

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
May 12, 2015

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
Roll Call	Present: Dr. Jo Ann Brannon Amy Frogge Dr. Sharon Gentry, Chair (left at 6:30 p.m.) 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 Councilman Anthony Davis.	
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS		
Dr. Koger – Antioch High School	The Board presented Dr. Koger with a Certificate of Recognition for receiving the William J. and Lucile H. Field Award. Dr. Koger, who has been a Level 5 principal for two consecutive years, is principal of Antioch High School which is a Reward Progress School.	
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION		
Chris Moth –“Teacher Attendance at Zoned High Schools. Do We Have a Problem?”	Mr. Moth addressed the Board concerning “Teacher attendance at zoned high schools. Do we have a problem?”. He asked the Board to research the data he supplied on teacher absences.	
Roy Wellington - Create New Academic Magnets at Maplewood High School and Gra-Mar Middle School	Mr. Wellington addressed the Board concerning creating new academic magnets at Maplewood High School and Gra-Mar Middle School. He asked the Board to consider his appeal to convert the two schools to academic magnets.	
Kristina Hurley – Redesigning Education	Ms. Hurley addressed the Board concerning redesigning education. She asked the Board to consider the redesign of the MNPS education system plan she created and passed out to the Board.	
Becky Sharpe - Substitutes and an Easy Way to Move Our ACT Needle	Ms. Sharpe addressed the Board concerning substitutes and an easy way to move our ACT needle. She asked the Board to consider using teacher substitute time for ACT preparation.	
Sherreese Dones - Charter School System	Ms. Dones addressed the Board concerning her daughters’ experiences at Purpose Prep. She thanked the Board for their time.	

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• Donna Jones - Charter School System	Ms. Jones addressed the Board concerning Purpose Prep Charter School.	
• Trudy Campbell - Charter School System	Ms. Campbell addressed the Board concerning Purpose Prep Charter School.	
• Dr. Jennifer Ess - Glendale Spanish Curriculum Continuum	Dr. Ess addressed the Board concerning Glendale Spanish Curriculum. She asked the Board to support the program through high school.	
• Janis Turner - Glendale Spanish Curriculum Continuum	Ms. Turner addressed the Board concerning the Glendale Spanish Curriculum. She asked the Board to develop a formal pathway through high school for the Spanish curriculum.	
• Elizabeth Lyons-Drake - Thank You to School Board for Providing Choices	Ms. Lyons addressed the Board concerning school choice options. She shared her support of Rocketship Charter School with the Board and thanked the Board for providing a variety of school options.	
• Nina Lockert- Charter School System	Ms. Lockert addressed the Board concerning her support for Purpose Prep.	
GOVERNANCE ISSUES		
• Approval of the East Nashville Advisory Committee Pathway Recommendation	The East Nashville Advisory Committee presented the Pathway Recommendation to the Board. Ms. Speering asked if the Stratford Middle/High School 5-12 program would have two principals? Councilman Davis said, yes that is the recommendation. Ms. Speering asked if the committee has an opinion on whether the recommendations could be decided upon once the new Director is hired? Councilman Davis said, that would be a decision made by the committee as a whole. Ms. Shepherd asked if the committee will meet to monitor the implementation of the plan? Councilman Davis said, it was mentioned that monitoring would continue within Parent Advisory Council meetings. The committee also discussed that quarterly meetings could occur. Mr. Pinkston made a motion to delay the approval of the pathways for two weeks, pending additional conversation with management and additional internal analysis. Ms. Shepherd seconded. Ms. Kim said, she did not see a reason to delay the vote and thanked the committee for their hard work. Mr. Pinkston said, the Board did not have much time to process the pathway recommendations, and he would prefer the Board vote on the complete East Nashville Plan instead of only the pathways. Ms. Pierce asked if the Board delays voting on the pathways, how the	VOTE: 2-7 –Yes – Shepherd and Pinkston

