

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
March 10, 2015

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
Roll Call	Present: Dr. Jo Ann Brannon Amy Frogge Dr. Sharon Gentry, Chair Elissa Kim, Vice-Chair Mary Pierce Will Pinkston Anna Shepherd Dr. Jesse Register, Director of Schools Absent: Tyese Hunter Jill Speering Dr. Gentry called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.	
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by Danese Joesph, Urban Housing Solutions.	
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS		
National Board Certified Teachers	The Board and Dr. Register presented Certificates of Recognition to the following National Board Certified Teachers: Teresa Agee, Math Teacher at McGavock High School; Rachel Goode, Art Teacher at Hunters Lane High School; Jill Peeples, Community Outreach Coordinator in Central Office; Meredith Sohrabi, Third Grade Teacher at Mt. View Elementary School, Marla Streit, Librarian at Granbery Elementary School; Jane Weaver, French Teacher at MLK Jr. Magnet School.	
School of Science and Math at Vanderbilt Students	The Board and Dr. Register recognized students from the School of Science and Math at Vanderbilt for winning a National Science Competition.	
AND THE GOOD NEWS IS...		
Ross Pre-K Center Letters	Dr. Gentry read the letters that she received from Ross Early Learning Center to the Board.	
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION		
Rev. Dr. Judy Cummings – Director of Schools Search	Rev. Cummings addressed the Board concerning the Director of Schools Search. She read the letter sent to the Board of Education concerning the Director Search.	
Chelle Baldwin – Funding	Ms. Baldwin addressed the Board concerning funding. She asked the Board to work toward ensuring the district has adequate funding.	
Chris Moth – Lessons from Charter School	Mr. Moth addressed the Board concerning lessons from Charter School Board	

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Board Meetings	Meetings. He asked the Board to work with charter school leaders to learn best practices. He asked the Board to support litigation for BEP funding.	
• Anne-Marie Farmer – School Funding	Ms. Farmer addressed the Board concerning School Funding. She asked the Board to work toward seeking litigation to gain BEP funding.	
• Lyn Hoyt – School Funding	Ms. Hoyt addressed the Board concerning School Funding. She asked the Board to demand that the state fully fund BEP Funding.	
• John Bennett – McGavock Coalition	Mr. Bennett addressed the Board concerning the McGavock Coalition. He asked the Board to continue to support the school culture improvements at McGavock High School.	
• Lindsley Long – Funding	Ms. Long addressed the Board concerning funding. She asked the Board to engage litigation against the state for the district’s BEP funding.	
• Jai Sanders – Community Engagement	Mr. Sanders addressed the Board concerning community engagement. He asked the Board to pressure the state to supply BEP funding. He also asked the Board to develop creative ways to engage and inform the community.	
• Austin McMullen - Funding	Mr. McMullen addressed the Board concerning funding. He asked the Board not to seek litigation against the state.	
• Christine Vitt – McGavock Coalition	Ms. Vitt addressed the Board concerning the McGavock Coalition. She asked the Board to continue to support positive changes in the school culture and community engagement at McGavock High School.	
• Leah Jack – Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce	Ms. Jack addressed the Board concerning a letter from the Executive Director of the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce concerning the Director of Schools Search.	
GOVERNANCE ISSUES		
• Consent Agenda	Mr. Pinkston pulled Item V-A-1-g-(6) Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates. Mr. Pinkston asked for clarity on the end-of-contract date for the Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates contract. Dr. Gentry said the contract end date is July 1, 2015. Dr. Brannon made a motion to approve V-A-1-g-(6) Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates. Mr. Pinkston seconded. Ms. Frogge pulled Item V-A-1-i - Recommended Approval of Lease Amendment for Cameron College Prep Charter School’s Use of Space in the Cameron School Building.	VOTE: 7-0 – Unanimous

