

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –

September 10, 2024

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

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 Theodore and Atticus Elrod, children of Rachael Anne Elrod.
- C. Board Elections –

Freda Player nominated to serve as Board Chair

By Cheryl Mayes, seconded Erin O'Hara Block

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

Berthena Nabaa- Mckinney nominated to serve as Board Chair

By Cheryl Mayes, seconded Erin O'Hara Block

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

Cheryl Mayes nominated to serve as TLN Representative

By Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney, seconded Freda Player

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

- D. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to agenda to adopt agenda as listed.

By Erin O'Hara Block, seconded Cheryl Mayes

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. James Lawson High School First Responders – The Board and Dr Battle recognized the group.

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. Lalyla Smallwood – She addressed the Board concerning Sister Cities in Nashville.
- B. Lauren Lynch – She addressed the Board concerning teacher student ratio with schools.
- C. Barron Russell – He addressed the Board concerning providing therapy dogs for students.
- D. Paula Pendegrass – She addressed the Board concerning Family Engagement within schools.
- E. Ashley Morgan – She addressed the Board concerning IEP services with schools.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- a. **Minutes – 08.27.2024 – Regular Meeting**
- b. **Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. **Lipscomb University**

Motion to approve consent agenda.

By Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney, seconded Cheryl Mayes

Vote: 9-0 (Unanimous)

BOARD REPORTS

- A. There were no Board Reports

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Robert Taylor – Announced that A Fatherhood Festival would be held at I.T. Creswell Middle School on September 28th at 11 a.m.
- B. Cheryl Mayes – Announced that MNPS Day on the Hill will return in February 2025.
- C. Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney - Thanked Sharon Gentry and Emily Masters for their service.
- D. Freda Player – Announced that the Glenclyff Cluster celebration has been rescheduled to October 24, 2024.
- E. Abigail Tylor - Thanked Sharon Gentry and Emily Masters for their service.

Ms. Player adjourned the meeting at 6:56 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Freda Player
Board Chair

Date