

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
April 14, 2015

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
Roll Call	Present: Dr. Jo Ann Brannon Amy Frogge Dr. Sharon Gentry, Chair Tyese Hunter Elissa Kim, Vice-Chair Mary Pierce Will Pinkston Anna Shepherd Jill Speering Dr. Jesse Register, Director of Schools Dr. Gentry called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.	
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by Dr. Tony Majors, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services.	
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS		
Mike Law – MNPS I.T. Director – Recognition of Software Development	The Board and Dr. Register presented Mike Law with a certificate of recognition for his service, hard work and development of MNPS software.	
AND THE GOOD NEWS IS...		
MLK High School “Lady Royals” Basketball Team – State Champions	The Board and Dr. Register recognized the MLK High School “Lady Royals” Basketball Team as the 2015 State Champions.	
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION		
Erick Huth – Annenberg Institute’s Standards and Policy Recommendations	Dr. Huth addressed the Board concerning the Annenberg Institute’s standards and recommendations. He asked the Board to adopt the Annenberg standards.	
Erica Lanier – Pearl-Cohn High School Graduation Time	Ms. Lanier addressed the Board concerning the change of the time for Pearl-Cohn High School’s graduation. She asked the Board to research the concern.	
Shaska McBride – Pearl-Cohn High School Graduation Time	Ms. McBride addressed the Board concerning the change of the time for Pearl-Cohn High School’s graduation. She stated that due to the time change, she would not be able to attend the graduation. She asked the Board to research her concern.	
Shirley Bowere – Pearl-Cohn Graduation	Ms. Bowere addressed the Board concerning the change of the time for Pearl-Cohn High School’s graduation. She asked the Board to research the change.	

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Mary Holden – Protect Neighborhood Schools	Ms. Holden addressed the Board concerning protecting neighborhood schools. She asked the Board to research the effect charter school expansion is having on the district and to support the Annenberg standards.	
Dylan Ross – Protect Neighborhood Schools	Mr. Ross addressed the Board concerning protecting neighborhood schools and equity within MNPS. He asked the Board to support the Annenberg standards.	
TC Weber - Accountability & Transparency	Mr. Weber addressed the Board concerning accountability and transparency. He asked the Board to ensure that all practices within the district are fair and transparent.	
Stephen Henry – Protecting Students & Taxpayers	Mr. Henry addressed the Board concerning protecting students and taxpayers. He stated the pros of the Annenberg standards, and asked the Board to adopt those standards.	
Amanda Kail - Accountability & Transparency	Ms. Kail addressed the Board concerning accountability and transparency in charter schools, and why she supported the Annenberg standards. She asked the Board to adopt the Annenberg standards.	
Mindy Winningham - Accountability & Transparency	Ms. Winningham addressed the Board concerning accountability and transparency. She asked the Board to support the Annenberg standards.	
GOVERNANCE ISSUES		
Consent Agenda	Dr. Brannon pulled V-A-1- m - Recommended Partial Approval of Wade Overpayment Appeal - Administrative Retirement Committee. Ms. Kim read the following consent agenda: V-A-1-a Recommended Approval of Change Order #1 for DuPont-Tyler Middle School ADA Upgrades –Edwards Construction, LLC; V-A-1-b- Recommended Approval of Supplement #1 for Ruby Major Elementary School Additions – Gilbert McLaughlin Casella Architects; V-A-1-c- Recommended Approval of Request #1 for Purchase of Cafeteria Tables for Stratford STEM Magnet High School – AmTab Direct; V-A-1-d- Recommended Approval of Request #4 for District-wide Roof Repairs (Percy Priest Elementary School) – Roofing Services and Solutions, LLC; V-A-1-e- Recommended Approval of Request #5 for District-wide Roof Repairs (Hillwood High School) – Roofing Services and Solutions, LLC; V-A-1-f- Recommended Approval of Request #6 for Prototypical Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Playgrounds at Various Schools (Smith Springs Elementary School) – Custom Recreation; V-A-1-g- Recommended Approval of Request #7 for Prototypical Pre-Kindergarten	