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Consent Agenda – continued	Ms. Frogge asked for clarity on Item V-A-1-i - Recommended Approval of Lease Amendment for Cameron College Prep Charter School’s Use of Space in the Cameron School Building. Mr. Edgens said, Cameron Middle School will be fully converted by the 2015-2016 school year, therefore LEAD will be responsible for rent to MNPS. Ms. Frogge asked, why are we not charging charter schools that are not fully converted rent? Mr. Edgens said, that would be an Administrative decision. Dr. Coverstone stated that the state law does not allow MNPS to charge rent to ASD schools, but other charges such as utilities can be billed to ASD schools. Ms. Frogge asked, what free services does the district provide to charters? Mr. Henson said, there are some administrative services that MNPS supplies at no charge. A plan to address how those charges will be billed has yet to be developed. Those charges would need to be added to the charter agreement. Ms. Frogge asked that the Board have a conversation about how to bill those services provided to charters at a future meeting. Ms. Frogge made a motion to approve Item V-A-1-i - Recommended Approval of Lease Amendment for Cameron College Prep Charter School’s Use of Space in the Cameron School Building. Mr. Pinkston seconded. Ms. Kim read the following consent agenda: V-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes – 10/14/2014 and 10/28/2014 Regular Meetings; V-A-1-b- Recommended Approval of Contract for LEED Consultation at Various Schools –Hastings Architecture Associates, LLC; V-A-1-c - Recommended Approval of Contract for Architectural Services for Bordeaux Early Learning Center Additions and Demolition of Front Building - DKRS Architects/Engineers, PLLC; V-A-1-d - Recommended Approval of Change Order #2 for McGavock High School Fire Safety Upgrades – Kerry G. Campbell, Inc.; V-A-1-e - Recommended Approval of Request #12 for Asbestos Abatement Services (Bordeaux Early Learning Center) – Levy Industrial Contractors, Inc.; V-A-1-f – Site Acquisition of former Lowe’s Building at 4531 Nolensville Road for the New Overton Cluster Elementary School; V-A-1-g - Awarding of Purchases and Contracts (1)	VOTE: 7-0 – Unanimous

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Consent Agenda – continued	Amaranth Designs, LLC, (2) The Curb Event Center at Belmont University, (3) Dell Financial Services, LLC, (4) East Penn Manufacturing Company, (5) The Google Fiber Company, (7) Safesource, Ltd, (8) Thyssenkurpp Elevator Americas, V-A-1-h- Recommended Approval of Lease Agreement for Brick Church College Prep Charter School’s Use of the Brick Church Middle School Building; V-A-1-j- Recommended Approval of Request for Compulsory Attendance Wavier; V-A-1-k- Recommended Approval of Textbook Adoption for Hospitality Marketing: Hospitality and Tourism Management Program (HTMP) Year 1 and Year 2. Ms. Shepherd made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Dr. Brannon seconded.	VOTE: 7-0 – Unanimous
BEP Adequacy Funding Litigation	Mr. Gowan and Ms. Millsaps addressed the Board concerning the BEP Adequacy Funding Litigation. Dr. Brannon asked if any of the prior decisions in other states concerning funding have been favorable towards school districts? Mr. Gowan said, in the three states, decisions have been favorable. Ms. Shepherd asked if there are any time constraints involved in the BEP decision? Mr. Gowan said no, but other districts are moving forward. Ms. Pierce said, she supported the state fully funding the BEP. After the Board passed the resolution concerning the BEP, were there steps taken to avoid litigation? Mr. Gowan said, the message that CLASS has received from the state is that the state did not want to discuss BEP adequacy funding. Mr. Pinkston said that after the Board passed the BEP resolution, the Governor developed the BEP Task Force and assigned Mr. Henson to it. The expectation at that time was that there would be discussions around adequacy by the task force, but those discussions did not take place. Ms. Frogge said, it is clear that the Governor does not intend to address funding adequacy issues. She stated that she supported working to get the state to supply the BEP funding. Ms. Shepherd said, schools within the district deserve to be fully funded, but litigation should be a last resort. Ms. Shepherd said, the Board should have a conversation with state and local stakeholders to address funding. Mr. Pinkston said he agreed with Ms. Shepherd’s comments.	

