



AGENDA

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION
2601 Bransford Avenue, Nashville, TN 37204
Regular Meeting – November 23, 2021 – 5:00 p.m.
Christiane Buggs, Chair

I. CONVENE and ACTION

- A. Call to Order
- B. Establish Quorum
- C. Pledge of Allegiance

II. AWARDS and RECOGNITIONS

- A. Student Ambassadors – Antioch High School
 - a. Huda Jemal
 - b. Alexia Amobi

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Core Tenets: Create and support engaging, rigorous, and personalized learning experiences for all students & Identify and eliminate inequities

IV. GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- A. Actions
 - 1. Consent
 - a. Approval of Minutes – 10/26/2021 – Minutes
 - b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts
 - 1. Education Direction, LLC
 - 2. Freeland CDJR, LLC
 - 3. Metis Associates, Inc.
 - 4. NCS Pearson, Inc. dba Certiport
 - 5. Personal Computer Systems (Authorized Dealer for Promethean)
 - 6. Precision Exams, LLC dba YouScience
 - c. 2022-2023 School Calendar
 - 2. Naming of New Hillwood High School Location
 - 3. Charter School Amendments and Renewals

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V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VI. WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

A. Sales Tax Collections as of November 20, 2021

VII. ADJOURNMENT

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –
October 26, 2021

Members Present: Christiane Buggs, chair, Rachael Anne Elrod, vice-chair, Emily Masters, Abigail Tylor, Freda Player-Peters, Sharon Gentry and John Little

Student members: Abenezer Haile and Angelie Quimbo

Members Absent: Fran Bush and Gini Pupo-Walker

Meeting called to order: 5:00 p.m.

CONVENE AND ACTION

- A. Call to Order
Christiane Buggs called the meeting to order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Student Ambassadors.

AWARDS AND RECONGNITIONS

- A. Student Ambassadors from Cane Ridge High School and Pearl Cohn High School gave the Board a brief update on their academies.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- A. 1. Consent
 - a. **Approval of Minutes - 9/14/2021 - Minutes**
 - b. **Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. **Advanced Mechanical Contractors, Inc.**
(3 contracts)
 - 2. **Bernhard MCC**
 - 3. **CBRE Heery, Inc.**
 - 4. ~~**Country Music Foundation, Inc. dba**~~
~~**Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum**~~

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 6. Four Seasons, Inc.
 7. Frist Art Museum
 8. GLE Associates, Inc.
 9. Key2Ed, Inc.
 10. L & W Supply
 11. Metis Associates, Inc.
 12. Nathan D Douglas Sr. dba Square One Printing
 13. NCS Pearson, Inc.
 14. OpConnect, Inc
 15. Pollock Printing, Inc.
 16. Prisma Nashville, LLC
 17. Team B, LLC dba Sir Speedy BNA
 18. Trane
 19. United Testing & Balancing, Inc.
- c. Tenure List
 - d. Request for Medical Exemption
 - e. Legal Settlement (\$10,000)

Emily Masters pulled Item A-1-b-4 – Country Music Foundation, Inc. dba Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum

**Motion to approve the consent agenda with changes.
By Christiane Buggs, seconded Rachael Anne Elrod
Motion Passes
Vote: 7-0**

DIRECTOR REPORT

- A. Dr. Battle presented a report on Safe Schools Week. The student board member also gave brief reports on their experiences with the Navigator Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Angelie Quimbo announced that the Mayor's Youth Summit would be held November 3rd. The summit will be held virtually. She also encouraged seniors to turn in their college application before the deadline.

- B. Abigail Tylor announced that district-wide Parent Teacher Conference Day would be held October 29th, a community meeting held at Hillwood High School on November 4th concerning naming the new high school.
- C. Emily Masters announced that the Parent Advisory Teacher Town Hall would be held on November 23rd at 4:00 p.m. She also encouraged the public to get flu shots. She thanked PENCIL for sponsoring the annual MNPS Principal for the Day event.
- D. Freda Player-Peters encouraged students 14 and older in the North Nashville Area to participate in the Participatory Budget Process.
- E. Rachael Anne Elrod announced that the Overton Cluster PAC an event on November 20th at the Edmonson Pike Library.
- F. John Little announced the McGavock Cluster held a PAC meeting last week. He also announced that a in person parent meeting will be held in the coming week (details TBD). He also announced that Nashville Propel will host a town hall meeting on October 27th.
- G. Abenezer Haile congratulated all the students who took the PSAT. He also congratulated Hume-Fogg High School volleyball team for the winner the state championship.
- H. Christiane Buggs encouraged the public to participate in the school board redistricting process by contacting the Planning Commission. She announced that Hume-Fogg High School would be presenting the musical High School Musical starting November 2nd.

WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

- A. Sales Tax Collections as of October 20, 2021

Ms. Buggs adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Christiane Buggs
Board Chair

Date

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A. ACTIONS

1. CONSENT

b. AWARDING OF PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS

(1) VENDOR: Education Direction, LLC

SERVICE/GOODS (SOW): For the provision of independent school turnaround services at Jere Baxter Middle School as part of the State of Tennessee's School Turnaround Pilot Program. The desired outcome of these services is for Jere Baxter Middle School to meet the Priority School exit criteria established by the state's federal approved Every Student Succeeds Acts (ESSA) plan by the end of the pilot program period.

SOURCING METHOD: State of Tennessee RFQ#33101-2113233103NCN5

TERM: November 30, 2021 through June 30, 2025

FOR WHOM: Jere Baxter Middle School

COMPENSATION: Contractor shall be paid up to \$125,000 per year over the life of the contract term and then \$500,000 upon Jere Baxter Middle School exiting the Priority status.

Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$1,000,000.

OVERSIGHT: Schools of Innovation and Federal Programs

EVALUATION: Quality of services provided and success in helping Jere Baxter Middle School meet the Priority School exit criteria.

MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER: TBD

SOURCE OF FUNDS: School Turnaround Pilot Program Grant

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A. ACTIONS

1. CONSENT

b. AWARDING OF PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS

(2) VENDOR: Freeland CDJR, LLC

SERVICE/GOODS (SOW): Contract is for the provision of parts and services for all MNPS Dodge and Chrysler vehicles.

SOURCING METHOD: Metro Government RFQ# 104211 / Contract# 6490823

TERM: November 24, 2021 through June 17, 2026

FOR WHOM: Transportation

COMPENSATION: Total compensation for this contract is \$250,000.

OVERSIGHT: Transportation

EVALUATION: The quality and timeliness of goods and services provided.

MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER: 7523369

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Operating Budget

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A. ACTIONS

1. CONSENT

b. AWARDING OF PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS

(3) VENDOR: Metis Associates, Inc.

SERVICE/GOODS (SOW): Amendment #1 changes the contract number to 7485867, increases the contract value by \$350,000, and updates the Criminal Background Check language in the contract. Contract is for the provision of grant evaluation services for various MNPS grants. This includes conducting context, input, process, product evaluations, developmental evaluation, grant compliance, and other evaluations using logics suitable for qualitative, mixed methods, as well as quantitative research.

SOURCING METHOD: Amendment of a Previously Board Approved Contract

TERM: November 24, 2021 through October 31, 2024

FOR WHOM: Magnet Schools and Federal Programs

COMPENSATION: Amendment #1 increases the compensation of the contract by \$350,000.

Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$600,000.

OVERSIGHT: Magnet Schools and Federal Programs

EVALUATION: Adherence to the scope of work requirements/specifications, constraints on the Contractor, and Contractor personnel requirements as defined in Attachment A of the contract.

MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER: 7485867 (previously 2-282537-05)

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Various Grant Funds

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A. ACTIONS

1. CONSENT

b. AWARDING OF PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS

(4) VENDOR: NCS Pearson, Inc. dba Certiport

SERVICE/GOODS (SOW): Contract is for the provision of State of Tennessee approved industry certification for students to be better equipped for college and career.

SOURCING METHOD: Sole Source

TERM: November 24, 2021 through November 23, 2026

FOR WHOM: MNPS Students

COMPENSATION: MNPS will compensate Contractor approximately \$250,000 per year.

Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$1,250,000.

OVERSIGHT: Career & Technical Education (CTE)

EVALUATION: Quality of the services provided.

MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER: TBD

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Operating Budget

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A. ACTIONS

1. CONSENT

b. AWARDING OF PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS

(5) VENDOR: Personal Computer Systems (Authorized Dealer for Promethean)

SERVICE/GOODS (SOW): Amendment #1 to increase the contract value by \$3,500,000. Contract is for the purchase and installation of Promethean Boards, accessories, and warranties.

SOURCING METHOD: National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance RFP 29-20

TERM: November 24, 2021 through December 31, 2023

FOR WHOM: All MNPS Schools

COMPENSATION: Contractor shall be paid in accordance with the pricing on the NCPA Contract.

Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$5,000,000.

OVERSIGHT: Technology Services

EVALUATION: Quality of products and timeliness of services provided.

MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER: MNPS 7511326

SOURCE OF FUNDS: Various Federal, Operating, and Capital Funds

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A. ACTIONS

1. CONSENT

b. AWARDING OF PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS

(6) VENDOR: Precision Exams, LLC dba YouScience

SERVICE/GOODS (SOW): Amendment #1 updates the Criminal Background Check language and increases the contract value by \$60,000. Contract is for the provision of aptitude/interest-based assessments to help students make informed decisions for their future.

SOURCING METHOD: Amendment of a Previously Board Approved Contract

TERM: November 24, 2021 through March 10, 2025

FOR WHOM: MNPS Students

COMPENSATION: Amendment #1 increases the compensation of the contract by \$60,000.

Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$120,000.

OVERSIGHT: Student Support Services

EVALUATION: Quality of services provided.

MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER: 7497216

SOURCE OF FUNDS: ESSER 3 - Pending Approval

NOT FINAL UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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KEY DATES

July 11: Assistant principals report

August 2: Teachers report; teacher in-service day

August 3-5: Teacher in-service days

August 8: First full day for grades 1-12; Half day for Pre-K and K

August 9: Full day for grades 1-12; Half day for Pre-K and K

August 10: Full day for all grades

September 2: Stockpiled professional development day (Students do not report)

September 5: Labor day holiday (District closed)

September 6: Progress reports issued

October 6: First quarter ends

October 7: Stockpile professional development day (Students do not report)

October 10-14: Fall break holiday

October 17: Second quarter begins

October 25: Report cards issued

October 28: Parent conference day (Students do not report)

November 8: Election day; Stockpile professional development day (Students do not report)

November 11: Veterans day holiday (District closed)

November 15: Progress reports issued

November 23-25: Thanksgiving holiday

December 13-15: Half day for exams grades 9-12; Other grades full day

December 16: Half day for all students; Second quarter ends

December 19-January 2: Winter break holiday

January 3-6: Stockpile professional development day (Students do not report)

January 9: Third quarter begins

January 10: Report cards issued

January 16: MLK holiday (District closed)

February 7: Progress reports issued

February 20: Stockpile professional development day (Students do not report)

March 10: Half day for all students Third quarter ends

March 13-17: Spring break holiday

March 20: Fourth quarter begins

March 28: Report cards issued

April 6: Stockpile professional development day (Students do not report)

April 7: Spring holiday (District closed)

April 18: Progress reports issued

May 22-24: Half day for exams grades 9-12; Other grades full day

May 25: Last day for exams; Half day for all students; End of school year; Report cards issued (elementary and middle schools)

May 26: Teacher in-service day; Last day for teachers

May 29: Memorial day holiday (District closed)

June 2: Report cards issued (high schools); Last day for assistant principals

** Potential snow make-up days: May 26, 30, 31, June 1, 2*

** 4 Stockpiled Inclement Weather Days; 9 Stockpile PD Days*

CALENDAR KEY

	Students in school
	Teacher in-service day (Students do not report)
	Stockpiled professional development day (Students do not report)
	Students out of school
	Students out of school; district closed
	Half day for all students
	Half day for exams (grades 9-12 only); Half virtual day

Draft Date: October 28, 2021

IV. A. 2- Naming of New Hillwood High School Location

The Board will take action based upon the Naming of Schools Committee meeting recommendation.

2021 Charter School Amendment and Renewal Applications

Presented by the Office of Charter Schools

November 23, 2021



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Presentation Overview

Charter School	5 th Grade Addition/Removal	Increased Enrollment
Rocketship Northeast	X - addition	
Purpose Prep Academy	X - addition	X
Smithson Craighead Academy	X - addition	X
STRIVE Collegiate	X - removal	

Charter School	Renewal
LEAD Prep Southeast	X
Knowledge MS	X

MNPS OFFICE of CHARTER SCHOOLS

The Office of Charter Schools currently works with 27 charter schools within MNPS to ensure all contractual obligations are met. It is the primary responsibility of this office to:

- Lead the authorization process by sharing evidence/findings for:
 1. new applications,
 2. renewal applications, and
 3. amendments to existing applications.

During these processes, the MNPS Office of Charter Schools works with internal/external experts to review each application and present all findings to the MNPS Board of Education.