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Approval of the East Nashville Advisory Committee Pathway Recommendation - continued	communities will be affected. Mr. Weber said, the plan is for a year out, and a decision is needed to move forward in order to plan and implement. Councilman Davis said, the community and staff affected would appreciate certainty of the direction of their community and schools. Dr. Gentry stated that the Board was given opportunities to ask questions and attend the advisory meetings throughout the process. Mr. Pinkston asked if there was any research that proved that moving Bailey Middle School into Stratford High School would be successful? Mr. Sawyer said, no, the committee developed that proposal based upon the desires of the community. Mr. Pinkston said, he believed the process of the advisory committee lacks community involvement. Dr. Brannon asked, will middle and high school students ride separate buses? Mr. Weber said, that would be a question for Transportation. Dr. Gentry said, the Board can request that an implementation plan be presented, and the Board monitors that plan. Ms. Frogge stated that it would be good for the current staff at Bailey Middle School to remain during the transition. Ms. Frogge asked, will delaying the vote cause problems with the construction needed to make the recommended changes? Mr. Murdock said, there is a contractor currently on site and could conduct the work needed. But if the vote is delayed, the work can still be completed in a timely manner. Mr. Sawyer said immediate action is needed, a leader for this transition should be assigned, and it is important to form communication with staff on the transition expectations. Ms. Hunter thanked Dr. Register, staff, and the East Nashville Advisory Committee for their hard work. Ms. Speering made a motion to approve the East Nashville Plan as written. Ms. Kim seconded. Mr. Pinkston said, he had concerns on the Bailey Middle School pathway recommendations but thought it would be best to approve the complete plan instead of only the pathways. Mr. Pinkston made a motion to accept and approve the entirety of the East Nashville Advisory Committee Recommendations. Ms. Speering seconded.	VOTE: 0-9- Unanimous – motion failed VOTE: 9-0- Unanimous

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SEIU Motion	Ms. Frogge made a motion to terminate the SEIU lawsuit. No one seconded the motion. Motion failed. Ms. Frogge made a motion to direct Metro Legal to enter into settlement discussions with SEIU concerning the Labor Policy lawsuit. Mr. Pinkston seconded. Mr. Pinkston said, the appeal has been going on since July 2014, and MNPS essentially lost in Chancery Court. Mr. Pinkston asked Metro Legal if they could be of assistance in the process. Ms. Harkey said, yes. Dr. Brannon asked if the discussion could be held during the appeal process? Ms. Harkey said, yes. Dr. Register said, is it proper for me to enter into discussion with SEIU? Ms. Harkey said, it is appropriate for the lawyers to enter into those discussions.	VOTE: 8-1 – No – Kim
Consent Agenda	Ms. Kim read the following consent agenda: IV-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes – 2/10/2015 and 02/24/2015 Regular Meetings; IV-A-1-b- Recommended Approval of Supplement #1 for Joelton Middle School Additions and Renovations – Edwards + Hotchkiss Architects, P.C.; IV-A-1-c-Recommended Approval of Request #8 for Prototypical Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Playgrounds at Various Schools (Waverly-Belmont Elementary School) – Custom Recreation; IV-A-1-d- Recommended Approval of Request #9 for Prototypical Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten Playgrounds at Various Schools (New Overton Cluster Elementary School) – Custom Recreation; IV-A-1-e- Awarding of Purchases and Contracts (1) Attainment Company, Inc., (2) Microsoft, (3) Nashville Entrepreneur Center, (4) University of Memphis, (5) Vanderbilt University, (6) Vanderbilt University – Bill Wilkerson Center; IV-A-1-f- Recommended Approval of Lease Amendment for KIPP Nashville’s Use of the Ewing Park Building as KIPP Academy Charter School; IV-A-1-g- Recommended Approval of Lease Amendment for Lipscomb University’s Use of the Stokes Building; IV-A-1-h- Recommended Approval of Lease Amendment for Lipscomb University’s Use of the Parking Lot at the Stokes Building; IV-A-1-i- Recommended Approval of Lease Amendment for PENCIL Foundation’s Use of Space at the McCann Building; ; IV-A-1-j- Recommended	

