

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – April 22, 2025

Members Present: Freda Player – Chair, Berthena Nabaa-McKinney – Vice-chair, Rachael Anne Elrod, Erin O’Hara Block, Cheryl Mayes, TK Fayne, Abigail Tylor, Robert Taylor, Rachael Anne Elrod and Zach Young

Student Members Present: Christine Tran

Student Members Absent: Hannah Nguyen

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 Lieutenant Colonel Spencer Taylor.
- C. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to agenda to adopt agenda with changes.

By Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney, seconded Cheryl Mayes

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Tennessee Senate Resolution Recognizing "Every Student Known" Students for Emmy Award – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized this achievement.
- B. Tennessee House of Representatives Resolution Recognizing Hillsboro High School Boys' - Basketball Team for State Championship - The Board and Dr. Battle recognized this achievement.
- C. Magnet Schools of America National Conference - The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the Magnet School Team.
- D. VAPA Recognitions - The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the students.
- E. Class of 2025 Valedictorians and Salutatorians - The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the students.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Ahmed White – He addressed the Board concerning the Rock Academy charter school application.
- B. Berta Young – She addressed the Board concerning the Rock Academy charter school application.
- C. Terry Pruitt – He addressed the Board concerning the Rock Academy charter school application.
- D. Lekita Sims – She addressed the Board concerning the Rock Academy charter school application.
- E. Greg Lippman – He addressed the Board concerning the Rock Academy charter school application.
- F. Jennifer Walker – She addressed the Board concerning the Rock Academy charter school application.
- G. James Johnson - He addressed the Board concerning the Rock Academy charter school application.
- H. Sara Tuttle – She addressed the Board concerning the Forge School charter school application.
- I. Jennifer Wade - She addressed the Board concerning the Rock Academy charter school application.
- J. Elda Hernandez – She addressed the Board concerning the Rock Academy charter school application.
- K. Cornelius Hill – He addressed the Board concerning the Rock Academy charter school application.
- L. Laney Karnes – She addressed the Board concerning the administrative support.
- M. Dillon Moore – He addressed the Board concerning the budget.
- N. Shane Moore – He addressed the Board concerning the budget.
- O. Mary Jo Cramb – She addressed the Board concerning the budget.
- P. Bobbilyn Negron – She addressed the Board concerning the budget and immigration status of students.
- Q. KrisAnn Christian – She addressed the Board concerning the budget.
- R. Chase Gay – He addressed the Board concerning the Planning Time for teachers.
- S. Harry Guess – He addressed the Board concerning the students within the district.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney – Gave a brief update on the operating budget process.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Consent

- a. Minutes – 3.25.2025 – Regular Meeting**
- b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. AbleNet Inc**
 - 2. Anthony N. Harris dba Avenue Construction, LLC**
 - 3. Bomar Construction Co., Inc.**
 - 4. Carahsoft Technology Corporation**
 - 5. Carter Group, LLC (2)**
 - 6. CEV Multimedia, LLC**
 - 7. CI Solutions**
 - 8. Eduservice, Inc. dba CT3**
 - 9. ETA Hand2Mind**
 - 10. Freeland CDJR LLC**
 - 11. Hendrick, Inc.**
 - 12. Hoffman Broadcast Electronics Engineering, LLC**
 - 13. Infinite Campus, Inc.**
 - 14. Insight Public Sector, Inc.**
 - 15. Interior Design & Architecture dba ID&A Inc.**
 - 16. Jarrett Fire Protection, LLC**
 - 17. Kendall Stage Curtains**
 - 18. Lipscomb University**
 - 19. MTLC Incorporated**
 - 20. Orion Building Corporation**
 - 21. ParentSquare, Inc.**

- 22. **PowerSchool Group LLC**
 - 23. **REA Controls, Inc.**
 - 24. **The Bruman Group, PLLC dba Brustein and Manasevit**
 - 25. **The Center for International Learning dba Participate Learning**
 - c. **FY 25-26 Budget-Recommendation from Budget & Finance Committee**
 - d. **Cigna Agreement**

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

By Zach Young, seconded Cheryl Mayes

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

2. Charter School New Start Applications

Motion to deny the New Start Charter School application for the Rock Academy based on the Charter School Review Team Evidence findings report and presentation noting deficiencies in the academic plan and design. Operations plan and capacity and financial planning capacity. Among those within the review teams findings I would note specific concerns that should be addressed include but aren't limited to Section 1.8 Special Populations, Section 2.4 Personnel and Human Capital, and Section 3.1 Operating Budget.

By Erin O'Hara Block, seconded Rachael Anne Elrod

Vote: 8-1 (Robert Taylor)

Motion to deny the New Start Charter School application for the Forge School based upon the finding by the Carter School Review Team and all categories including but not limited to Sections Academic Plan and Design, Operational plan, and Financial Planning: 1.5, 2.2. 2.3, 3.1 and 3.2

By Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney, seconded Erin O'Hara Block

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

Motion to deny the New Start Charter School application for the Rocketship #5 based on the Charter School Review Team Evidence findings report and presentation noting deficiencies in the academic plan and design operations. Planning capacity and financial planning capacity. Among those within the review teams findings I would note specific concerns that should be addressed include but aren't limited to Section 1.5 Academic Plan and Design, Section 2.2 and 2.10 Operations Plan and Capacity, Section 3.2 Financial Plan and Capacity, Section 4.3 Portfolio Review and Performance Record.

By Cheryl Mayes, seconded Abigail Tylor

Vote: 9-0 (unanimous)

WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

A. Sales Tax Collections as of April 20, 2025

Freda Player adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Freda Player
Board Chair

Date