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Consent Agenda – continued	and Kindergarten Playgrounds at Various Schools (Henry Maxwell Elementary School Addition) – Custom Recreation; V-A-1-h- Recommended Approval of Request #1 for LEED Consultation for New Overton Cluster Elementary School—Hastings Architecture Associates; V-A-1-j- Recommended Approval of Request #2 for LEED Consultation for Tusculum Elementary School Replacement—Hastings Architecture Associates; V-A-1-k- Recommended Approval of Revision to Request #22 for District-wide Maintenance, Repairs, and General Construction (New Overton Cluster Elementary School)—Southland Constructors, LLC; V-A-1-l - Awarding of Purchases and Contracts (1) Bass Security Services/Girtman & Associates, (2) Buck Institute, (3) CDW-Government, LLC, (4) Dell Marketing LP, (5) Equipment Finders, Inc., (6) Fred J. Miller, Inc., (7) LPS Integration Systems, Inc, (8) Mid-Continent Research Education & Learning (McREL), (9) Motorola Solutions, (10) S&H Computers, Inc., (11) Southern Heating & Cooling, Inc., (12) Taylor Music, (13) Tyler Technology, Inc., (14) Washington Music Center, (15) West Music; V-A-1-l- Resolution to participate in The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS); V-A-1-n- Legal Settlement Claim – 11C4324 (\$25,000); V-A-1-o- Legal Settlement Claim – C-32743 (\$10,850); V-A-1-p- Recommended Approval of Request for Compulsory Attendance Waiver. Ms. Shepherd made the motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Dr. Brannon seconded. Dr. Brannon made a motion to defer item V-A-l-m - Recommended Partial Approval of Wade Overpayment Appeal - Administrative Retirement Committee, based upon Metro Legal advisement. Ms. Shepherd seconded.	VOTE: 9-0 – Unanimous VOTE: 9-0 – Unanimous
Recommended Approval of 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget Request – Budget, Finance, and Capital Needs Committee	Mr. Pinkston made a motion to approve the Recommended Approval of 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Budget Request – Budget, Finance, and Capital Needs Committee. Ms. Speering seconded.	VOTE: 9-0 – Unanimous
Funding Meeting with Governor Haslam and the Urban School Directors	Dr. Register gave a brief report on the meeting he attended with Governor Haslam, and other stakeholders, concerning increasing funding for Tennessee schools.	

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BEP Funding – A Motion to Hire Counsel for Legal Advice	Ms. Frogge made a motion that the Board engage independent counsel to advise the Board on BEP litigation. Ms. Speering seconded. Ms. Frogge stated that MNPS may have legal interests that differ from other districts involved in the lawsuit, and may need to intervene in the lawsuit to ensure that students and teachers are protected. The Board should acquire legal advice from an attorney who specializes in this area of the law, and it would be helpful to gain a national perspective on the BEP adequacy lawsuit. She suggested John Borkowski work with the Board and Metro Legal as well. Ms. Pierce asked, what additional information would Mr. Borkowski provide outside the legal opinion he already supplied to the Board? Ms. Frogge said, more specific conversations concerning the lawsuit that has been filed. Mr. Pinkston said, he supported the idea of engaging in legal consultation. Ms. Shepherd said, she believes Dr. Register meeting with Gov. Haslam is a step in the right direction but not enough. She stated that fully funding the school district is right, but could not currently support the motion due to the Board's obligation of hiring a Director. Ms. Speering said she supported the motion. Dr. Gentry said, the BEP formula has never been fully funded. This decision is about taking a stand; not necessarily recouping all of the funding but making the right decision for students and teachers. It is important for the Board to be fully aware and obtain legal advice concerning the BEP. Ms. Frogge announced that she will bring a motion concerning the Board engaging independent counsel to advise the Board on the BEP litigation at the next Board meeting.	VOTE: 4-5 –Yes - (Speering, Pinkston, Gentry, Frogge) No – (Hunter, Shepherd, Brannon, Kim, Pierce)
REPORTS		
A. Director's Report	See "Funding Meeting with Governor Haslam and the Urban School Directors".	
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B. Committee Reports	Ms. Shepherd gave a brief CLASS update on the Guns in Parks and Voucher bills.	
1. CLASS		
2. Budget, Finance and Capital Needs/Notice of Resolution	Ms. Shepherd announced that the Mayor's Budget Hearing will be held on April 16 th . The Metro Council Budget Hearing will be held June 8 th . Ms. Shepherd gave notice that she would bring a motion to the next Board meeting concerning the adoption of the Annenberg Standards.	

