

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
October 11, 2016

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll Call</li> </ul>	<p>Present: Dr. Jo Ann Brannon Amy Frogge Tyese Hunter Dr. Sharon Gentry Christiane Buggs Mary Pierce Will Pinkston Anna Shepherd, Chair Jill Speering, Vice-Chair Shawn Joseph, Director of Schools</p> <p>Ms. Shepherd called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pledge of Allegiance</li> </ul>	Led by Bill Warren, Executive Lead Principal.	
<b>AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bill Warren – NPT American Graduate Champion Honor</li> </ul>	The Board and Dr. Joseph recognized Bill Warren for receiving the Nashville Public Television (NPT) American Graduate Champion Honor.	
<b>AND THE GOODS NEWS IS...</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>McGavock High School- Dance Team</li> </ul>	The McGavock High School Dance Team performed for the Board and audience before the Board meeting.	
<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Erick Huth – Collaboration</li> </ul>	Dr. Huth addressed the Board concerning the subject of collaboration. He requested Collaborative Conferencing with the district to create a special question committee.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laura Leonard – Teacher Autonomy</li> </ul>	Ms. Leonard addressed the Board concerning Teacher Autonomy. She asked the Board to give teachers more options concerning day to day activities.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zulfat Suara – Muslim Community Support</li> </ul>	Ms. Suara addressed the Board concerning Muslim Community Support. She asked the Board to work to create procedures to ensure Muslim students are not bullied.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carol Trusty – Planning Time</li> </ul>	Ms. Trusty addressed the Board concerning Planning Time. She thanked Dr. Joseph for his hard work in the district. She also asked the Board to consider the time it takes to complete the new Planning Form.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tallulah Crawley – Shinault – Substitute Teaching: Issues &amp; Needs in MNPS</li> </ul>	Dr. Shinault addressed the Board concerning Substitute Teaching. She asked the Board to research solutions to help with the shortage of substitute teachers.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andrea Flores – Westmeade Elementary School</li> </ul>	Ms. Flores addressed the Board concerning Westmeade Elementary. She asked the Board to investigate the discontinuation of the computer class at Westmeade.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lia Spira – Westmeade Elementary</li> </ul>	Ms. Flores read a statement from Lia Spira.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amanda Kail – Teacher Retention</li> </ul>	Ms. Kail addressed the Board concerning teacher retention. She asked the Board to reduce class size, work on the substitute teacher program, push for school equity and other items.	
<b>GOVERNANCE ISSUES</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consent Agenda</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ms. Speering read the following consent agenda items V-A-1-a- Recommended Award of Contract for the New Cane Ridge Area Elementary School - Orion Building Corporation; V-A-1-b- Recommended Award of Contract for Professional Services - Facility Assessment and Master Planning Services - MGT of America Consulting LLC; V-A-1-c- Recommended Award of Contract for Professional Services - Mechanical, Plumbing, and Electrical Engineering - Envision Advantage LLC; V-A-1-d- Awarding of Purchases and Contracts (1) Cook's Pest Control, Inc., (2) Dell Marketing LP, (3) Trane U.S. Inc.; V-A-1-e- Compulsory Attendance Waivers.</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Speering made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Dr. Brannon seconded.</b></p>	<b>VOTE: 9-0 - Unanimous</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of Proposed Revisions to EE-17 Charter Schools – <i>Governance Committee</i></li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Pinkston asked to defer the conversation of the Approval of Proposed Revisions to EE-17 Charter Schools to the next Board Meeting. Ms. Pierce requested that there be a Public Hearing held before any upcoming votes on the policy.</p> <p><b>Mr. Pinkston made a motion to defer discussion of Approval of Proposed Revisions to EE-17 Charter Schools. Dr. Brannon seconded.</b></p>	<b>VOTE: 9-0 – Unanimous</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Resolution Condemning Violence and Hate Speech Against Muslims and Muslim Students</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Pinkston read the following resolution:</p> <p>A resolution condemning violence and hate speech against Muslims and Muslim students WHEREAS, the United States was founded by immigrants, who enshrined freedom of religion as one of our nation's fundamental legal and ethical principles; and WHEREAS, there are more than 3 million Muslims</p>	


