

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
June 9, 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; Steve Glover; Karen Y. Johnson; Ed Kindall; Mark North Mr. Fox called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.	
• Pledge of Allegiance	Led by Ralph Smith, TEA UniSERV representative.	
GOVERNANCE ISSUES		
• ACTIONS • Consent Agenda	Ms. Porter read the following consent agenda items: IV-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes –05/26/09 Regular Board Meeting; IV-A-1-b – Recommended Award of Contract for Data Center Electrical Upgrades – Travis Electric Company – MBOE 09-003; IV-A-1-c- Supplement #1 – Renovation to Wharton Elementary School – Hastings Architectural Associates - L-2229 – (Control No. –A- 23483); IV-A-1-d- Change Order #6- Construction Services for Cane Ridge High School – R.G. Anderson Co., Inc. –M-378; IV-A-1-e- Awarding of Bids and Contracts (1.) St. Mary Villa Child Development Center; IV-A-1-f- Approval of Special Courses. Mr. Glover moved to adopt. Ms. Johnson seconded.	VOTE: 9-0 - Unanimous
• Ratification of 2009-2010 Educational Agreement	Ms. Porter made the motion to approve the Ratification of the 2009-2010 Educational Agreement. Mr. Glover seconded. Mr. Coverstone stated that he appreciated the work by MNEA and MNPS during the negotiations process. He was in support of the ratification of the MNEA contract. Mr. Fox thanked MNEA and expressed hope that future progress and improved relations with MNEA will continue in the future.	VOTE: 9-0-Unanimous
REPORTS		
• Health and Wellness Monitoring Report	Dr. Bozeman presented the Health and Wellness monitoring report to the Board. The goal of the Health, Wellness and Physical Education Department is to improve student health outcomes. High quality health and physical education programs allow students to participate in lifetime physical activities and acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to live a longer, healthier, and more productive life. During the 2008-09 school year, the federally funded Sports, Play and Active Recreation for Kids (SPARK) physical education program was expanded to all middle schools. Physical education teachers were provided with the SPARK curriculum, professional development training, and equipment to support the curriculum. In 2007, MNPS received a grant from the Tennessee Department of Education for Coordinated School Health (CSH). CSH is a comprehensive approach to children's health. During 2008-2009, CSH was implemented in 37 schools (elementary, middle, high). CSH will expand to 75 schools during the 2009-10 school year. In an	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Wellness Monitoring Report – continued 	<p>attempt to make our schools and city safer, MNPS continues to partner with the Nashville Fire Department and the Public Access to Defibrillators Committee to provide schools with AED's (automated external defibrillators). Currently, 92 AED's are housed within 70 schools. Dr. Bozeman also discussed MNPS partnerships with the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, First Tee National School Program, Blue Cross/Blue Shield Walking Works for Schools Program, and the Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corp programs. Elementary and middle school health education serves as the biggest challenge within the Department of Health, Wellness and Physical Education. More effective ways must be identified to address the lack of health education instruction at the elementary and middle school levels. There is a definite need for at least one middle school health teacher within each school. Quality physical education, at all tier levels, continues to serve as another challenge within our district. Through additional professional development training and funding for physical education equipment, physical education programs can be greatly enhanced and contribute to improved academic achievement, increased attendance rates and decreased behavior problems.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson thanked Dr. Bozeman for her hard work. Ms. Johnson asked for a listing of schools participating in the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency partnership. Dr. Bozeman said she would provide that information. Mr. North asked how SPARK will be funded after the grant expires. Dr. Bozeman said the only cost the district would incur after the grant ends would be the cost of printing surveys and other administrative costs. Mr. North asked how the longitudinal data will be used. Dr. Bozeman said the TCAP and fitness scores of students who were enrolled in the SPARK program during their 6th grade year would be compared to the student's results from the 8th grade year. Mr. Glover asked how activities such as the marching band could be incorporated into physical education results. Dr. Bozeman said there are two programs that substitute for physical education, marching band and JROTC. Ms. Crittenden would be able to answer that question more effectively concerning how the marching band physical education results are calculated. Ms. Porter asked if any elementary schools were utilizing the Shelby Park and golf course in East Nashville. If so, could a list of schools be provided? Dr. Bozeman said she is unsure if that particular park is being used, but she stated that she would follow-up on the request. Ms. Porter also asked Dr. Register to consider extended days to allow students more time for arts and physical education. Mr. Coverstone asked if other organizations such as the Health Department, were collaborating with MNPS' efforts. Dr.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Wellness Monitoring Report – continued 	<p>Bozeman said an effort to collaborate with the Metro Health Department has been initiated and hopes that MNPS will be able to work with other organizations to help students. Dr. Gentry said the lack of physical education is not the only reason for obesity. Cultural background, genetics, and lack of resources can also affect a student's BMI, and those issues should also be considered when discussing obesity and BMI.