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3. Community Engagement	Mr. Pinkston announced that the Board held a Community Engagement Committee meeting on April 6 th . The following topics were discussed: Director Search Public Engagement and the Strategic Communications Plan. The next meeting will be held May 4 th at 4:00 p.m. at the Martin Center.	
4. Naming of Schools	Dr. Brannon informed the Board of the proposed change to the name of I.T. Creswell. See attached document. The Naming of Schools Committee will meet April 30 th .	
5. Teaching and Learning	Ms. Speering stated that the Teaching and Learning Committee met and discussed Student Success on March 31 st .	
C. Board Chairman's Report 1. Announcements National School Boards Association (NSBA) Conference	Mr. Pinkston announced that he recently spoke at the NSBA Conference on the topic of Board Advocacy. He stated that he reported on the success of the MNPS Universal School Lunch Program.	
Nashville After School Alliance (NAZA)	Ms. Shepherd announced that on March 30 th she attended an event hosted by the NAZA program.	
VIP Tour at Dupont - Hadley Middle Prep	Ms. Shepherd and Ms. Speering announced that they attended a VIP Tour at Dupont-Hadley Middle Prep sponsored by the Nashville Chamber of Commerce on April 1 st .	
Mayoral Forum	Ms. Shepherd announced that she attended the Mayoral Forum at Hillsboro and Overton High Schools.	
High School Court Rooms	Ms. Speering announced that four high schools have court rooms in their schools. Those court rooms are used to conduct truancy cases, and students serve as officers of the court in all roles except judge.	
Whites Creek High School	Ms. Speering announced that students at Whites Creek High School are studying alternative fuel energy. One example of this is soybean fuel. Students are also using solar panels to generate energy to power their go-carts.	
Neely's Bend Middle Prep	Ms. Speering announced that she attended a student-led conference at Neely's Bend Middle Prep. The conference was very impressive with 200 attendees.	
Maplewood High School	Ms. Speering announced that she attended Maplewood Monday at Maplewood High School.	
Maplewood High School	Ms. Speering announced NASA is preparing to send humans to Mars in 2024. In preparation for that event, the Maplewood Martians have formed hypotheses, conducted tests and even skyped with a NASA scientist.	

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Project Based Learning (PBL) Event	Ms. Speering announced that Todd Wiggington is requesting for community volunteers to help judge two days of Project Based Learning (PBL) 3-minute presentations on May 12 th and May 13 th . Volunteers should contact Todd Wiggington.	
Mayoral Forum	Dr. Brannon announced that she attended the Mayoral Forum at Overton High School.	
State of Schools Address	Dr. Brannon announced that the State of Schools Address would be held at Overton High School on April 15 th at 10:00 a.m.	
Director of Schools Search Committee	Dr. Gentry announced that a Director of Schools Search Committee meeting will be held on April 16 th .	
WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
Upcoming Committee Meetings		
Adjournment	Ms. Frogge adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.	
Signatures	 Chris M. Henson Board Secretary Sharon Dixon Gentry Board Chair Date	