



AGENDA

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

2601 Bransford Avenue, Nashville, TN 37204

Regular Meeting – September 9, 2025 – 5:00 p.m.

Freda Player, Chair

I. CONVENE and ACTION

- A. Call to Order
- B. Establish Quorum
- C. Pledge of Allegiance
- D. Student Board Member Swearing In
- E. Board Elections
- F. Adoption of Agenda

II. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. National Education Equity Lab Honor Society Inductees
- B. TVAAS Level 5 Schools

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. TVAAS Update
- B. Academic Program Offerings: International Baccalaureate
Core Tenet: Create and Support Engaging, Rigorous, and Personalized Learning Experiences for All Students
- C. MNPS ReimaginED Update
Core Tenets: Create and Support Engaging, Rigorous, and Personalized Learning Experiences for All Students and Empower and Equip Leaders at All Levels

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Board will hear from those persons who have requested to appear at this Board meeting. In the interest of time, speakers are requested to limit remarks to two minutes or less. Comments will be timed.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Governance

VI. GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A. Actions

1. Consent

- a. Minutes – 8.26.2025 – Regular Meeting
- b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts
 - 1. Communities In Schools of Tennessee
 - 2. Cook & Boardman, LLC dba McCarthy, Jones & Woodard
 - 3. Demand Mechanical LLC dba Demand Mechanical
 - 4. Howard Technology Solutions
 - 5. Pathful, Inc.
 - 6. PENCIL Foundation
 - 7. RJ Young Company
 - 8. Try Once, Inc.
 - 9. Zūm Services, Inc.

VII. BOARD REPORTS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

If any accommodations are needed for individuals with disabilities who wish to be present at this meeting, please submit the accommodation through hubNashville at <https://nashville.gov/hub-ADA> boards or by calling (615) 862-5200 Requests should be made soon as possible, but 72 hours prior to the scheduled is recommended.

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –

August 26, 2025

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

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

CONVENE AND ACTION

- A. Call to Order – Freda Player called the meeting to order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Shawney Glapion.
- C. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to agenda to adopt agenda with changes.

By Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney, seconded Freda Player

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- A. “I Believe I Belong” EP Release – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the students and all parties involved in the project.
- B. East Iris Studios - MNPS Songwriting Summit partner – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the partnership.
- C. Notes for Education Music Grants – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the grants.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- A. Dr. Battle and staff presented the following reports: Academic Program Offerings: Early College Core Tenet: Create and Support Engaging, Rigorous, and Personalized Learning Experiences for All Students and MNPS ReimaginED Update Core Tenets: Create and Support Engaging, Rigorous, and Personalized Learning Experiences for All Students and Empower and Equip Leaders at All Levels

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. There were no public speakers.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Rachael Anne Elrod gave a brief Governance Committee update.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Consent

- a. **Minutes – 8.12.2025 – Regular Meeting**
- b. **Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. **Amergis Healthcare Staffing, Inc.**
 - 2. **Intrepid College Prep**
 - 3. **Jarrett Fire Protection, LLC**
 - 4. **KIPP Nashville**
 - 5. **LEAD Public Schools**
 - 6. **Martha O’Bryan Center, Inc. (East End Prep and Explore! Community School)**
 - 7. **Nabholz Construction Corporation**
 - 8. **Nashville Classical Charter Schools**
 - 9. **RePublic Schools Nashville dba RePublic High School, Nashville Prep, Liberty Collegiate Academy**
 - 10. **STEM Preparatory Academy**
 - 11. **STRIVE Collegiate Academy**
 - 12. **The Stepping Stones Group LLC**
 - 13. **Valor Collegiate Academies (Valor Voyager and Valor Flagship)**
- c. **Board Policies: 1.901 Charter School Applications, 1.903 Charter School Oversight, 1.904 Charter School Intervention, 1.905 Charter School Renewal, 1.906 Charter School Revocation, 4.301 Interscholastic Athletics**

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

By Cheryl Mayes, seconded TK Fayne

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

2. School Calendar Special Election

Motion to amend the 2025–26 district calendar by designating October 7 and December 2 as stockpile professional development days. October 10 and January 7 will be scheduled as instructional days, with the understanding that October 10 would be converted to a discretionary stockpile inclement weather day in accordance with Tennessee Department of Education guidelines.