TCA 49-13-110

- In accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.) § 49-13-110(d), the governing body of a charter school may petition its authorizer to amend its charter agreement.
- The authorizer must rule on an amendment application within 60 days of its due date, or within 60 days of the date of submission of an emergency application.
- If the authorizer fails to do so, the school's amendment application shall be deemed approved. If the school's application is denied, the school may appeal the decision to the State Commission.

Board Action Options

- Approve amendment in whole (expansion to 5th grade AND increased enrollment)
- Approve amendment in part (expansion to 5th grade only WITHOUT increased enrollment)
- Deny amendment in whole (no expansion of 5th grade AND no increased enrollment)

Note: If denied, a charter school has the option to appeal the decision.

Rubric Guidance

Per the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE) Charter School Office, if the school's application for amendment addresses these categories, it is indication of a strong response.

- Academics – results provided compelling support for proposed amendment(s)
- Budget – realistic and detailed budget
- Facility – demonstration of plans that support proposed amendment(s)
- Support – evidence of support from parents, staff, and community partners

Per TDOE criteria, applications can be evaluated as:

- meets/exceeds the standard
- does not meet the standard.

2021 Charter School Amendment Rocketship Northeast

Rocketship Northeast requested amendment
is to add 5th grade.



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Rocketship Northeast Requested Amendment

The proposed amendment includes the following:

Rocketship Northeast	
Current grade levels	K-4
Requested amendment grade levels	K-5
Current enrollment cap	560

Rocketship Northeast Overall Findings

Rocketship Northeast

Academics	Budget	Facility	Support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reward School in 2018-2019 Met the standard for the overall Academic Performance Framework in 2018-2019 on Charter School Performance Framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exceeded the Financial standard from SY2015-2019 on CPF Two 5th grade classes with a total of 50 students will be added and below the existing enrollment cap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current building is equipped for the additional grade level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder feedback provided

Rocketship Northeast Rating

The application for the amendment to add 5th grade to Rocketship Northeast meets standards.

Board Discussion and Vote

2021 Charter School Amendment Purpose Prep Academy

Purpose Prep Academy requested amendments to add 5th grade and to increase enrollment which falls outside of the minimum and maximum enrollment thresholds set forth in the charter agreement.



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Purpose Prep Requested Amendment

The proposed amendment includes the following:

Purpose Prep	
Current grade levels	K-4
Requested amendment grade levels	K-5
Current enrollment cap	360
Requested amendment enrollment cap	450

Purpose Prep Overall Findings

Purpose Prep

Academics	Budget	Facility	Support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 designated a Reward School • Exceeded the standard for the overall Academic Performance for school years 2017-2019 in Charter School Performance Framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceeded the financial standard from school years 2013-2019 according to CPF. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently occupies 12 of the available classrooms and has the capacity to occupy the additional 3 classrooms available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder feedback provided

Purpose Prep Academy Rating

The application for the amendment to add 5th grade to Purpose Prep Academy meets standards.

The application for the amendment to increase enrollment which falls outside of the maximum enrollment threshold at Purpose Prep Academy does not meet standards.

Board Discussion and Vote

2021 Charter School Amendment Smithson Craighead Academy

Smithson Craighead requested amendments to add 5th grade and to increase enrollment which falls outside of the minimum and maximum enrollment thresholds set forth in the charter agreement.



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Smithson Craighead Requested Amendment

The proposed amendment includes the following:

Smithson Craighead	
Current grade levels	K-4
Requested amendment grade levels	K-5
Current enrollment cap	250
Requested amendment enrollment cap	360

Smithson Craighead Overall Findings

Smithson Craighead Academy

Academics	Budget	Facility	Support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reward School in 2018-2019 Met the standard for the overall Academic Performance Framework in 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 on CPF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two 5th grade classes with a total of 50 students will be added and below the existing enrollment cap Classified as Falling Far Below Standard in the Financial indicator from 2013-2017, and not meeting the standard in 2017-2018 on CPF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current building is equipped for the additional grade level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder feedback provided

Smithson Craighead Rating

The application for the amendment to add 5th grade to Smithson Craighead meets standards.

The application for the amendment to increase the enrollment which falls outside of the maximum enrollment threshold at Smithson Craighead Academy does not meet standards.

Board Discussion and Vote

2021 Charter School Amendment STRIVE Academy

STRIVE requested amendment
to remove 5th grade.



