

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
September 8, 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; Dr. Sharon Gentry; Steve Glover; Karen Y. Johnson; Mark North; Kay Simmons; and Student Board Members Mr. Steele and Mr. Haidar</p> <p>Member Absent: Ed Kindall</p> <p>Mr. Fox called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledge of Allegiance 	Led by Dr. Keel, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Board Member Report 	Mr. Steele stated that T-MAC and the Director's Student Advisory Council adult advisors will begin meetings in the near future. Both of the organizations play a major role in student input, community service and other student leadership opportunities, and look forward to working on future projects and initiatives. Mr. Haidar announced that students at McGavock High School have received books and locker assignments.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election of Board Officers 	<p>Mr. Glover moved to elect Mr. Fox as Chair. Dr. Brannon seconded.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson moved to elect Ms. Porter as Vice-Chair. Mr. Glover seconded.</p> <p>Mr. Glover moved to elect Mr. Henson to continue to serve as Board Secretary. Ms. Johnson seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE: 8-0- Unanimous</p> <p>VOTE: 8-0- Unanimous</p> <p>VOTE: 8-0 - Unanimous</p>
GOVERNANCE ISSUES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTIONS • Consent Agenda 	<p>Ms. Porter read the following consent agenda items: IV-A-1-a-Approval of Minutes - 8/25/09 Regular Board Meeting; IV-A-1-b – Recommended Award of Contract for ADA Improvement at Whites Creek Comprehensive High School – Edwards Construction Company – MBOE #08-001; IV-A-1-c– Recommendation for Contract for Football Field Replacement Lighting – Qualight Sports Lighting, Inc. MBOE #09-024 (Control NO. A-xxxxx); IV-A-1-d- Change Order #1 for Abestos Abatement @ Various Schools, 2009 (Madison Middle School)- J.J. Morley Enterprises, Inc. – M-416; IV-A-1-e- Change Order #2 for ADA Improvements at Johnson School & Murrell School – George Clanton Construction Co. – M-399; IV-A-1-f- Change Order #3 for Transitional ADA Upgrade for Hillwood Comprehensive High School – Kerry G. Campbell, Inc. –M-398; IV-A-1-g- Change Order #56 for Prototypical Playgrounds at Various Schools (Harpeth Valley Elementary School) – Custom Recreation, Inc. – M-337; IV-A-1-h- Awarding of Bids and</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consent Agenda - continued 	<p>Contracts (1.) American Psychiatric Association, (2.) American Education Corporation (3.) Williamson County Schools; IV-A-1-i-Energy Efficient Schools Initiative Grant. Mr. Glover moved to adopt the consent agenda. Ms. Johnson seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE: 8-0 - Unanimous</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nashville Global Academy Charter School Charter Amendment 	<p>Mr. Coverstone addressed the Board concerning the Nashville Global Academy Charter School charter amendment.</p> <p>Dr. Brannon asked if verbal approval was given to the school for the addition of the fourth grade. Mr. Coverstone said Nashville Global states that they received verbal approval, but there is no proof of that conversation. Ms. Johnson asked what will happen to the fourth grade students if the amendment is denied. Mr. Coverstone said the students will be required to return to their zoned schools. Mr. Glover asked if the original charter school application was for K-3. Mr. Coverstone said the approved charter stated Nashville Global would open with K-3 and add an additional grade each year thereafter. Ms. Johnson asked about the number of fourth grade students. Mr. Coverstone said there are around thirty fourth grade students. Ms. Johnson asked for the Administration's recommendation. Mr. Coverstone said it is the school's responsibility to follow the approved charter and Nashville Global Academy violated the charter. If the amendment is denied, the students will be required to return to their zoned schools. Ms. Simmons expressed her concern that there were no written documents concerning the addition of the fourth grade. Mr. Coverstone said the Charter School Office is committed to ensuring that all future decisions and correspondence are in writing. Mr. North asked if Nashville Global will remain on probation. Mr. Coverstone said the school will remain on probation until its December evaluation. Mr. Glover asked how the zoned schools would be affected if the students are returned. Mr. Coverstone said he did not have that information. Dr. Gentry asked if a process has been put in place to address the current issues and prevent future issues. Mr. Coverstone said the Charter School Office is working to develop a process. Dr. Register acknowledged Mr. Coverstone's hard work and requested that he not make a recommendation to the Board concerning action on the amendment. Ms. Johnson asked what will happen to the teachers once the students are reassigned. Mr. Coverstone said that decision would be left to the school. Ms. Porter said the students must be considered but also the implications of approving the amendment. Dr. Gentry asked if there is a policy that states when changes or additions may be made. If so, how often and when can changes be made? Mr. Coverstone said</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nashville Global Academy Charter School Charter Amendment - continued 	<p>amendment information is written into the state law. Mr. Fox asked if an educational plan was included in the Nashville Global application. Mr. Coverstone said basic curriculum and standards are addressed in the application. Mr. Fox expressed concern about the mistakes that were made in Nashville Global's start-up and their request for an amendment. Ms. Simmons said once the Board approves a charter school, the expectation is that the charter will serve students according to the approved charter. It's disconcerting that Nashville Global Academy did not meet expectations with the unapproved addition of the fourth grade.</p> <p>Ms. Porter called the question.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson moved to approve the Nashville Global Academy Charter School charter amendment. Mr. Fox seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE: Yes -1 (Johnson); No- (7) (Simmons, Porter, Fox, Glover, North, Brannon, Gentry)</p>
REPORTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NCLB Data Presentation 	<p>Dr. Changas presented to the Board a Power Point on Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the 2008-09 school year. Presentation attached.</p> <p>Ms. Porter asked if the AYP data could be used as a tool during parent meetings. Dr. Register said data can be provided for each individual school. Dr. Changas said individual schools' AYP data has been provided to principals. Dr. Register said it is imperative that each teacher receives and understands how to use the data. The district now has an AYP Task Force created to develop plans for communicating AYP information to schools and classrooms. Staff is working to ensure that changes are made in schools immediately so that we will see changes in next year's test scores. Mr. Glover was pleased to hear that the Administration was raising the bar of expectations for next year. Mr. North thanked Dr. Changas for providing the report in advance of the meeting. Mr. North asked how the Value-Added recalibration will affect future scores. Dr. Changas said recalibration will show how MNPS compares to Tennessee students in 2009 in terms of performance. Dr. Brannon asked when the group that is working on the standards will be finished. Dr. Changas said the state will convene standard setting committees next summer.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Charter School Compliance – Nashville Global Academy and Smithson-Craighead Academy 	<p>Mr. Coverstone presented to the Board the Charter School Compliance Reports for Nashville Global Academy and Smithson- Craighead Academy updates.</p> <p>On August 31, 2009, Nashville Global Academy delivered documentation of its efforts to address the areas of non-compliance, and the plans and documentation show tremendous progress toward resolving the issues that led to the original findings. Nashville Global Academy has met the reporting requirements in the original report. The documentation has been reviewed, and the Charter School Office is satisfied that the requisite short-term progress has been accomplished. Two issues remain: (1.) Resolution of the school’s application for charter amendment to allow them to continue to serve the fourth-grade students currently enrolled. (2.) Further study of the transportation plan via daily reports and parent satisfaction surveys to be completed by October 31, 2009. On August 31, 2009, Smithson-Craighead Academy delivered its School Improvement Plan, documenting its planned efforts to address the areas of concern. The plans show good focus on meeting academic goals and expectation. Smithson-Craighead has met the reporting requirements in the original report. The Charter School Office has reviewed the documentation, and Mr. Coverstone expressed his satisfaction that requisite short-term progress has been accomplished.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board Chairman’s Report Advocacy Committee 	<p>Mr. Glover said the Advocacy Committee met and discussed the TSBA resolutions for the upcoming year. With the Board’s permission, he will speak with Stephen Smith, TSBA, to gain clarification on some issues. The Advocacy Committee will meet again in two weeks.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Governance Committee 	<p>Mr. North said the Governance Committee met to prepare for the upcoming Board retreat.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Director Evaluation Committee 	<p>Dr. Gentry said the Director Evaluation Committee met and discussed reforming the Director’s evaluation instrument. The Director’s evaluation instrument will be presented at the September 22nd Board meeting.</p>	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Board Retreat 	<p>Mr. Fox announced the Board retreat would be held September 10th from 1:00 -9:00 p.m. at the Martin Professional Development Center.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Hands on Nashville 	<p>Ms. Johnson announced that Hands On Nashville Day will be held September 26th from 8:00 a.m.- noon. Volunteers may register online at www.hon.org through September 24th. There will be a CMT celebration at the Limelight event center. For more information, contact Amy at 615-298-1108 ext. 110.</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priest Lake Community Baptist Church – Youth Festival 	Ms. Johnson announced that Priest Lake Community Baptist Church will be holding its Annual Youth Festival on September 26 th . For additional information, please call 615-366-1423.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • McGavock Coalition 	Mr. Glover announced that the McGavock Coalition will be meeting on September 11 th .	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TSBA Annual Convention and Delegation meeting 	Mr. Glover announced the TSBA Annual Convention and Delegation meeting November 14-16 at Opryland Hotel. He urged Board members to attend the voting session.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TSBA Fall District Meeting 	Mr. North announced that he and Ms. Porter attended the TSBA Fall District Meeting. Ms. Porter received three awards and is now a Level-Three Board member, and Mr. Fox was elected Chair of the Mid-Cumberland district. Additionally, Vickie Yates and Charlie Woodward, from NewsChannel 5, received the Excellence in Education Reporting award for their Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools Teacher of the Year series.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Litton Middle School – 5K Run 	Ms. Porter announced on October 18, 2009, the Inglewood Neighborhood Association (INA) will hold their second annual Inglewood 5K Fun Run. The INA has chosen to support Isaac Litton Middle School’s Band with some of the proceeds from this year's event.	
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 6:21 p.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signatures 	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <hr style="width: 150px; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p>Chris M. Henson Board Secretary</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <hr style="width: 150px; margin: 0 auto;"/> <p>David A. Fox Date Board Chair</p> </div> </div>	