p>	VOTE: 9-0 - Unanimous
REPORTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Adult High School Initiative 	Mr. Jim Briggs presented a power point to the Board titled "New Vision for Adult High School Initiatives." The purpose of the Adult School is to offer flexibility in serving the needs of students who choose not to remain in traditional high school or are otherwise limited in the ability to attend school on a regular basis due to personal situations. The two proposed sites are the Old Cockrill school building and the OpryMills Career Center.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New Adult High School Initiative - continued 	<p>Mr. Coverstone asked how many students are currently enrolled in the Adult High School? Mr. Briggs said close to 1,000. Mr. Coverstone asked about the process of identifying students who are eligible for the program. Mr. Bill Warren, retired Hamilton County Administrator, stated that guidance counselors are contacted to determine which students are not on target to graduate or those who have a high drop-out probability. Those students are then contacted to see if the Adult High School option would interest those students. Mr. Coverstone asked what qualities should a principal have to lead an Adult High School? Dr. Register stated principals must have a passion to help the students and must be willing to think outside of a traditional school setting in order to meet the needs of the students. Mr. Glover asked what will happen to Cohn Adult High School, and how will funding be provided? Dr. Register said the regular teacher allotment will work to fund the program. Cohn will continue to serve, but the population will decrease. Mr. North asked how the new programs worked with the Diploma Plus or the summer school programs? Mr. Briggs stated that students unable to graduate with summer school credits are targeted for this program. The program seeks students who are solely seeking a high school diploma. Ms. Johnson asked how student opinions in the program are evaluated? Mr. Warren said an internal survey is conducted. The students evaluate the teacher each semester, which is part of the teachers overall evaluation. Ms. Johnson said she would like to explore hiring an outside entity to monitor the program, and would like a copy of the evaluations to be provided the Board. Dr. Register stated that he would provide the Corbett and Wilson evaluation report to the Board. Mr. Kindall said the staffing of the schools is a concern. What will be the teacher selection process? Mr. Briggs said Mr. Warren has worked with the program in Hamilton County, and he will provide input to help select the best teachers for the school. Also, the district will provide the Professional Development needed for teachers to succeed. Mr. Fox asked that the Board forward any additional questions to Ms. Hawkins.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Community Education 	<p>Mr. Fox noted that the Community Education Task Force has made considerable progress, but has a few details to work out concerning the budget. A more comprehensive update will be provided at a future meeting.</p>	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		

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• Maplewood Awareness Block Party	Ms. Porter invited the Board and public to the Maplewood Community Awareness Block party to be held May 23 rd at Cleveland Park from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. There will be a community yard sale, cook-off, health screenings and much more.	
WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
• Board Calendar Items		
• Adjournment	Mr. Coverstone made the motion to adjourn at 5:05 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 Date Board Chair </div> </div>	