

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –

November 14, 2023

Members Present, Freda Player, Vice-chair, Erin O’Hara Block, Cheryl Mayes, Sharon Gentry (virtual), Christiane Buggs (virtual) Berthena Nabaa-McKinney 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 Lonnell Matthews, Juvenile Court Clerk.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. A. F. Bridges Award, Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association– The Board and Dr. Battle recognized award recipient Mark North.
- B. National Alternative Education Association (NAEA) – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized Myron Franklin for being Elected as Region 3 Director of NAEA.
- C. Books Brothers – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized My Brothers Keeper Organization.
- D. Redefining American Healthcare Award – The Board and Dr. Battle Recognized

Motion to adopt the agenda.

Erin O’Hara Block, seconded Cheryl Mayes

Roll Call Vote:

Sharon Gentry: Yes

Berthena Nabaa-McKinney: Yes

Christiane Buggs: Yes

Cheryl Mayes: Yes

Erin O’hara Block: Yes

Abigail Tylor: Yes

Freda Player: Yes

Vote: 7-0 – unanimous

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Dr. Battle and staff presented the Fall Assessments Update

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Sofia Payne – She addressed the Board on the JJCA contract.
- B. Hayden Lutgens – He addressed the Board concerning the Orion Building Corporation contract.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- a. Minutes – 10.24.2023 – Regular Meeting
- b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts
 - 1. Carter Group, LLC
 - 2. JJCA
 - 3. Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Electric Power Board of said Government
 - 4. Orcutt Winslow
 - 5. Orion Building Corporation (2 contracts)
 - 6. Public Consulting Group, LLC
 - 7. TMPartners, PLLC
- c. Settlement L-17447 (\$122,500)
- d. Settlement L-17397 (\$77,949)

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

By Berthena Nabaa-McKinney, seconded Cheryl Mayes

Roll Call Vote:

Berthena Nabaa-McKinney: Yes

Cheryl Mayes: Yes

Erin O'hara Block: Yes

Abigail Tylor: Yes

Freda Player: Yes

Vote: 5-0 Unanimous (Sharon Gentry and Christiane Buggs left meeting)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Berthena Nabaa-McKinney - Announced that she and other Board Members would be attending the Tennessee Schools Boards Association Conference.
- B. 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.

- C. Cheryl Mayes – Announced that she held a successful Antioch/Cane Ridge joint PAC Meeting. Upcoming meeting dates TBD.
- D. Erin O’Hara Block – Announced on November 26th at Hillsboro High School she would be host a community meeting on the new Magnet School Policy.
- E. Alayna Mitchell – Thanked Hillsboro Sunrise Group for speaking during Public Comment.
- F. Christine Tran – Reminded the Board and viewers of the importance of Mental Health.

Ms. Player adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Rachael Anne Elrod
Board Chair

Date