

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
March 10, 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</p> <p>Members Absent: Brittany McShand and Sierra Scivally, Student Board Members</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 Attorney Walter Searcy.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Career Academies and Smaller Learning Communities 	Mr. Jay Steele spoke to the Board on the importance of Career Academies and Smaller Learning Communities initiatives. He urged the Board to consider the benefits of these programs during the budget process.	
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Granbery Elementary School – Tennessee Recycling Coalition’s School Recycler of the Year 	<p>Granbery Elementary was named “School Recycler of the Year” by the Tennessee Recycling Coalition (TRC). TRC is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote recycling and waste reduction across the state. All students at Granbery are taught how to take part in preserving our planet through hands-on activities. Mr. Fox and Dr. Register presented Granbery’s principal and students with a Certificate of Recognition. The students presented each Board member with a tree in recognition of Arbor Day.</p> <p>Ms. Porter thanked the late Ann Chapman who began the work of promoting recycling and beautification programs in MNPS. Ms. Porter hopes to see more recycling and beautification programs in the district.</p>	
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keith Caldwell – Disparity in rezoning policies 	Mr. Caldwell spoke to the Board concerning the disparity in the rezoning plan. He stated that the plan will have a negative effect on all children and asked the Board to reconsider the plan.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rasheedat Fetuga- Inconsistent information between video, written and verbal communication 	Ms. Fetuga spoke to the Board concerning inconsistent information provided on video, written and verbal communication. She asked that the Board ensure that a consistent message is provided to parents and community.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Betty Nixon spoke on behalf of Mathew Christy – Comparative analysis on Rezoning Communication Plan 	Ms. Nixon spoke to the Board concerning the comparative analysis on the Rezoning Communication Plan. She asked that the Board ensure that a consistent message is provided to parents and the community.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arlane Lane – Conflicting & confusing deadline information and problems with maps 	Ms. Lane spoke to the Board concerning conflicting and confusing deadline information and problems with maps. She requested that the Board delay rezoning deadlines due to inadequate communication of the plan to the public.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won Choi spoke on behalf of Rev. Inman Otey 	Mr. Choi spoke to the Board concerning the Student Assignment Plan and the selection of the Student Assignment Plan Task Force.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walter Searcy – Social justice on school choice policies and implementation 	Mr. Searcy spoke to the Board concerning social justice on school choice policies and implementation. He asked the Board to delay implementation of the Student Assignment Plan for more research.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Won Choi – Comparative analysis on school choice policies and implementation 	Mr. Choi spoke to the Board concerning comparative analysis on school choice policies and implementation. He asked the Board to delay implementation and commit to more research.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Kasar Abdullah - Communication of rezoning plan 	Ms. Abdullah spoke to the Board concerning communication of the rezoning plan. She asked that the Board increase communication efforts in the immigrant communities of Nashville.	
