

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –

July 23, 2024

Members Present: Rachael Anne Elrod, Chair, Freda Player, Vice-chair, Erin O’Hara Block, Cheryl Mayes, Berthena Nabaa-McKinney, TK Fayne), Abigail Tylor, Emily Masters and Sharon Gentry

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

CONVENE AND ACTION

- A. Call to Order – Rachael Anne Elrod called the meeting to order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Dr. Sarah Chin, Chief Strategy Officer.
- C. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda as listed with the exception of Board Policies 4.213 Family Life Education and 6.318 Admission of Suspended or Expelled Students.
By Emily Masters, seconded Freda Player
Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Minnie Nickens, H.G. Hill Middle School, NFHS Student-Athlete Award Excellence – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized Minnie Nickens.
- B. MNPS Accreditation by Cognia – Cognia recognized MNPS.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- A. Dr. Battle gave a TCAP Update.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Shelia Hernandez – Addressed the Board concerning Encompasss Community School.
- B. Serena Sayles – Addressed the Board concerning Encompasss Community School.
- C. Andrea Poynter – Addressed the Board concerning Nurses Middle College.
- D. Aylissa Pritchard – Addressed the Board concerning Encompasss Community School.
- E. Ana Chicas – Addressed the Board concerning Nurses Middle College.

- F. Sydney Bonner - Addressed the Board concerning Nurses Middle College.
- G. Brandee Norris - Addressed the Board concerning Nurses Middle College.
- H. Talita Shaw - Addressed the Board concerning Nurses Middle College.
- I. Tina Thompson - Addressed the Board concerning Encompass Community School.
- J. Corey Hammonds - Addressed the Board concerning Encompass Community School.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

a. Minutes – 06.25.2024 – Regular Meeting

b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts

1. 11400, Inc.
2. ACT Education Corporation
3. Digital Theatre US, LLC
4. Four Seasons, Inc.
5. Friendly Arctic Printing & Design, LLC
6. Genesis Roofing Company
7. Herff Jones, LLC
8. IPROMOTEU.com, Inc. dba Brandaways, LLC
9. McCloskey Mechanical Contractors, Inc.
10. Mid-South Bus Center, Inc.
11. Mill Creek Brands, LLC
12. Nations Ministry Center
13. Obadiah Holdings dba Advantage Screen Printing
14. Proforma Albrecht
15. Something Inked, LLC
16. Southern Heating & Cooling, Inc.
17. Southern Trophy House, Inc.
18. The Barr Group, Inc.
19. Tri Creative Group, LLC
20. TriStar Mechanical, LLC
21. Turnitin, LLC
22. Youth Opportunity Investments
23. Zearn

- c. **Board Policies: 1.901 Charter Schools, 4.201 Basic Program, 4.213 Family Life Education, ~~4.214 Use of Artificial Intelligence Programs~~, 4.301 Interscholastic Athletics 4.403 Reconsideration of Instructional Materials, Textbooks, and Library Materials, 4.406 Use of Internet, 4.600 Grading System, 4.603 Promotion and Retention, 5.607 Non-School Employment, ~~6.318 Admission of Suspended or Expelled Students~~, Code of Conduct**
- d. **Textbook Approval**
- e. **Legal Settlement L-17253 (\$50,000)**

Motion to approve consent agenda with changes.

By Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney, seconded by Freda Player.

Vote: 9-0 (Unanimous)

2. Charter Schools Amended Applications

The Charter School Office presented the Encompass Community School Amended Charter Application to the Board.

Motion to deny the charter application for Encompass Community School as it did not meet nor exceed all the amended application sections as well as the concerns noted by the charter office review team the evidence findings report. Additionally, concerns that the academic goals are not aligned to data trends, their special populations and at risk assessment scores do not align with actual assessments and an overall lack timelines and experience within the organization. Within operations there is not enough information about the governing body to support the school effectively. There is not a plan to recruit school leaders or teachers in a robust way. Financially, there are too many assumptions based on an enrollment that we do not feel is able to be reached.

By Rachael Anne Elrod, seconded Sharon Gentry

Vote: 8-1 (Erin O'Hara Block)

The Charter School Office presented the Nashville School of Excellence Amended Charter Application to the Board.

Motion to deny the charter application for Nashville School of Excellence as it did not meet nor exceed all the amended application sections as well as the concerns noted by the charter office review team the evidence findings report. Additionally, they do meet or exceed the academic, operation, financial plans or the portfolio review in the amended application sections. The plan does not align with the overall mission and vision. Their governing body does not appear to be able to support the school effectively and does not have sufficient credentials to support the leadership.

By Rachael Anne Elrod, seconded Freda Player

Vote: 9-0 (Unanimous)

The Charter School Office presented the Lead Cameron Elementary Amended Charter Application to the Board.

Motion to deny the charter application for Lead Cameron Elementary as it did not meet nor exceed all the amended application sections as well as the concerns noted by the charter office review team the evidence findings report. Additionally, they do not have evidence of a successful measurement for the English Language Learners. There is no sufficient population growth in the area and their financial projections are concerning with a potential net deficient based on the information provided.

By Rachael Anne Elrod, seconded Freda Player

Vote: 9-0 (Unanimous)

The Charter School Office presented the Lead SE Elementary Amended Charter Application to the Board.

Motion to deny the charter application for Lead SE Elementary as it did not meet nor exceed all the amended application sections as well as the concerns noted by the charter office review team the evidence findings report. Additionally, they have not been found proven effective with their target population of students. The curriculum does not align with the mission and vision of that area and the financial plan has a potential net deficient based on the information provided.

**By Rachael Anne Elrod, seconded Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney
Vote: 9-0 (Unanimous)**

The Charter School Office presented the Nurses Middle College Amended Charter Application to the Board.

Motion to deny the charter application for Nurses Middle College as it did not meet nor exceed all the amended application sections as well as the concerns noted by the charter office review team the evidence findings report. Additionally, they have insufficient credentials to support the school whether through leadership or students. Staffing projections did not align with requirements of educators and curriculum and daily schedule does align with state standards or requirements.

**By Rachael Anne Elrod, seconded Emily Masters
Vote: 8-1 (Recused Sharon Gentry)**

BOARD REPORTS

A. Emily Masters – Gave a brief Governance Committee update.

Ms. Elrod adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Rachael Anne Elrod
Board Chair

Date