

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – January 28, 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 and Berthena Nabaa-McKinney (arrived at 6:08 p.m.)

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 Board of Education members Sharon Gentry and Gini Pupo-Walker.
- C. Moment of Silence – In recognition of the families effected by the Antioch High School Incident.
- D. Acknowledgments – Freda Player offered condolences to the families of the Antioch High School Incident and thanked government agencies and the community for their support.

Statement – Cheryl Mayes read the following statement: Thank you, Chair Player, and thank you, Dr. Battle and your team, for your unwavering leadership not just in times of triumph but also in the face of adversity. To my fellow Board of Education members, your dedication and support are deeply appreciated, and I am truly grateful for each of you. But today, my greatest gratitude is reserved for the extraordinary staff, administrators, and first responders at Antioch High School. When the unimaginable occurred in the café last week, you didn't hesitate. You didn't step back—you stepped forward. Without a second thought, you ran toward danger to protect our students. In those critical moments, your training, instincts, and, most importantly, your hearts took over. To me, that makes you heroes.

In the days since, you have continued to demonstrate the same unwavering commitment-not just to our students, but to one another. You have stood shoulder to shoulder, offering strength, support, and solace, wrapping the Antioch community in care and compassion. But I can't say I'm surprised. This is Antioch. This is who we are. Strength, resilience, and unity are woven into the fabric of our community. Antioch is a place where we lift each other up, where our diversity is our strength, and where, in the toughest times, we come together with purpose. So today, I ask each of you—students, families, faculty, and staff—to hold on to hope. Even in the darkest moments, there is still light to be found. And please know this: You are not alone. We are here. We will stand beside you, support you and lift you up in every way possible. We see you. We love you. And we've got you. Thank you.

E. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to agenda to adopt agenda as listed.

By Cheryl Mayes, seconded Erin O'Hara Block

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Dr. Battle presented an update to the Board on Antioch High School incident and the district's response.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Leland Evans – He addressed the Board concerning enhanced safety measures within the school district.
- B. Nicole Johns – She addressed the Board concerning the Child Safe Division of American Income.
- C. Christiane Buggs – She addressed the Board concerning her and PENCIL's support of the district.
- D. Meredith Libbey – She addressed the Board concerning her support of MNPS.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

1. Consent

- a. Minutes – 1.14.2025 – Regular Meeting**
- b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. Anchor Tours**
 - 2. Bokhari USA dba Metro Livery**
 - 3. FilterPro USA LLC**
 - 4. Municipal Auditorium**
 - 5. Nashville Livery Inc. dba Signature Transportation Services**
 - 6. Orion Building Corporation**
 - 7. RLCL Acquisition, LLC dba Gray Line of Tennessee**
 - 8. Wise Coaches of Nashville**
- c. Legal Settlement Claim L-17630 (\$8,500)**
- d. Capital Improvement Budget FY 25-26**

Motion to agenda to adopt agenda as listed.

By Zach Young, seconded Berthena Nabaa-McKinney

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

BOARD REPORTS

A. There were no Board Reports

Freda Player adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Freda Player
Board Chair

Date