

**METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING - Tuesday,
February 13, 2018**

Members present, Anna Shepherd (Chair), Jill Speering (Vice-chair), Mary Pierce, Christiane Buggs, Tyese Hunter, Amy Frogge, Sharon Gentry and Shawn Joseph

Members Absent

Will Pinkston, Jo Ann Brannon

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

CONVENE and ACTION

A. Establish Quorum

Ms. Shepherd called the meeting to order.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Sue Kessler, Principal of Hunters Lane High School.

C. 30 Seconds in My District...

Each Board member gave a brief update on their district.

AND THE GOOD NEWS IS...

A. Student Ambassadors – Hillsboro & Hunters Lane High Schools

The following students gave the Board brief updates on their academies: Jacob Fawcett, Desirey Cosio, Aryelle Lipscomb, and Joshua West.

B. Megis Middle Magnet performed prior to the Board meeting.

C. Shwab Elementary displayed artwork during the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Liza Ramage - Ms. Ramage addressed the Board on behalf of NOAH concerning ending racial disparities within the district and the work of NOAH to address the issue.

B. Byron Harvey – Mr. Harvey addressed the Board on behalf of NOAH concerning ending racial disparities within the district. He asked the Board to provide additional Restorative Practices resources in the upcoming budget.

C. Erik Huth – Dr. Huth addressed the Board concerning issues impacting employees. He asked the Board to consider the Compensation Plan.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Ms. Speering read the consent agenda.

Ms. Speering pulled Amplify Education, Inc.

Legal Settlement Claim #L-15840 (\$30,000) was deferred to a later meeting.

A. Consent

- a. Approval of Minutes – 11/14/2017 and 11/28/2017 – Regular Meeting
- b. Recommended Award of Contract for Architectural Services (Renovations of Glenn Enhanced Option Elementary School for Murrell School) – Gould Turner Group
- c. Recommended Award of Contract for Civil and Landscaping Services (Various Schools) – Catalyst Design Group
- d. Recommended Approval of Request #1 for Hillsboro High School Additions and Renovations – Beaver Engineering, Inc.
- e. Recommended Approval of Request #4 for Purchase of Auditorium Seating at Hunters Lane High School – Sedia Systems, Inc.
- f. Recommended Approval of Lease Agreement with Hermitage Church of Christ for use of the Auditorium at Dupont - Tyler Middle School
- g. Recommended Approval to Declare Portable Buildings (at Various Schools) as Surplus
- h. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts
 - (1) ~~Amplify Education, Inc.~~
 - (2) CDW Government, Inc.
 - (3) Central States Bus Sales, Inc.
 - (4) Howard Technologies
 - (5) Warner Music Nashville, LLC
- i. Legal Settlement Claim # C-35382 (\$20,000)
- j. ~~Legal Settlement Claim # L-15840 (\$30,000)~~

Motion to approve the consent agenda as read.

Motion by Jill Speering, second by Tyese Hunter

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Anna Shepherd, Jill Speering, Mary Pierce, Christiane Buggs, Tyese Hunter, Amy Frogge, Sharon Gentry

Ms. Speering asked questions about the Amplify Education, Inc. contract. Dr. Felder answered the questions.

Motion to approve the Amplify Education, Inc. contract.

Motion by Sharon Gentry, second by Tyese Hunter.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Anna Shepherd, Mary Pierce, Christiane Buggs, Tyese Hunter, Amy Frogge, Sharon Gentry

No: Jill Speering

B. Student Discipline Appeal

Motion to grant a hearing for the Student Discipline Appeal.

Motion by Christiane Buggs, second by Tyese Hunter.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Sharon Gentry, Anna Shepherd, Christiane Buggs, Tyese Hunter, Mary Pierce, Amy Frogge

No: Jill Speering

REPORTS

A. Director's Report

1. Integrated Math – Dr. Felder and staff presented the Integrated Math report.
2. Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) for MNEA, SEIU, and United Steelworkers – Ms. Story and Ms. Harkey presented the MOU to the Board.

B. Ms. Shepherd gave a brief chair report.

C. Announcements

1. Ms. Buggs announced that the Envision Napier, Casey and Edge Hill have begin restorations and renovations. She advised the community to contact her for additional information.
2. Ms. Hunter announced that the department of Exceptional Education is looking for cultivate work base and learning opportunities for MNPS students. She advised the community to contact Kathryn Ditzer for more information.
3. Ms. Speering announced that she attended the Litton Middle School Family breakfast on the morning of February 13th.

4. Ms. Speering announced that the Urban League of Middle Tennessee is sponsoring two ACT Boot camps for Hunters Lane High School and Maplewood High School.
5. Ms. Speering announced that the College Zone program at Maplewood High School has served over 1,500 students helping students increase their ACT scores. She also reported on the ACT scores at Maplewood and other high schools within the district.
6. Ms. Speering announced that she would bring a resolution to the February 27th Board meeting concerning assigning letter grades to Tennessee Public Schools.
7. Ms. Shepherd announced that she would attend the Professional Skills Fair at McGavock High School on February 14th.
8. Ms. Shepherd announced that she attended the TSBA Day on the Hill was held on February 13th.
9. Ms. Shepherd announced that she attended the Community Achieves Tour at Pearl-Cohn High School.

Ms. Pierce adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Anna Shepherd
Board Chair

Date