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ombudsman Report 	<p>Dr. Chngas presented the 2008-09 Ombudsman results to the Board. The Ombudsman program served 553 MNPS students, and the average length of enrollment in the program was 77 days. Attendance improved while students were enrolled in Ombudsman centers, and ninety-three percent of the students remained in the program to earn credit, returned to the district, or graduated. There was also a significant drop in out-of-school suspensions reported while students were placed at Ombudsman. The 2008-09 event dropout rate for high school students served by Ombudsman was 7.9%, including dropouts that occurred after the students returned to the school of zone. For comparison, the district-wide dropout rate for 2007-08 was 5.7%. Gateway passing rates for Ombudsman students were comparable to 2008 overall district results in English II (79.7% vs. district rate of 92.4%) and Biology I (82.4% vs. district rate of 92.3%). The Gateway pass rate for Ombudsman students in Algebra I was significantly below the 2008 district pass rate (20.3% vs. district rate of 72.3%). Based upon preliminary TCAP student data, the average gains from 2008 to 2009 for students served by Ombudsman fell short of 2008 overall state and district gains for every subject in grades 7 and 8. Furthermore, the results indicate that the average Ombudsman student regressed academically in 2008-09 in Reading at grade 7 and in Math at both grades 7 and 8. Dr. Register stated that other initiatives, such as Alternative programs in existing schools, Diploma Plus, new Adult High Schools, and other programs are being considered to fill the gaps. Principals are requesting alternative placements for students, and we are working toward meeting those needs. If there is still a need after these programs are implemented, the Ombudsman program may be considered on a smaller scale for next year.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson asked if any specific centers were identified in the results. Dr. Chngas said there were not any dramatic differences. He stated that he would provide the information available to the Board. Mr. Glover asked about the process of gathering data on students. Dr. Chngas said the same students are followed over time. Mr. Coverstone asked why the administration is considering discontinuing the Ombudsman program. Dr. Register said it is believed that the services can be provided in-house with</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ombudsman Report - continued 	<p>better results. Mr. Coverstone asked if we made the necessary steps to ensure the Ombudsman program could be successful. Dr. Register said he believes there was possibly a lack of collaboration between MNPS and Ombudsman to ensure that the program would be successful. Dr. Gentry asked were there any targets developed for the Ombudsman program. Mr. Thompson said there was no criteria set for the Ombudsman program. Dr. Gentry said in the event that the Ombudsman program is considered on a smaller scale, targets must be set for the program. Mr. North said results should be monitored for the programs that are put in place to replace the Ombudsman program. Additionally, how the alternative programs affect the scores at those students' zoned high schools should also be considered. Mr. Glover said he did not believe we had overall support from principals concerning the Ombudsman program. In the future, we must have support at all levels and understand the expectations of the program.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transformational Leadership Work 	<p>Dr. Register stated that over the last few weeks the work of the Transformational Leadership Groups (TLG) has been going steady. All of the members have a good understanding of the direction of each committee, and expectations are that all of the TLG's are expected to be successful.</p> <p>Mr. Fox said he is encouraged by the direction of the TLG's. He stated that there is much work to be done over the coming months, and he encouraged Board members to learn as much as possible about the TLG's. Mr. Coverstone stated that teachers are accepting of the TLG's and hopes that there will be continued support. He asked how are the TLG's related to The New Teacher Project, Teach for America, and other programs. Dr. Register said there will be a collaboration and partnership with those programs so that the best teachers can be hired. Ms. Porter said the success of any school starts with the leadership of the building. Principals have so many resources coming into the district that will greatly help schools. Mr. Glover said it is clear that the Board expectation level is rising and hopes that this momentum continues.</p>	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget and Finance Committee Meeting 	Mr. Glover announced the June 23 Budget and Finance Committee Meeting in the Board Conference Room at 4:00 p.m. He also gave notice that he would place the 2008-2009 Operating Budget Amendment #2 on the June 23 rd consent agenda.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget and Finance Committee Meeting 	Mr. Glover announced a Budget and Finance Committee Meeting on July 14 at 4:00 pm.	

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• Project Citizen	Dr. Brannon congratulated students in Ms. Molly Worrell's class at Thurgood Marshall Middle School. In the Spring, the state offered a \$10,000 grant for Project Citizen. Ms. Worrell's class won locally, state-wide, and has now moved to the national competition.	
• Greater Nashville Alliance of Black School Educators	Ms. Johnson thanked the Greater Nashville Alliance of Black School Educators for inviting her as their guest speaker to discuss, "Education as a Civil Right". She was honored to be guest speaker at their 25 th year celebration.	
• Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant	Ms. Johnson thanked Mayor Karl Dean and Councilman Duane Dominy for their support of the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant. Councilman Dominy worked diligently to create a resolution supporting MNPS' application for the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Grant. In the end, the resolution was supported by the entire Metro Council. As a result, the following schools will be receiving grants: Una Elementary, Shwab Elementary, Hattie Cotton Elementary, Glenview Elementary, Haywood Elementary, Hermitage Elementary, KIPP Academy, and Murrell.	
• PENCIL Foundation	Ms. Porter announced that the PENCIL Foundation Board met and honored Rose Park Middle School for winning the 2009 Mayoral Award for Outstanding Systems partner. Ms. Porter thanked Connie Williams, Executive Director of PENCIL, for the Foundation's hard work and contributions to MNPS. Ms. Porter also announced the PENCIL Foundation's annual fundraiser, A Little Night of Music, featuring Tim McGraw.	
WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
• Board Calendar Items		
• Adjournment	Mr. Coverstone made the motion to adjourn at 6:39 p.m.	
• Signatures	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>_____</p> <p>Chris M. Henson Board Secretary</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>_____</p> <p>David A. Fox Date Board Chair</p> </div> </div>	