



## AGENDA

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION  
2601 Bransford Avenue, Nashville, TN 37204  
Regular Meeting – February 25, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.

**Freda Player, Chair**

- I. CONVENE and ACTION
  - A. Call to Order
  - B. Establish Quorum
  - C. Pledge of Allegiance
  - D. Adoption of Agenda
- II. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS
  - A. Lena Feleke, Martin Luther King Jr. Academic Magnet High School/School for Science and Math at Vanderbilt – Regeneron Science Talent Search National Finalist
  - B. "Every Student Known" Singers and Music Educators Emmy Winners for Documentary – Cultural
  - C. "Cada Estudiante Valorado" - Spanish-language version of "Every Student Known"
  - D. Academic Achievement Awards for High School Athletic Teams
  - E. National Board-Certified Employees
- III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Core Tenets: 1. Re-envision Central Office as a Support Hub; 2. Empower and Equip Leaders at all Levels; 3. Create and Support Engaging, Rigorous, and Personalized Learning Experiences for All Students; 4. Identify and Eliminate Inequities
- IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

*The Board will hear from those persons who have requested to appear at this Board meeting. In the interest of time, speakers are requested to limit remarks to two minutes or less. Comments will be timed.*
- V. GOVERNANCE ISSUES
  - A. Actions
    1. Consent
      - a. Minutes – 2.11.2025 – Regular Meeting
      - b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts
        1. Info-Tech Research Group
        2. Paloma Learning
        3. Tanksley Tree Service LLC
        4. The Davey Tree Expert Company
        5. Zearn Inc.
- VI. BOARD REPORTS
- VII. WRITEEN REPORTS TO THE BOARD
  - A. Sales Tax Collections as of February 20, 2025
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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## **METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – February 11, 2025**

**Members Present:** Freda Player – Chair, Berthena Nabaa-McKinney – Vice-chair, Rachael Anne Elrod, Erin O’Hara Block, Cheryl Mayes, TK Fayne, Abigail Tylor, Zach Young, Robert Taylor and Rachael Anne Elrod

**Student Members Present:** Christine Tran and Hannah Nguyen

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

### **CONVENE AND ACTION**

- A. Call to Order – Freda Player called the meeting to order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by former Dr. Renita Perry, Chief of
- C. Adoption of Agenda

**Zach Young pulled Item A-1-b-(8) Systems Integrations  
Motion to agenda to adopt agenda as listed.  
By Berthena Nabaa-McKinney, seconded Cheryl Mayes  
Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)**

### **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- A. Natalie Boyd, Hume-Fogg Academic Magnet High School – Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching – Dr. Battle and the Board recognized Ms. Boyd.
- B. John Henderson, Pearl-Cohn High School Alum – College Football Hall of Fame Inductee - Dr. Battle and the Board recognized Mr. Henderson.
- C. Isaiah T. Creswell Middle School of the Arts – Magnet Schools of America 2025 School of Excellence – Dr. Battle and the Board recognized I.T. Creswell.

- D. McGavock Cluster 8th Grade Bands and Music Teachers – Music for All Advocacy in Action Award - Dr. Battle and the Board recognized the McGavock Cluster 8<sup>th</sup> grade bands.
- E. Bryson Finney and the We Are Nashville Festival – Music for All Advocacy in Action Award - Dr. Battle and the Board recognized Mr. Finney.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. Dr. Battle presented an update to the Board on Education Recovery Scorecard and a School Safety Report.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- A. Joyce Perkins – She addressed the Board concerning enhanced safety measures within the school district.
- B. Scott Davis – He addressed the Board concerning enhanced safety measures within the school district.
- C. Jonathan Vandenburg - He addressed the Board concerning enhanced safety measures within the school district.
- D. Lelann Evans – He addressed the Board concerning enhanced safety measures within the school district.

