

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –

August 8, 2023

Members Present: Rachael Anne Elrod, Chair, Freda Player, Vice-chair, Erin O'Hara Block, Emily Masters, Abigail Tylor, Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney, Christiane Buggs and Cheryl Mayes

Members Absent: Sharon Gentry

Student Board Members: Alayna Mitchell

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 Alayna Mitchell, Student Board Member.
- C. Adoption of the Agenda

Rachael Anne Elrod made a motion to move the Director's Report ahead of Public Participation on the agenda.

Motion to adopt the agenda.

By Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney, seconded Freda Player

Vote: 8-0 Unanimous

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Dr. Battle presented a report on:
 - Re-envision Central Office as a Support Hub
 - Empower and Equip Leaders at All Levels
 - Create and Support Engaging, Rigorous, and Personalized Learning
 - Experiences for All Students Identify and Eliminate Inequities

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Erin O'Hara Block – Gave a brief Director Evaluation Committee update.
- B. Christiane Buggs – Gave a brief update on the Metro Parks Board.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. There were no speakers.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

a. Approval of Minutes – 07.25.2023 – Regular Meeting

b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts

1. Dearborn Life Insurance Company
2. Lightning Towing
3. Rush Truck Centers of Tennessee, Inc.
4. SchoolKit, LLC
5. Well Child, Inc.

The Board adopted the consent agenda with no objections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Christiane Buggs – Offered brief comments in recognition of the passing of her father Terry Cunningham, an MNPS employee.
- B. Emily Master – Announced that she attended the Goodlettsville Elementary School ribbon cutting. She also announced that the Stratford Cluster Community Tailgate would be held August 11th at Stratford Middle and High School.
- C. Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney – Thanked the staff and community for hosting the McGavock Cluster Back-to-School Fest.
- D. Christiane Buggs – Announced that Congressman Mark Green invites the community to attend Post Office Dedication in honor of the late Senator Thelma Harper on August 15th.
- E. Cheryl Mayes – Announced that the SE district would hold a community meeting on August 15th at the SE branch library at 6:30 p.m.
- F. Abigail Tylor – Announced that James Lawson will hold their Jamboree on August 10th. The first game of the season will be August 18th.
- G. Alayna Mitchell – Announced that attended the Black Women's Empowerment Weekend Summit with the MNPS GEMS Program. She also announced that MNPS Media Day would be held August 9th.

H. Rachael Anne Elrod – Announced that the Board Retreat would be held August 29th from 9 – 1pm. September 1st would be the swearing in of the new Student Board Member and the October 10th Board Meeting will be canceled due to Fall Break.

Ms. Elrod adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Rachael Anne Elrod
Board Chair

Date