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Consent Agenda – continued	Approval of Lease for KIPP Nashville’s Use of Space in Kirkpatrick Elementary School as KIPP Academy Nashville Elementary Charter School; IV-A-1-k- Recommended Approval of Lease for LEAD Public School’s Use of Space in Neely’s Bend Middle School as Neely’s Bend College Prep Charter School; IV-A-1-l- Approval of Compulsory Attendance Waiver; IV-A-1- m- Approval of Special Courses: Audio Production I, II, and III; Foundations of Audio, AV Production and Digital Design; Medical Spanish; Medical Sociology and Anthropology; American Sign Language I. Ms. Shepherd made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Dr. Brannon seconded.	VOTE: 8-0 – Unanimous
REPORTS		
A. Director’s Report 1. Mass Insight Report	Dr. Register introduced Mass Insight to the Board. Mass Insight developed turnaround strategies recommendations for MNPS. Ms. Shepherd asked for a copy of the Mass Insight PowerPoint. Ms. Pierce asked for Mass Insight to send a copy of the recommended organizational a chart and the current MNPS organizational chart. Mr. Pinkston asked, how were the schools that received written reports chosen? Mr. Cook stated that the Administration gave recommendations. Mr. Pinkston asked for insight on the School Improvement Grant program. Mr. Cook said the SIG program is a great idea and can be very useful when used properly.	
A. Board Chairman’s Report 1. Announcements Teacher of the Year – District 2	Dr. Brannon congratulated all of the District 2 Teacher of the Year honorees. She also congratulated all of the MNPS Teacher of the Year honorees.	
Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Conference	Ms. Speering announced that members of the MNPS Administration attended the Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Register was honored at the conference for his work in SEL.	
Hunters Lane High School	Ms. Speering congratulated the staff and students at Hunters Lane High School for receiving high TEL survey scores.	
Teacher of the Year	Ms. Speering stated that she attended the MNPS Teacher of the Year ceremony on May 11th. She congratulated all of the teachers.	

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National Endowment of the Arts Grant	Ms. Shepherd announced that MNPS and the Music Makes Us program was awarded a grant for \$100,000 from the National Endowment of the Arts. She thanked Dr. Nola Jones and Laurie Schell for their hard work.	
McGavock High School Cluster Coalition	Ms. Shepherd announced that on May 14 th at McGavock High School, the C Coalition will award 76 students with scholarships.	
Donelson - Hermitage Chamber of Commerce Education Day	Ms. Shepherd announced that the Donelson - Hermitage Chamber of Commerce Education Day Luncheon will be held May 14 th .	
Teacher of the Year Ceremony	Ms. Shepherd stated that she attended the Teacher of the Year ceremony on May 11 th . She congratulated all MNPS teachers.	
Board Decisions	Mr. Pinkston said he hoped that the Board would take steps to ensure that information is received and researched thoroughly before making votes and other decisions.	
Casa Azafran Early Learning Center	Mr. Pinkston congratulated the staff at Casa Azafran Early Learning Center for dramatically reducing the numbers of students who do not speak English.	
J.T. Moore Middle Prep	Ms. Pierce announced that J.T. Moore Middle Prep recently dedicated the greenhouse the school won through the Bridgestone Rethink Green Contest.	
Upcoming Elementary School Plays	Ms. Pierce announced that the following schools would be performing the following plays: Julia Green Elementary School - The Jungle Book on May 13 th -15 th at 6:30 p.m., Eakin Elementary School - Aristocats on May 12 th -14 th at 6:30 p.m., and Harris Hillman - The Jungle Book on May 12 th at 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.	
Hillwood High School Art Showcase	Ms. Frogge announced that Hillwood High School will hold an Art Showcase for the Academy of Art Design and Communication on May 13 th from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.	
District 9 Community Meeting	Ms. Frogge announced a District 9 community meeting on May 28 th at 6:00 p.m. at Westmeade Elementary School to discuss the possibility of a new elementary school.	
Hillsboro High School	Ms. Frogge congratulated the “Hillsboro Players” from Hillsboro High School who recently did a production of Hair Spray and garnered thirteen nominations and five wins in the Nashville High School Musical Theater Awards.	
Gower Elementary School	Ms. Frogge announced that Gower Elementary School will be performing The Jungle Book on May 12 th .	

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• TEA Awards	Ms. Frogge congratulated Michelle Sheriff at Gower Elementary for being named a 2015 TEA Distinguished Educator. She also congratulated Homework Hotline for receiving the 2015 TEA Education Award.	
WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
• Upcoming Committee Meetings		
• Adjournment	Ms. Frogge adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.	
• Signatures	 Chris M. Henson Board Secretary Sharon Dixon Gentry Board Chair Date	