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BEP Adequacy Funding Litigation – continued	Mr. Pinkston made the following motion: the Board shall direct the Director of Schools to approach the Governor and the State of Tennessee to request that the state take immediate steps to fully fund the Basic Education Program (BEP) and address BEP inadequacy and report back to the Board in 30 days (by April 9th). Ms. Shepherd seconded. Mr. Pinkston said it needs to be clarified what the state is legally obligated to do concerning the BEP funding. The legislature says the BEP funding is under funded by \$30 million in Nashville.	VOTE: 7-0 – Unanimous
REPORTS		
A. Director’s Report - Mass Insight Update – Chris Maher - Inclement Weather Response	Dr. Register presented staff from Mass Insight to the Board. Mass Insight will be working on Turnaround Strategies for MNPS. Mr. Carr presented the Inclement Weather Response report to the Board.	
B. Committee Reports - CLASS - Budget, Finance and Capital Needs - Community Engagement	Ms. Shepherd gave a brief CLASS report on the Vouchers Bill, Teacher Evaluation Bill, Tuition Equity Bill, Fiscal Capacity Bill, and the Hand Gun Bill. Ms. Shepherd announced that the Budget, Finance and Capital Needs Committee met prior to the Board meeting. The next meeting will be held March 24th at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Pinkston announced that the Board held a Community Engagement Committee meeting on March 9th. The following topics were discussed: MNPS Performance Audit, Director Search Public Engagement, and EE-3 Treatment of Parents, Teachers and Students. The next meeting will be April 6th at 4:00 p.m.	
C. Board Chairman’s Report - Announcements - Tennessee Department of Education Statewide Tour	Dr. Brannon announced that Dr. McQueen, as a part of her statewide tour, visited Haywood and Whitsitt Elementary and Stratford High School on March 9th.	

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ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarship	Dr. Brannon encouraged high school seniors to apply for the ExxonMobil Bernard Harris Math and Science Scholarship sponsored by the Council of the Great City Schools. To apply for the 2015 scholarship, this application must be postmarked on or before April 8, 2015, and should include evidence of the applicant's academic achievement in high school, leadership skills or community service in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics, and the applicant's commitment to pursue a career in a STEM field. To be eligible for the scholarship, the applicant must have a minimum 3.0 unweighted grade point average, and have been accepted as a full-time student at a four-year institution of higher education.	
Academies of Nashville Conference	Dr. Brannon thanked the community and staff for the support of the Academies of Nashville Conference held at the Music City Center.	
SCOPE Conference	Ms. Shepherd announced that she attended the SCOPE conference on March 9 th .	
Music Makes Us Advisory Board of Directors	Ms. Shepherd announced that the Music Makes Us Advisory Board of Directors met March 4 th at Rose Park Middle Prep. She announced that CMA donated \$840,000 to MNPS in February. CMA has donated a total of \$8.4 million to MNPS.	
District Administration Magazine	Ms. Shepherd announced that District Administration Magazine named MNPS a District of Distinction.	
MLK Girls Basketball Team	Ms. Kim congratulated the MLK Lady Royals Basketball Team for winning the state championship.	
Hillsboro High School	Ms. Pierce announced that the Hillsboro High School Boys Basketball team would be competing in the state tournament on March 11 th .	
Annual Chinese Lantern Festival	Ms. Pierce announced on March 18 th , Hillsboro High School will hold their Annual Chinese Lantern Festival.	
Hillsboro High School Performance	Ms. Pierce announced that on March 13 th – 16 th , Hillsboro High School will host the theatre production Hair Spray. She invited the community to attend the event.	
Mayoral Forum	Ms. Pierce announced that on April 2 nd at 6:30 p.m., the Mayoral Forum will be held at Hillsboro High School.	
Condolences	Ms. Pierce expressed condolences to the family of LeVonzell "L.T." Taylor, a Hillsboro student who recently passed away.	

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WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
• Upcoming Committee Meetings		
• Adjournment	Ms. Frogge adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.	
• Signatures	 Chris M. Henson Board Secretary Sharon Dixon Gentry Board Chair Date	