

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –

August 27, 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 Christine Tran, Student Board Member.
- C. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to move “Board Reports” section to the “Director’s Report” section and pull consent agenda Item V-A-1-(2) Basis Policy Research, LLC

By T.K. Fayne, seconded Freda Player

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Gabriel Tolentino, Antioch High School – National Champion Sumo Wrestler – The Board and Dr. Battle congratulated Gabriel Tolentino.
- B. Abinaya Pinjakan, Hume-Fogg Academic Magnet High School – Silver Medalist at the USA Archery Outdoor Tennessee State Championships - The Board and Dr. Battle recognized Abinaya Pinjakan.
- C. Elliott Parker, Hume-Fogg Academic Magnet High School–TSSAA State Tennis Runner-up – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized Elliott Parker.
- D. Kymora–Lee Williams, John Overton High School AAU Junior Olympics 200 Meter Champion - The Board and Dr. Battle recognized Kymora-Lee
- E. Aaliyah Varnado, Martin Luther King Jr. Academic Magnet High School - Medalist at the AAU Junior Olympics – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized Aaliyah Varnado.

BOARD REPORTS

- A. Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney presented a PowerPoint on the Director's Evaluation.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. ~~ESSER and Data Update~~ 1. Re-envision Central Office as a Support Hub; 2. Empower and Equip Leaders at All Levels; 3. Create and Support Engaging, Rigorous, and Personalized Learning Experiences for All Students; 4. Identify and Eliminate Inequities

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Twjuana Williams – Addressed the Board concerning ACT Mastery Prep Professional Development.
- B. Christiane Buggs – Addressed the Board concerning PENCIL and MNPS collaboration.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- a. **Minutes – 08.13.2024 – Regular Meeting**
- b. **Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. **Austin Peay State University**
 - 2. **~~Basis Policy Research, LLC~~**
 - 3. **Ferguson US Holdings, Inc.**
 - 4. **Klein Solomon Mills, PLLC**
 - 5. **Metis Associates, Inc.**
 - 6. **Ragan Construction Company dba Southern Roofing Company of Tennessee**
 - 7. **Teacher's First, LLC**
 - 8. **Try Once, Inc.**
 - 9. **Vanderbilt University Medical Center**
 - 10. **WestEd**
- c. **Legal Settlement Claim AH-07193 (\$12,600)**
- d. **Legal Settlement Claim L-16607 (\$1.6 M)**

Motion to approve consent agenda.

By Freda Player, seconded Cheryl Mayes

Vote: 9-0 (Unanimous)

Motion to approve Item V-A-1-(2) Basis Policy Research, LLC
By Freda Player, seconded Cheryl Mayes
Vote: 8-1 (Erin O'Hara Block recusal)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Christine Tran – Announced that the Bell Tower Scholarship Application was open for applicant deadline October 15th.
- B. Erin O'Hara Block – Thanked Sharon Gentry and Emily Masters for their service.
- C. Cheryl Mayes - Thanked Sharon Gentry and Emily Masters for their service.
- D. Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney - Thanked Sharon Gentry and Emily Masters for their service.
- E. T.K. Fayne - Thanked Sharon Gentry and Emily Masters for their service.
- F. Abigail Tylor - Thanked Sharon Gentry and Emily Masters for their service.
- G. Freda Player - Thanked Sharon Gentry and Emily Masters for their service.
- H. Rachael Anne - Thanked Sharon Gentry and Emily Masters for their service.
- I. Emily Masters – Thanked the Board, district and staff for their support during her tenure as Board Member for District 3.
- J. Sharon Gentry - Thanked the Board, district and staff for their support during her tenure as Board Member for District 1.

Ms. Elrod adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Rachael Anne Elrod
Board Chair

Date