GOVERNANCE ISSUES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACTIONS Consent Agenda 	Ms. Porter read the following consent agenda items: IV-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes –02/24/09 Regular Board Meeting; IV-A-1-b – Change Order #1 Employee Health Clinics – Kerry G. Campbell- M-414; IV-A-1-c- (1.) Group Dynamic and Strategy Training, Inc (2.) Annenberg Institute for School Reform; V-A-1-d- Recommended Approval of Courses – Advanced Calculus and Introduction to NanoScience; V-A-1-e- 2009-19 Capital Needs Master Plan Update; V-A-1-f- Request for Extended Utilization of Buses. Mr. Johnson moved for approval. Mr. Glover seconded.	VOTE: For–9-0 Unanimous
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Disciplinary Appeal 	Mr. Glover made the motion to send the Student Disciplinary Appeal to the Director for review based on new information. Ms. Johnson seconded.	VOTE: For–9-0 Unanimous
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BlueCross and BlueShield of Tennessee Contract 	Dr. Gentry asked about the cost of the current contract compared to the new contract. Mr. Hines stated that the cost did not go up with the new contract. Mr. Glover asked about the concerns with the other carriers. Mr. Hines said there was an analysis performed on hospital reimbursement rates. There were discrepancies between various carriers on how those rates were reported, which was enough grounds for a protest. The current protest process is to clarify the rates and guarantee an amount for reimbursements. Ms. Johnson asked when was it conveyed to CIGNA that the implementation process could begin. Mr. Hines stated that implementation began directly after the award of contract. During the protest process, implementation continued, but action stopped at the protest hearing. Ms. Johnson asked if a 60-day window could be considered a resolution. Mr. Hines said yes. Mr. North asked what happens if the Board votes yes or no? Mr. Hines said should the Board vote yes, the process continues. If the Board votes no, insurance will need to be provided for teachers. Once the bidding process and the protest issues are	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BlueCross and BlueShield of Tennessee Contract - continued 	<p>resolved, the contract will go back to the Insurance Trust for approval.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson moved for approval of the contract through July 1st. There was no second.</p> <p>Mr. Glover chose to reclude himself from the vote, due to personal business contracts with several of the carriers.</p> <p>Mr. North moved to approve the BlueCross and BlueShield of Tennessee contract. Mr. Kindall seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE: For-7-1 Abstain (Ms. Johnson)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended Approval of Charter School Working Group Recommendations 	<p>Mr. Coverstone read the Charter School Working Group Recommendations to the Board and audience.</p> <p>Ms. Porter stated that she had concerns with the following concerning the recommendations: the Charter School Committee members, there is not equal representation in all areas; the presentation of the recommendations to the Board; ensure that the recommendation is Choice of MNPS. Ms. Porter stated that she would like to see “quality” charter schools in MNPS and more background data concerning information provided in the recommendations. This recommendation must be a working document and MNPS provide quality charter schools to the community. Mr. North stated that he was skeptical about some aspects and agreed with other aspects of the recommendations. Ms. Johnson stated that she would like to receive a recommendation from the Administration concerning the Charter School Working Group recommendations.</p> <p>Mr. Kindall moved approval of the Charter School Working Group Recommendation. Ms. Porter seconded.</p> <p>Mr. Glover amended Mr. Kindall’s motion, by asking the Board to recommend that Dr. Register review the Charter School Working Group recommendation and present a recommendation to the Board. Ms. Johnson seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE: For -9-0 Unanimous</p> <p>VOTE: For-9-0 Unanimous</p>
REPORTS		
Director’s Report	<p>Dr. Register stated that the Administration intends to have an informed conversation with each parent concerning the Rezoning Plan. The Administration has organized community meetings with groups from the community to actively engage each MNPS parent with information needed to make an informed choice.</p>	

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Board Chairman's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget and Finance Committee 	Mr. Glover stated that the Budget and Finance Committee decided to suspend the budget process until further information is provided on the budget. Mr. Glover noted that the March 16 th public hearing will be cancelled.	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
• Nashville School of the Arts	Mr. North and Dr. Brannon attended the Nashville School of the Arts Celebration of the Arts. Mr. North congratulated the school for executing a successful event.	
• State Basketball Tournament	Mr. North congratulated the girls' basketball teams at McGavock, Hillsboro, and Hume-Fogg high schools for making their way into the State Basketball Tournament.	
• District 1 School Tour	Dr. Gentry thanked the students, faculty and community support during Dr. Register's school tours. She also thanked Ms. Vann, a graduate student at Vanderbilt University, who attended the school tours.	
• Nashville Alliance for Public Education Hall of Fame Ceremony	Mr. Fox thanked the Martin Professional Development Center for their hospitality and meeting space. He also congratulated the Nashville Alliance for Public Education for their Hall of Fame ceremony.	
WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
• Board Calendar Items		
ADJOURNMENT		
• Adjournment	Mr. Coverstone made the motion to adjourn at 5:35 p.m.	
• Signatures	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <hr style="width: 150px; border: 0.5px solid black;"/> Chris M. Henson Board Secretary </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <hr style="width: 150px; border: 0.5px solid black;"/> David A. Fox Board Chair </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> Date </div> </div>	