

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –

July 25, 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 Sharon Gentry

Members Absent: Cheryl Mayes

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 Chris Henson, Chief Financial Officer.
- 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 with changes.
By Freda Player, seconded Christiane Buggs
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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Brenda Jones – Addressed the Board on the topic of Invictus Nashville.
- B. Cristine Doran – Addressed the Board on the topic of Invictus Nashville.
- C. Allison McGuire - Addressed the Board on the topic of Invictus Nashville.

- D. Neysa Taylor – Addressed the Board concerning the topic of Invictus Nashville.
- E. Jonathan Williamson - Addressed the Board concerning the topic Policy 1.901 Charter School Oversight and Invictus Nashville.
- F. Dawana Wade – Addressed the Board concerning the topic of Invictus Nashville.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

a. Approval of Minutes – 06.27.2023 – Regular Meeting

b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts

1. **Axiom Learning, Inc.**
2. **Distributors Holding Corporation dba Ken Smith Auto Parts**
3. **~~Friendly Arctic Printing & Design, LLC~~**
4. **GoSchoolBox, Inc.**
5. **Graybar Inc.**
6. **Info-Tech Research Group**
7. **IPROMOTEU.com, Inc. dba Brandaways, LLC**
8. **Lellyett and Rogers Company**
9. **Little Scholars, LLC**
10. **Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (MNPd)**
11. **Mill Creek Brands, LLC**
12. **Motorola Solutions, Inc.**
13. **Mr. Bond Science Guy**
14. **Nexplore, LLC**
15. **Parman Energy Group, LLC**
16. **Proforma Albrecht**
17. **Robert J Young Company, LLC dba RJ Young Company, LLC**
18. **Something Inked, LLC**
19. **Southern Trophy House, Inc. dba Southern Companies; Southern Specialties**
20. **Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA)**
21. **The Barr Group, Inc.**
22. **The Merch Planet, LLC**
23. **Thyssen Krupp Elevator Corporation**
24. **TRI Creative Group, LLC**
25. **Veronica Morin (Testerman) dba Advantage Screen Printing & Marketing**

c. Board Policies:

Policy 1.102 - Board Members

Policy 1.106 - Code of Ethics

Policy 1.400 - School Board Meetings

Policy 1.901 - Charter School Oversight

Policy 2.804 - Travel Expenses and Reimbursements

Policy 2.805 - Purchasing

Policy 3.202 - Emergency Preparedness Plan

Policy 3.204 - Threat Assessment Team

Policy 3.205 - Security

Policy 4.204 - Summer Instructional Programs

Policy 4.300 - Extracurricular Activities

Policy 6.4001 - Student Surveys, Analyses, and Evaluations

Policy 6.402 - Physical Examinations and Immunizations

Policy 5.106 - Application and Employment

Policy 5.204 - Employment of Retirees

Policy 5.305 - Family Medical Leave

Policy 5.307 - Physical Assault Leave

Policy 5.600 - Staff Rights & Responsibilities

Policy 6.202 - Home Schools

Policy 6.309 - Zero Tolerance Offense

Policy 6.319 - Alternative Education

Emily Master pulled A-1-b-3-Friendly Artic Printing & Design, LLC

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

By Freda Player, seconded Christiane Buggs

Motion Passes

Vote: 8-0–Unanimous

Motion to approve Item A-1-b-3--Friendly Arctic Printing & Design, LLC

By Freda Player, seconded

Motion Passes

Vote: 7-1 (Emily Masters abstained)

2. New Start Amended Charter School Applications

The Charter presented a prestaton on Pathways in Education.

Motion to deny the Pathways in Education Charter application based on all the findings of the MNPS Charter School Office and Review team. Additionally, because of the concerns for the allowability of approval and TCA 49.13136d and whether a Hybrid model is allowable around state law. Also based upon the salaries mentioned in the charter application not being set at a rate for a full-time school and lastly the negative fiscal impact in the relation to the lack of any demonstration for potential for positive impact of any kind.

By Emily Master, seconded Freda Player

Motion Passes

Vote: 8-0

The Charter presented a prestaton on Invictus Nashville.

Motion to deny the Pathways in Education Charter application based on all the findings of the MNPS Charter School Office and Review team. Additionally, because it does not meet any of the standards defined within the rubric. Also noting specific concern that the lack of detail around weed of standard for English Language Learners. Lastly, the negative fiscal impact in the relation to the lack of any demonstration for potential for positive impact of any kind.

By Emily Master, seconded Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney

Motion Passes

Vote: 7-1 (Sharon Gentry – No)

The Charter presented a prestaton on Nashville Collegiate Prep.

Motion to deny the Pathways in Education Charter application based on all the findings of the MNPS Charter School Office and Review team. Lastly, the negative fiscal impact in the relation to the MNPS Student Based Budgeting Formula, lack of community support, does not meet the performance standard by the Tennessee Charter Commission. Also, Nashville Collegiate middle school performance is lower than MNPS's. any demonstration for potential for positive impact of any kind.
By Christiane Buggs, seconded Emily Masters
Motion Passes
Vote: 8-0 – Unanimous

BOARD COMMITTEES

- A. Emily Masters gave a brief Governance report.
- B. Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney gave brief AVID Conference report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Emily Masters – Announced the Stratford Cluser back to school bash would be held July 29th at the Stratford High School baseball field. Goodlettsville Middle School Ribbon Cutting will be held August 2nd.
- B. Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney – Announced the McGavock Cluster Back to School Bash on August 5th at the Hermitage Community Center. She also announced that community meeting dates will be announced soon and welcomed the new principals in her district.
- C. Christiane Buggs – Congratulated the new principals in her district. She announced that Jones Elementary will hold a meet the teacher Block Party on August 4th and Creative Girls Rock will host a Back to School Bask on August 5th.
- D. Erin O'Hara Block – Announced that the Hillsboro Cluster would be hosting several Back-to-School Giveaways.
- E. Freda Player - Announced at Back-to-School Giveaway at J.E. Moss Middle School on August 2nd at 5:30 p.m.
- F. Abigail Tylor – Announced that MNPS Virtual School would have a meet the principal virtual meeting on July 26th. She also announced the new James Lawson High School community open house will held on July 29th.
- G. Rachael Anne Elrod – Announced that MNPS Summer Graduations will be held on July 28th and the Together for Teachers event will be held on July 31st.

Ms. Elrod adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Rachael Anne Elrod
Board Chair

Date