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STRIVE

Requested Amendment

The proposed amendment includes the following:

STRIVE	
Current grade levels	5-8
Requested amendment grade levels	6-8
Current enrollment cap	480
Requested amendment enrollment cap	480

STRIVE Overall Findings

STRIVE Collegiate			
Academics	Budget	Facility	Support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met the overall academic performance standard in 2017-2018 on CPF Targeted Support and Improvement designation 2018-2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> STRIVE exceeds the expectation in Financial from SY 16-19 The 2020 Audited Financial Statements have no findings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reducing grade levels will also not require changes to the current physical space of the building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder feedback provided

STRIVE Rating

The application for the amendment to remove 5th grade from STRIVE meets standards.

Board Discussion and Vote

Charter School Renewal Applications



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TCA 49-13-121

T.C.A. § 49-13-121 sets forth the procedures by which a charter school may renew its charter agreement with its authorizer. A charter school must submit a renewal application to its authorizer no later than April 1 of the year prior to the year in which its charter agreement expires.

Board Action Options

Board Options

Approve renewal

Deny the renewal application

Note: If denied, a charter school has the option to appeal the decision.

Rubric Guidance

- **Meets Standard** – The record includes specific and accurate evidence that the school generally demonstrated success in meeting and upholding the terms of the charter agreement.
- **Partially Meets Standard** – The record meets the criteria in some aspects but lacks sufficient evidence that the charter school is meeting the terms of the charter agreement in one or more areas.
- **Does Not Meet Standard** – The record provides evidence that the charter school committed a violation of its charter agreement, failed to meet generally accepted standards of fiscal management.

2021 Charter School Renewal Application LEAD Prep Southeast



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LEAD Prep Southeast Overall Findings Summary

LEAD Prep Southeast

Academics	Operational Stability	Financial Health	Future Planning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEAD Prep Southeast has been a Level 5 in SY: 2017-2019 in ELA 2018-2019 for Math, 2017-2018 Science, 2018-2019 for Social Studies Reward School for SY 2014-2015 and 2016-2017 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEAD Prep Southeast has an attrition rate of 3.9% with a waitlist A review of the 2013-19 CPF finds that LEAD Prep Southeast consistently exceeded organizational standards each year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CPF indicates consistent meeting or exceeding standards in the financial section from 2013-2019 TDOE and Comptroller's reports have not indicated any findings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan includes expanding EL programming, intervention plans, curriculum, and support for students with disabilities

LEAD Prep Southeast Ratings

After a thorough review of the renewal application, the review team rated the overall ratings as follows:

Lead Prep Southeast	
Academics	Meets Standard
Operational Stability	Meets Standard
Financial Health	Meets Standard
Future Planning	Meets Standard

Board Discussion and Vote

2021 Charter School Renewal Application Knowledge MS



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Support Plan from MNPS

- The Office of Charter Schools issued a Notice of Concern dated April 26, 2019, in response to several irregularities that came about within the Knowledge Academy Network.
- As a result, the Office of Charter Schools developed a support plan for the Knowledge network that was established from January 6, 2020 to December 18, 2020.
- The focus areas of support included were Academics, Operations, and Financials.
- During this period, the Knowledge Academies Network provided documentation and/or information to MNPS prescribed and as defined in the plan.
- The following MNPS departments provided support to the Office of Charter Schools to ensure that the Knowledge network received the proper supports identified within their support plan: Curriculum and Instruction, Federal Programs, Exceptional Education, English Learners, and Counseling Services.

Knowledge MS

Overall Findings

Knowledge MS

Academics	Operational Stability	Financial Health	Future Planning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designated TSI status in 2018-2019 • Knowledge MS exited TSI status in 2020-2021 • There has been no improvement in ELA scores for 2017-2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge Academy has been in operation since 2012 • The school currently enrolls 125 students for grades 5-8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding is primarily from BEP • KA consistently does not meet debt obligations as stated in their 2020 audit report • 2018-2019 the CPF shows Knowledge MS Far Below the Standard in Financial Management and Governance Reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no plan for how to address student mobility and attrition issues • The school plans for 272 students with no clear recruitment strategy

Knowledge MS Ratings

After a thorough review of the renewal application, the review team rated the overall ratings as follows:

Knowledge Academy MS	
Academics	Partially Meets Standard
Operational Stability	Does Not Meet Standard
Financial Health	Does Not Meet Standard
Future Planning	Does Not Meet Standard

Board Discussion and Vote