

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – February 25, 2025

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

Members Absent: Zach Young

Student Members Absent: 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 David Williams, Deputy Chief of Academics
- C. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to agenda to adopt agenda as listed.

By Berthena Nabaa-McKinney, seconded Cheryl Mayes

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

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 - The Board and Dr. Battle recognized, Lena Feleke.
- B. "Every Student Known" singers - Emmy win and music educators - Emmy Winners for Documentary – Cultural – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the students.
- C. Cada Estudiante Valorado - Spanish-language version of "Every Student Known" - The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the students.

- D. Academic Achievement Awards for High School Athletic Teams - The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the teams.
- E. National Board-Certified Employees - The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the employees.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Dr. Battle presented an assessment update to the Board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Paula Pendergras – She addressed the Board concerning the Cost of Living Adjustment and Longevity Pay for Educators.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

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. United Data Technologies, Inc.**
- 6. Zearn Inc.**

Motion to agenda to adopt agenda as listed.

By Berthena Nabaa-McKinney, seconded Cheryl Mayes

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

BOARD REPORTS

- A. Erin O'Hara Block gave a brief Director Evaluation Committee update.

WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

- A. Sales Tax Collections as of February 20, 2025

Freda Player adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Freda Player
Board Chair

Date