

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
April 12, 2016

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call 	<p>Present: Dr. Jo Ann Brannon Amy Frogge Tyese Hunter Dr. Sharon Gentry, Chair (left at 6:30 p.m.) Elissa Kim Mary Pierce Will Pinkston Anna Shepherd, Vice-Chair Jill Speering Chris Henson, Interim Director of Schools</p> <p>Dr. Gentry called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pledge of Allegiance 	Led by Sydney Pritchard	
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic WorldQuest State Competition – MLK Magnet High School 	The Board and Mr. Henson recognized MLK Magnet High School for winning The Academic WorldQuest State Competition.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class AA Basketball State Champions - East Nashville Magnet High School Girls Team 	The Board and Mr. Henson recognized the East Nashville Magnet High School Girls Basketball team for being Class AA State Champions.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AVID National Demonstration School – Antioch High School 	The Board and Mr. Henson recognized Antioch High School for being Awarded the honor of AVID National Demonstration School.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bridgestone Americas Awards – Maplewood High School Automotive Center 	The Board and Mr. Henson recognized Maplewood High School Automotive Center for being awarded the Bridgestone Americas Award.	
AND THE GOOD NEWS IS...		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> W.H. Oliver Middle School Band 	The W.H. Oliver Middle School Band performed before the Board meeting.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cane Ridge High School Art 	Cane Ridge High School displayed art work at the Board meeting.	
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sydney Pritchard – National Library Month 	Ms. Pritchard addressed the Board concerning National Library Month. She asked the Board to support improving libraries within MNPS.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ruth Stewart – TN Ready Issues 	Ms. Stewart addressed the Board concerning TN Ready Issues. She asked the Board to consider several TN Ready goals she presented.	

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• T.C. Weber – Reading Recovery	Mr. Weber thanked the Board for renovating Tusculum Elementary and also Funding Literacy Reading Plan. He asked the Board to continue to support Reading Recovery.	
• Meredith Robinson – TN Ready	Ms. Robinson addressed the Board concerning TN Ready. She expressed her concerns about TN Ready and the impact of testing on students and teachers.	
• Mark Pickrell - SBO 1.105	Mr. Pickrell addressed the Board concerning the changes to School Board Operations Policy 1.105. He asked the Board to consider rescinding the policy Revisions of SBO Policy 1.105.	
• Annie Driskell – Coaching and the Effects	Ms. Driskell addressed the Board concerning coaching and its effects on students. She asked the Board to support the Literacy Plan.	
• Rebecca Welch – Reading Recovery	Ms. Welch addressed the Board concerning Reading Recovery. She discussed her experiences within the Literacy Partnership and Plan. She also allowed Anna Coley to speak briefly about the Literacy Partnership during her time slot.	
• Patti Yon – Literacy Partnership	Ms. Yon and Ms. Hollands addressed the Board concerning the Literacy Partnership. She asked the Board to fund and support the Literacy program.	
• Justice Riddle – Reading Recovery	Ms. Riddle addressed the Board concerning Reading Recovery. She asked the Board to support the Literacy Partnership and Plan.	
• Vikki Jones – Reading Recovery	Ms. Jones addressed the Board concerning Reading Recovery. She discussed the pros of the program and asked the Board to support the Literacy Plan.	
• Regina Sudderth – Reading Recovery Growth	Ms. Sudderth addressed the Board concerning Reading Recovery. She described her experiences with the program and asked the Board to support Reading Recovery.	
• Dr. Tallulah Crawley-Shinault – Substitute Teachers	Ms. Crawley-Shinault addressed the Board concerning Substitute Teachers. She asked the Board to improve the substitute teacher's training and professional development.	
• Dr. Erick Huth – School Culture and Climate	Dr. Huth addressed the Board concerning School Culture and Climate. He asked the Board to improve the climate of fear within the district.	
• Dr. Nancy Holland – The strengths MNPS needs in a Director of Schools	Dr. Holland addressed the Board concerning strengths MNPS needs in a Director of Schools. She asked the Board to look for a Director that will work to bring collaboration between administrators and staff.	
• Amanda Kail – Director of Schools	Ms. Kail addressed the Board concerning the Director of Schools. She gave the Board a list of items needed in the next Director.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kimberly Vaughn – Educational Issues 	Ms. Vaughn addressed the Board concerning Educational Issues. She thanked the Board for their support of teachers, and offered questions to propose when interviewing Director of School candidates.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theresa Wagner – Director of Schools search 	Ms. Wagner addressed the Board concerning the Director of Schools Search. She offered a list of qualities she would like the new Director to possess.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mary Holden – Next Director of Schools 	Ms. Holden addressed the Board concerning the Director of Schools and offered a list of qualities the candidates should possess.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sherrie Martin – Selection of Director of Schools 	Ms. Martin addressed the Board concerning the Selection of the Director of Schools and offered a list of qualities that the Director should possess.	
GOVERNANCE ISSUES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Disciplinary Appeal 	Ms. Shepherd made a motion to grant the student a disciplinary appeal hearing. Ms. Speering seconded.	VOTE: 9-0 - Unanimous
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Naming of the New Early Learning Center in Antioch and Name Revisions to Bordeaux Early Learning Center – Naming of Schools Committee 	Dr. Brannon made a motion to change the name of the Bordeaux Early Learning Center to the Ivanetta H. Davis Early Learning Center at Bordeaux. Ms. Shepherd seconded.	VOTE: 9-0 – Unanimous
	Dr. Brannon made a motion to name the new Pre-K in Antioch, Cambridge Early Learning Center. Ms. Hunter seconded.	VOTE: 9-0 - Unanimous
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consent Agenda 	<p>Ms. Kim read the following consent agenda: V-A-1-a- Recommended Approval of Site Acquisition for New Cane Ridge Cluster Elementary School; V-A-1-b- Awarding of Purchases and Contracts (1) Advanced Mechanical Contractors, Inc., (2) Beaver Engineering Inc., (3) CDW-Government (3 purchases), (4) Collier Roofing Company, Inc., (5) CompuScholar, Inc., (6) East Nashville Hope Exchange, (7) Ferguson Enterprises, Inc., (8) Filemaker, Inc., (9) Gartner, Inc., (10) Matthew James Pepper, (11) Microsoft Corporation, (12) Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI), (13) Putnam County Schools, (14) S&ME, Inc., (15) SpiraLearning, LLC, (16) Stellar Therapy, (17) Trane, Inc., V-A-1-c- Compulsory Attendance Waivers; V-A-1-d- Legal Settlement C-33819 (\$12,500.00).</p> <p>Dr. Brannon made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Mr. Pinkston seconded.</p>	VOTE: 8-0 – Unanimous


