

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –

September 12, 2023

Members Present: Rachael Anne Elrod, Chair, Freda Player, Vice-chair, Erin O'Hara Block, Abigail Tylor, Christiane Buggs, Cheryl Mayes, and Sharon Gentry, Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney 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 – Rachael Anne Elrod called the meeting to order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance - Led by Alayna Mitchell, Student Board Member.
- C. Board Elections

**Nomination for Rachael Anne Elrod to serve as Board Chair.
By Freda Player, seconded Christiane Buggs
Vote: 9-0 Unanimous**

**Nomination for Freda Player to serve as Board Vice-Chair.
By Cheryl Mayes, seconded Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney
Vote: 9-0 Unanimous**

**Nomination for Christiane Buggs to serve as TLN
Representative.
By Emily Masters, seconded Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney
Vote: 9-0 Unanimous**

- D. Adoption of the Agenda

**Motion to move item Swearing of the Student Board Member
to after Awards and Recognitions on the agenda.
By Emily Masters, seconded Abigail Tylor
Vote: 9-0 Unanimous**

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Blue ribbon Schools of Excellence – Dr. Battle and the Board
The Board recognized Alex Green Elementary School.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Dr. Battle and staff presented the TVAAS Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. There were no speakers.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER SWEARING IN

- A. Rachael Anne Elrod administered the Student Board Member Oath to Christine Tran.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- a. **Minutes – 08.22.2023 – Regular Meeting**
- b. **Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. **Cambridge International**
 - 2. **Career Safe, LLC**
 - 3. **Case Restoration Company**
 - 4. **Kognity USA, Inc.**
 - 5. **Pye-Barker Fire & Safety**
 - 6. **Riddell Sports**
 - 7. **Ring Publications, LLC dba Mastery Prep**
- c. **L-17109 – Approval of Next Steps**

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

By Sharon Gentry, seconded Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney

Vote: 9-0 Unanimous

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Sharon Gentry - Announced that Pearl Cohn High School unveiled their new turf football field.
- B. Berthena Nanaa-Mckinney - Announced that she attended a Charter School Commission Hearing concerning the Board denying to charter applications.
- C. Christiane Buggs – Announced that on Saturday, September 16th The Nashville Parks Foundation will be celebrating Picnic in the Parks at Watkins Park. She also encouraged the community to support Shakespeare in the Park.

- D. Cheryl Mayes – Announced that she attended the College and Career Fair held in the SE cluster and thanked the community for their support of the event. She also announced the Whites Creek will celebrate their 45th Homecoming on September 22nd and Principal. for a Day will be held November 2nd.
- E. Freda Player – Announced that Glenclyff High School had a successful Homecoming.
- F. Erin O’Hara Block – Announced that the first District-wide Meeting of the Parent Advisory Council will be held September 21st at the Wellness Center.
- G. Abigail Tylor – Announced that West Meade Elementary participated in a reading program with the National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature. She also announced that the Harpeth Valley and West Meade PTO’s would host a movie night on September 22nd.
- H. Rachael Anne Elrod – Announced that she will continue to speak at the Charter Commission meeting on behalf of the Board. She also announced that Governance and Director Evaluation Committees meeting will be held prior to the next Board Meeting.
- I. Alayna Mitchell – Thanked the Board for their support during her time on the Board.
- J. Christine Tran – Thanked the Board for the honor of serving as a Student Board Member.

Ms. Elrod adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Rachael Anne Elrod
Board Chair

Date