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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Resolution Condemning Violence and Hate Speech Against Muslims and Muslim Students</li> </ul>	<p>living in the United States today and an estimated 30,000 Muslims living in Nashville and Davidson County, contributing to our economy, our social and political life, and our culture; and WHEREAS, Arab and Muslim Americans, and those perceived as Muslims, are frequently the targets of abusive and discriminatory practices; and WHEREAS, the recent escalation of hateful rhetoric against Muslims, immigrants, and people of color is especially harmful to children, as it has a negative impact on their psychological well-being, the health of their peer relationships, and their ability to thrive in school; and WHEREAS, Muslim students across the country have reported instances of discrimination based on their religion and/or race; and WHEREAS, there are an estimated 2,000 Muslim students in Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) who contribute to the vitality of the learning environment, and whose families form an integral part of their school communities; and WHEREAS, providing a safe school environment that ensures both the physical and emotional safety of students creates the conditions necessary to foster academic achievement; and WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of our schools to educate students about the social, cultural and ethnic diversity of the United States, Tennessee, and Nashville. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Metro Nashville Board of Public Education: (1) Condemns hate speech and violence directed at Muslims, immigrants and people of color; (2) Commits to fostering a school environment that promotes respect for and curiosity about all religions and cultures, and rejects all forms of discrimination; (3) Asks the director of schools to ensure an educational curriculum that reflects the values expressed in this resolution via professional development of faculty and staff, the inclusion of diverse resources to supplement in-class curricula, and the creation of safe spaces for students to address issues of discrimination.</p> <p><b>Mr. Pinkston made a motion to approve the Resolution Condemning Violence and Hate Speech Against Muslims and Muslim Students. Ms. Speering seconded.</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE: 9-0 – Unanimous</b></p>
<b>REPORTS</b>		
<p>A. Director's Report</p> <p>1. Priority Schools</p>	<p>Dr. Narcisse and staff presented the Priority Schools Report to the Board.</p>	
<p>2. First 100 Days Update</p>	<p>Dr. Joseph presented a First 100 Days Update to the Board.</p>	

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B. Committee Reports		
1. Governance	Ms. Frogge announced that the Governance Committee met before the Board meeting. She gave a brief summary of the meeting.	
C. Board Chairman's Report		
1. Board Chair's Comments	Ms. Shepherd gave a Board Chair's Report.	
2. Announcements		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bellevue Harpeth Chamber Luncheon</li> </ul>	Ms. Frogge announced that on November 16 <sup>th</sup> , the Bellevue Harpeth Chamber Luncheon will be held at Loveless Barn at 11:30 a.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nashville Youth Athletics City Cross-Country Championship</li> </ul>	Ms. Frogge congratulated Mia Andrews, a 5th grader at H.G. Hill Middle Prep, for placing 4 <sup>th</sup> in the Nashville Youth Athletics Cross-County City Championship.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk to School Day</li> </ul>	Ms. Frogge announced that Walk to School Day will be held on October 19 <sup>th</sup> .	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Glendale Elementary</li> </ul>	Mr. Pinkston announced that Glendale Spanish Immersion Elementary School was named a Blue Ribbon School.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maplewood High School</li> </ul>	Ms. Speering announced that on October 12 <sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. Maplewood High School would have a groundbreaking for the new Saint Thomas Community Health Clinic.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teaching and Learning Committee</li> </ul>	Ms. Speering announced that the Teaching and Learning Committee will meet on October 25 <sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. and the topic will be Literacy.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ron Clark Academy Tour</li> </ul>	Ms. Speering announced that there will be a tour of the Ron Clark Academy School in Atlanta on November 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PondGap Community School Tour</li> </ul>	Ms. Speering announced on November 16 <sup>th</sup> there will be a tour of PondGap Community School.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listen and Learn</li> </ul>	Ms. Hunter announced that she would be co-hosting the Exceptional Education Listen and Learn at Gra-Mar Middle Prep.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Great Schools Tour</li> </ul>	Ms. Buggs announced that the Great Schools Tour will be held October 18 <sup>th</sup> .	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Field of Faith Event</li> </ul>	Ms. Shepherd announced that FCA would be hosting a Field of Faith Event on October 12 <sup>th</sup> at McGavock High School at 7:00 p.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eagle Run</li> </ul>	Ms. Shepherd announced that on October 21 <sup>st</sup> the Eagle Run will be held at Andrew Jackson Elementary School.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gracie Porter</li> </ul>	Ms. Shepherd offered condolences to former Board member Gracie Porter in the passing of her brother.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nashville Public Education Hall of Fame Luncheon</li> </ul>	Ms. Shepherd announced that the Nashville Public Education Hall of Fame Luncheon would be held at the Omni Hotel on October 17 <sup>th</sup> .	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CLASS Meeting</li> </ul>	Ms. Shepherd announced that the CLASS meeting would be held November 6 <sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Gaylord Opryland Hotel.	
<b>WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjournment</li> </ul>	Ms. Hunter adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signatures</li> </ul>	<div style="text-align: center;">   <hr/> Chris M. Henson                      Anna Shepherd                      Date  Board Secretary                      Board Chair </div>	