

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –

November 28, 2023

Members Present, Freda Player, Vice-chair, Erin O’Hara Block, Cheryl Mayes, Sharon Gentry, the following members arrived after consent agenda vote: Christiane Buggs Berthena Nabaa-McKinney, Emily and Abigail Tylor

Members Absent: Rachael Anne Elrod, Chair and Emily Masters

Student Members Present: Alayna Mitchell and Christine Tran

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 Christine Tran, Student Board Member.

Motion to adopt the agenda.

By Sharon Gentry, seconded Freda Player

Vote: 5-0 – unanimous

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Stratford High School – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized Stratford High School for receiving the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Middle Tennessee sportsmanship award.
- B. Wyatt Boling, Martin Luther King Jr. Academic Magnet School – The Board and Dr. Battle congratulated Mr. Boling for receiving 3rd place at State Cross-Country Competition.
- C. MNPS Facilities, Maintenance and Construction – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the departments for receiving the TSBA award for new school construction at Goodlettsville Elementary and NAFA Clean Air Award.
- D. The Board and Dr. Battle recognized Phyliss Phillips, former Pre-K Director, who recently passed for her hard work within MNPS.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. William Hill – He addressed the Board concerning the Rocketship charter school application.
- B. Junana Luis – She addressed the Board concerning the Rocketship charter school application.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- a. Minutes – 11.14.2023 – Regular Meeting
- b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts
 - 1. Benchmark Companies, LLC
 - 2. Creative Interior Solutions
 - 3. Ed's Supply Company, Inc.
 - 4. Kevin Corkern dba NEMM Consulting, LLC
 - 5. Nabholz Construction Corporation
 - 6. Nashville Roof Consultants
 - 7. Nashville Tools for Schools
 - 8. Plant the Seed
 - 9. PowerSchool Group, LLC
 - 10. University of Washington Center for Educational Leadership
- c. Collaborative Conferencing
- d. MNPS District Calendar
- e. ESSER 3 Application

The Agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

2. Charter School Renewals

Motion to approve to approve Valor Flagship due to it meets or exceeds standards of success operational stability, financial health and future planning.

By Freda Player, seconded Berthena Nabaa-McKinney

Roll Call Vote: 7- 2

Sharon Gentry: Yes

Emily Masters: Yes

Berthena Nabaa-McKinney: Yes

Chrisitane Buggs: Yes

Cheryl Mayes: Yes

Freda Player: Yes

Erin O'Hara Block: Yes

Abigail Tylor: Abstain

Rachael Anne Elrod: Abstain

**Motion to approve KIPP Collegiate High School
By Sharon Gentry, seconded Berthena Nabaa-McKinney
Roll Call Vote: 6-3
Sharon Gentry: Yes
Emily Masters: No
Berthena Nabaa-McKinney: Yes
Chrisitane Buggs: Yes
Cheryl Mayes: Yes
Freda Player: Yes
Erin O'Hara Block: Yes
Abigail Tylor: No
Rachael Anne Elrod: No**

**Motion to approve the renewal of Rocketship NE charter agreement.
By Erin O'Hara Block
Motion failed for lack second.**

Motion to deny the renewal of Rocketship NE charter based upon the data did not show significant progress towards the goals outlined in the charter agreement, the lack of response to a memo sent non-compliance to Rocketship in April of 2022, their lack of timely submissions of use of ESSER and Title II Funds and their lack of evidence that their future planning is going to provide the appropriate foundation for operations moving forward.

**By Emily Masters, second Abigail Tylor
Roll Call Vote: 8-1
Sharon Gentry: Yes
Emily Masters: Yes
Berthena Nabaa-McKinney: Yes
Chrisitane Buggs: Yes
Cheryl Mayes: Yes
Freda Player: Yes
Erin O'Hara Block: No
Abigail Tylor: Yes
Rachael Anne Elrod: Yes**

BOARD REPORTS

- A. Berthena Nabaa-McKinney gave a brief update on the Director Evaluation.
- B. Rachael Anne Elrod – Gave a brief update on the Council of Great City Schools Conference.
- C. Emily Masters – Gave brief update on the TSBA Annual Conference.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Christine Tran – Encouraged MNPS student to look into debate teams at their schools and consider the opportunity.
- B. Alayna Mitchell – Encouraged MNPS students that are 14 + to vote on the Participatory City Budget at Nashville.gov.
- C. Sharon Gentry – Congratulated Pearl Cohn and East Nashville High School football teams for competing in the state championship finals.
- D. Berthena Nabaa-McKinney – Announced that Cheryl Mayes was appointed to an At-large seat on the TSBA Board.
- E. Cheryl Mayes – Announced that MLK events will be held January 11-15, 2024.

Ms. Elrod adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Rachael Anne Elrod
Board Chair

Date