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

By Rachael Anne Elrod, seconded Berthena Naba Mckinney

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

BOARD REPORTS

- A. Freda Player announced the following Board meetings would be canceled: October 14, November 11, 25 and December 23. There will be Board meetings held September 9, 23, October 28, and December 9th. A Board Retreat will be held on September 19.

Freda Player adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

David G. Sevier

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Board Secretary

Freda Player
Board Chair

Date

GOVERNANCE ISSUES – ACTIONS – CONSENT

A.1.b.(1)

VENDOR:	Communities In Schools of Tennessee
SERVICE/GOODS (SOW):	Amendment #1 increases the contract value, updates the Criminal Background Checks clause, and incorporates the Boycott of Israel clause. The contract is for the provision of Tier II and Tier III case management and integrated support services, delivered either virtually or in person as appropriate. The contractor will collaborate with schools, principals, and staff to reduce chronic absenteeism, tailor services to meet the specific needs of schools and students, and conduct regular program evaluations.
SOURCING METHOD:	Amendment of a Previously Board Approved Contract
TERM:	September 10, 2025 through June 30, 2026
FOR WHOM:	MNPS schools requesting Tier II and Tier III case management services for chronically absent students
COMPENSATION:	This amendment increases the contract value by \$1,050,000. Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$5,550,000. Total compensation is based on an estimated yearly amount of \$1,050,000.
OVERSIGHT:	Student Support Services
EVALUATION:	Based on the MNPS scorecard criteria around quality, business approach, support, and cost.
MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER:	7509793
SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Title I Set-Aside Funds and Operating Budget

GOVERNANCE ISSUES – ACTIONS – CONSENT

A.1.b.(2)

VENDOR:	Cook & Boardman, LLC dba McCarthy, Jones & Woodard
SERVICE/GOODS (SOW):	For the provision of door hardware and equipment on an as-needed basis.
SOURCING METHOD:	ITB 397370
TERM:	September 10, 2025 through September 9, 2030
FOR WHOM:	MNPS Schools and Facilities
COMPENSATION:	Contractor will be compensated in accordance with Exhibit A. Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$6,000,000. Total compensation is based on an estimated yearly amount of \$1,200,000.
OVERSIGHT:	Facilities
EVALUATION:	Based on the quality and timeliness of the goods and services provided.
MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER:	7621232
SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Operating Budget

GOVERNANCE ISSUES – ACTIONS – CONSENT

A.1.b.(3)

VENDOR:	Demand Mechanical LLC dba Demand Mechanical
SERVICE/GOODS (SOW):	For the provision of HVAC renovations at Neely's Bend Elementary School.
SOURCING METHOD:	ITB 396540
TERM:	September 10, 2025 through Project Completion
FOR WHOM:	Neely's Bend Elementary School
COMPENSATION:	Contractor will be compensated in accordance with Exhibit A. Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$1,265,463. Total compensation is based on an estimated project amount of \$1,265,463.
OVERSIGHT:	Facilities
EVALUATION:	Based on the quality and timeliness of the goods and services provided in accordance with the scope of work.
MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER:	7620694
SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Capital Funds

GOVERNANCE ISSUES – ACTIONS – CONSENT

A.1.b.(4)

VENDOR:	Howard Technology Solutions
SERVICE/GOODS (SOW):	For the provision of technology solutions, products, and services.
SOURCING METHOD:	Omnia Cooperative Contract 01-145
TERM:	September 10, 2025 through November 30, 2026, with renewals allowable through November 30, 2030
FOR WHOM:	All MNPS
COMPENSATION:	Contractor will be compensated in accordance with the Omnia Contract Pricing. Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$3,000,000. Total compensation is based on an estimated yearly amount of \$500,000.
OVERSIGHT:	Technology Services and Procurement
EVALUATION:	Based on the quality and timeliness of the products and services provided.
MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER:	7622416
SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Various Operating Budgets and Federal Funds

GOVERNANCE ISSUES – ACTIONS – CONSENT

A.1.b.(5)