## **GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

### **1. Consent**

- a. **Minutes – 1.28.2025 – Regular Meeting**
- b. **Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
  - 1. Advanced Mechanical Contractors, Inc.**
  - 2. Evolution Maintenance Inc.**
  - 3. Jarrett Builders, Inc.**
  - 4. Leland Inc.**
  - 5. PortionPac Chemical Corporation**
  - 6. Southern & Heating Cooling, Inc.**
  - 7. Spot Coolers**
  - 8. ~~System Integrations, Inc.~~**

- c. **Special Courses**
- d. **Teachers Eligible for Tenure FY 2025-2026 Budget Priorities**
- e. **Legal Settlement Claim L-17630 (\$8,500)**

**Motion to agenda to adopt agenda as listed.**

**By Cheryl Mayes, seconded Berthena Nabaa-McKinney**

**Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)**

**Motion to agenda to Item A-1-b-(8) Systems Integrations, Inc.**

**By Zach Young, seconded Robert Taylor**

**Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)**

### **BOARD REPORTS**

- A. Cheryl Mayes gave a brief update on the TSBA Legislative & Legal Institution conference.
- B. Erin O'hara Block gave a brief Director Evaluation Committee update.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

- A. Freda Player announced that the March 11 Board Meeting will be canceled due to Spring Break.

**Freda Player adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.**



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Chris M. Henson  
Board Secretary

Freda Player  
Board Chair

Date

**GOVERNANCE ISSUES – ACTIONS – CONSENT**

**A.1.b.(1)**

VENDOR:	Info-Tech Research Group
SERVICE/GOODS (SOW):	For the provision of Info-Tech’s IT Research and Advisory membership that provides MNPS with access to their powerful diagnostic tools and key research to help MNPS systematically improve performance in technology services.
SOURCING METHOD:	U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Cooperative Contract GS-35F-298GA
TERM:	June 1, 2025 through June 1, 2028
FOR WHOM:	Technology Services
COMPENSATION:	Contractor will be compensated in accordance with the GSA cooperative contract pricing. Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$680,000. Total compensation is based on an estimated yearly amount of \$210,077.23.
OVERSIGHT:	Technology Services
EVALUATION:	Based on the quality and timeliness of the services provided.
MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER:	GSA Cooperative Contract GS-35F-298GA
SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Operating Budget

**GOVERNANCE ISSUES – ACTIONS – CONSENT**

**A.1.b.(2)**

VENDOR:	Paloma Learning
SERVICE/GOODS (SOW):	Amendment #1 extends the term and increases the contract value. The contract is for the provision of a mobile web application that assists Kindergarten through 2nd grade families build and sustain the habit of tutoring their kids for 15 minutes a day by providing the families with personalized daily tutoring services/resources.
SOURCING METHOD:	Amendment of an Existing MNPS Contract
TERM:	February 26, 2025 through June 30, 2029
FOR WHOM:	MNPS Students and Families
COMPENSATION:	This amendment increases the contract value by \$500,000. Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$558,300. Total compensation is based on an estimated yearly amount of \$125,000.
OVERSIGHT:	Accelerating Scholars
EVALUATION:	Based on the quality and usage of the web application provided.
MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER:	7594816
SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Operating Budget

**GOVERNANCE ISSUES – ACTIONS – CONSENT**

**A.1.b.(3)**

VENDOR:	Tanksley Tree Service LLC
SERVICE/GOODS (SOW):	For the provision of tree services and related projects as needed. Projects could include but are not limited to the removal of trees/branches, transplantation, stump grinding, and tree trimming. Emergency projects consist of storm damage cleaning such as trees/branches blocking driveways and entrances or mass grounds clean up.
SOURCING METHOD:	RFP 388381
TERM:	February 26, 2025 through February 25, 2030
FOR WHOM:	MNPS Facilities
COMPENSATION:	Contractor will be compensated in accordance with each quote provided per project awarded. Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$375,000. Total compensation is based on an estimated yearly amount of 75,000.
OVERSIGHT:	Facilities
EVALUATION:	Based on the quality and timeliness of services provided.
MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER:	7606019
SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Operating Budget and Capital Funds