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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended Approval of 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget Request - Budget, Finance, and Capital Needs Committee 	<p>Ms. Pierce made a motion to approve the Recommended Approval of 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget Request - Budget, Finance, and Capital Needs Committee. Dr. Brannon seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE: 6-2 – (No: Hunter, Kim)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achievement School District Moratorium Resolution 	<p>Mr. Pinkston made a motion to approve the following motion. Ms. Speering seconded.</p> <p>A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A MORATORIUM ON SCHOOL TAKEOVERS BY THE ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p>WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee (State) has acknowledged the botched implementation of the TNReady assessment system and the lack of confidence in TNReady among students, parents, educators, administrators and school board members across the Volunteer State; and WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly has unanimously approved legislation giving teachers the option of excluding TNReady data from their evaluations; and WHEREAS, Vanderbilt University research has determined that the effects of the State-run Achievement School District (ASD) on student achievement are marginal when compared with locally led efforts by the Shelby County Innovation Zone (iZone), which Metro Nashville Public Schools may emulate; and WHEREAS, the ASD has cherry-picked the schools that it takes over, as evidenced by the 2014 hostile takeover of Neelys Bend Middle School, which already was turning around based on State testing data; and WHEREAS, the ASD has declined to take over the most seriously struggling schools, as evidenced by its unwillingness to intervene in Nashville schools that were on the State’s “priority list” longer than Neelys Bend Middle School; and WHEREAS, if the State believes that exempting teachers from being evaluated based on flawed TNReady data is sound public policy, then it only makes sense to also exempt districts and schools from other high-stakes decisions based on TNReady data, including but not limited to school takeovers by the ASD. THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY</p> <p>RESOLVED, the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education (Board) respectfully requests that the State place a moratorium on school takeovers by the ASD based on the botched implementation of the TNReady assessment system and the general lack of confidence in TNReady; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board asks the State</p>	<p>VOTE: 5-3 – (No: Hunter, Kim, Pierce)</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Achievement School District Moratorium Resolution – continued 	<p>to abolish the ASD in its current form and replace it with a turnaround model that resembles the Shelby County iZone, which would be in keeping with the State’s original vision for the ASD, and then return turnaround schools as soon as practicable to the control of local education agencies (LEAs); and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board asks the State to immediately commit significant resources to support school turnaround efforts in urban LEAs, based on the recognized successes of the Shelby RS2016-2 County iZone, and abandon the incremental one-grade-at-a-time conversions to charter schools, which have proven to be ineffective relative to the Shelby County iZone’s approach; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Bill Haslam, Senate Speaker Ron Ramsey, House Speaker Beth Harwell, Education Commissioner Candice McQueen, and members of the General Assembly.</p> <p>Ms. Pierce presented an amended resolution. Ms. Hunter seconded.</p>	VOTE: 4-4 - failed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EE-18 Employee Representative Organizations - Governance Committee 	<p>Ms. Kim made a motion to approve the revisions to EE-18 Employee Representative Organizations. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</p>	VOTE: 8-0 - Unanimous
REPORTS		
A. Director’s Report	Ms. Thompson and Ms. Tyus addressed the Board concerning Substitute Teachers.	
1. Substitute Teacher Update		
B. Committee Reports	Ms. Kim gave a brief Governance Committee report.	
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2. Budget, Finance and Capital Needs	Ms. Kim gave a brief Budget, Finance and Capital Needs Committee report.	
C. Board Chairman’s Report		
1. Announcements	Ms. Speering announced that Irvin “Magic” Johnson visited and spoke at Maplewood High School on April 8 th .	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maplewood High School 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher Retreat 	Ms. Speering announced that on July 11 th – 13 th teachers have been invited to attend a retreat in Sewanee.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nashville Art Magazine 	Ms. Pierce announced that the Nashville Arts Magazine featured Libby Scanlan, who is a teacher at Glendale Elementary School.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hillsboro Cluster 	Ms. Pierce thanked Gracie Cauld, the Hillsboro Cluster Family Involvement Specialist for her hard work.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> J.T. Moore 	Ms. Pierce announced that J.T. Moore will be hosting a performance of the	

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	Lion King April 21 st – 24 th and a community yard sale on May 7 th .	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nashville After Zone Alliance (NAZA) 	Ms. Shepherd announced that she attended the NAZA Showcase on April 9 th .	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MNPS Sports Hall of Fame 	Ms. Shepherd announced that she attended the MNPS Sports Hall of Fame on April 12 th .	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tennessee State University 	Ms. Hunter announced that the Summer Speech camp at Tennessee State University will be held June 20 th – July 14 th .	
WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation Update 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjournment 	Ms. Frogge adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signatures 	 <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div>Chris M. Henson Board Secretary</div> <div>Sharon Dixon Gentry Board Chair</div> <div>Date</div> </div>	