VENDOR:	Pathful, Inc.
SERVICE/GOODS (SOW):	For the provision of a platform that allows for interest and aptitude assessments, virtual field trips, and job shadow experiences for students in a remote environment.
SOURCING METHOD:	RFP 397415
TERM:	September 10, 2025 through September 9, 2030
FOR WHOM:	MNPS High School Students
COMPENSATION:	Contractor will be compensated in accordance with Exhibit A. Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$175,000. Total compensation is based on an estimated yearly amount of \$35,000.
OVERSIGHT:	Career and Technical Education (CTE)
EVALUATION:	Based on Certificate Attainment Metrics and feedback captured during CTE follow-up studies.
MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER:	7621982
SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Operating Budget

GOVERNANCE ISSUES – ACTIONS – CONSENT

A.1.b.(6)

VENDOR:	PENCIL Foundation
SERVICE/GOODS (SOW):	For the provision of high-impact tutoring services to approximately 1,000 elementary students for the 2025-2026 school year.
SOURCING METHOD:	Sole Source
TERM:	September 10, 2025 through September 9, 2026
FOR WHOM:	MNPS Elementary Students
COMPENSATION:	Contractor will be compensated in accordance with Exhibit A. Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$1,000,000. Total compensation is based on an estimated yearly amount of \$1,000,000.
OVERSIGHT:	Accelerating Scholars
EVALUATION:	Based on district-wide literacy testing.
MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER:	7620610
SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Operating Budget

GOVERNANCE ISSUES – ACTIONS – CONSENT

A.1.b.(7)

VENDOR:	RJ Young Company
SERVICE/GOODS (SOW):	For the provision of printing and binding services and other related projects on an as-needed basis.
SOURCING METHOD:	RFP 394397
TERM:	September 10, 2025 through September 11, 2030
FOR WHOM:	Central Services and Inventory
COMPENSATION:	Contractor will be compensated in accordance with Exhibit A. Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$788,000. Total compensation is based on an estimated yearly amount of \$157,600.
OVERSIGHT:	Central Services and Inventory
EVALUATION:	Based on the capacity to perform and the quality, timeliness, and cost of the goods and services provided.
MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER:	7621523
SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Operating Budget

GOVERNANCE ISSUES – ACTIONS – CONSENT

A.1.b.(8)

VENDOR:	Try Once Inc.
SERVICE/GOODS (SOW):	For the provision of an early literacy high-dosage tutoring solution that includes student curriculum materials, instructor training, and embedded professional development/coaching. To align with current staff capacity and elementary school master schedules, the program selected is specifically designed for 15-minute daily tutoring sessions utilizing a teacher-directed, scripted curriculum.
SOURCING METHOD:	RFP 397394
TERM:	September 10, 2025 through September 9, 2030
FOR WHOM:	Selected Kindergarten through 2nd Grade Students
COMPENSATION:	Contractor will be compensated in accordance with Exhibit A. Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$1,500,000. Total compensation is based on an estimated yearly amount of \$300,000.
OVERSIGHT:	Accelerating Scholars
EVALUATION:	Based on district-wide literacy testing to ensure students are meeting or exceeding their individual academic growth projections.
MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER:	7623321
SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Operating Budget

GOVERNANCE ISSUES – ACTIONS – CONSENT

A.1.b.(9)

VENDOR:	Zūm Services, Inc.
SERVICE/GOODS (SOW):	Amendment #1 increases the contract value. The contract is for the provision of Alternative Transportation Services to support special needs, homeless, foster, and other students in situations where traditional bus service is not practical.
SOURCING METHOD:	Amendment of a Previously Board Approved Contract
TERM:	September 10, 2025 through November 8, 2027
FOR WHOM:	MNPS Students
COMPENSATION:	This amendment increases the contract value by \$1,700,000. Total compensation for this contract is not to exceed \$4,200,000. Total compensation is based on an estimated yearly amount of \$566,666.
OVERSIGHT:	Transportation
EVALUATION:	Based on the quality, capacity, and timeliness of services provided.
MBPE CONTRACT NUMBER:	7545128
SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Various Operating and Federal Funds