**GOVERNANCE ISSUES – ACTIONS – CONSENT**

**A.1.b.(4)**

VENDOR:	The Davey Tree Expert Company
SERVICE/GOODS (SOW):	For the provision of tree services and related projects as needed. Projects could include but are not limited to the removal of trees/branches, transplantation, stump grinding, and tree trimming. Emergency projects consist of storm damage cleaning such as trees/branches blocking driveways and entrances or mass grounds clean up.
SOURCING METHOD:	RFP 388381
TERM:	February 26, 2025 through February 25, 2030
FOR WHOM:	MNPS Facilities
COMPENSATION:	Contractor will be compensated in accordance with each quote provided per project awarded. Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$375,000. Total compensation is based on an estimated yearly amount of 75,000.
OVERSIGHT:	Facilities
EVALUATION:	Based on the quality and timeliness of services provided.
MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER:	7606020
SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Operating Budget and Capital Funds



**GOVERNANCE ISSUES – ACTIONS – CONSENT**

**A.1.b.(5)**

VENDOR:	Zearn Inc.
SERVICE/GOODS (SOW):	Amendment #1 extends the term and increases the contract value. The contract includes schoolwide account access to a digital learning platform for 101 elementary and middle schools participating in the Accelerating Scholars program. It also provides for three district-wide professional development days focused on training tutors, tutor leads, and other key staff members.
SOURCING METHOD:	Amendment of a Previously Board Approved Contract
TERM:	February 26, 2025 through June 30, 2029
FOR WHOM:	MNPS Staff and Students
COMPENSATION:	This amendment increases the contract value by \$1,000,000. Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$1,262,100. Total compensation is based on an estimated yearly amount of \$250,000
OVERSIGHT:	Accelerating Scholars
EVALUATION:	Based on the quality of the platform, professional development training, and customer support offered.
MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER:	7591462
SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Operating Budget

**Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools**  
**Sales Tax Collections**  
**As of February 20, 2025**

**General Purpose Fund**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>2024-2025 Projection</b>	<b>TOTAL 2024-2025 COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$ Change For Month - FY25 Projection</b>	<b>% Change For Month - FY25 Projection</b>	<b>% Increase / Decrease Year- To-Date</b>
September	\$25,567,101.59	\$24,826,195.75	(\$740,905.84)	-2.90%	-2.90%
October	33,023,272.16	33,168,113.06	\$144,840.90	0.44%	-1.01%
November	33,089,701.22	31,912,913.77	(\$1,176,787.45)	-3.56%	-1.93%
December	34,766,006.21	35,089,135.39	\$323,129.18	0.93%	-1.15%
January	33,157,339.70	32,548,153.67	(609,186.03)	-1.84%	-1.29%
February	37,925,635.48	36,962,370.53	(963,264.95)	-2.54%	-1.53%
March	29,307,728.38				
April	31,364,453.75				
May	34,489,615.05				
June	35,161,341.30				
July	35,582,946.78				
August	35,633,358.36				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$399,068,500.00</b>	<b>\$194,506,882.17</b>	<b>(\$3,022,174.20)</b>		<b>-1.53%</b>

**Debt Service Fund**

<b>MONTH</b>	<b>2024-2025 Projection</b>	<b>TOTAL 2024-2025 COLLECTIONS</b>	<b>\$ Change For Month - FY25 Projection</b>	<b>% Change For Month - FY25 Projection</b>	<b>% Increase / Decrease Year- To-Date</b>
September	\$4,501,947.86	\$3,671,021.00	(\$830,926.86)	-18.46%	-18.46%
October	4,759,921.83	4,904,350.72	\$144,428.89	3.03%	-7.41%
November	4,908,174.71	4,718,925.85	(\$189,248.86)	-3.86%	-6.18%
December	5,002,163.93	5,188,590.08	\$186,426.15	3.73%	-3.60%
January	4,832,707.03	4,812,858.04	(19,848.99)	-0.41%	-2.95%
February	5,426,290.20	5,465,583.21	39,293.01	0.72%	-2.28%
March	4,425,836.70				
April	4,414,863.28				
May	5,162,167.00				
June	4,953,250.98				
July	5,309,626.22				
August	5,312,850.26				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$59,009,800.00</b>	<b>\$28,761,328.90</b>	<b>(\$669,876.66)</b>		<b>-2.28%</b>