Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
Minutes
January 13, 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 Michael Steele, principal of Stratford High School.	
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS		
• Stratford High School - Jeff Davis and Sonia Crews	The Board and Dr. Register recognized Mr. Davis and Ms. Crews for offering medical attention to help save a Stratford student's life.	
AND THE GOOD NEWS IS…		
• Hillsboro High School Football Team	The Hillsboro High School Football Team shared details of their exciting football season, playing in the state championship game.	
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION		
• Chris Reynolds - Priority Schools	Mr. Reynolds addressed the Board concerning Priority Schools. He asked the Board to support the partnership with LEAD Academy.	
• Carolyn Cantwell - Support of KIPP at Kirkpatrick	Ms. Cantwell addressed the Board concerning the support of KIPP at Kirkpatrick. She asked the Board to support the KIPP/Kirkpatrick conversion.	
• John Haubenreich - East Nashville Plan and Local School Councils	Mr. Haubenreich addressed the East Nashville Plan and Local School Councils. He asked the Board to review handouts he presented.	
• Joshua Harris - KIPP partnership at Kirkpatrick	Mr. Harris addressed the Board concerning the KIPP partnership at Kirkpatrick. He offered support for the KIPP school model and asked the Board to support the KIPP conversion.	
• Jorie Smith - Support of KIPP at Kirkpatrick	Ms. Smith addressed the Board concerning the support of KIPP at Kirkpatrick. She said she looked forward to KIPP converting Kirkpatrick, and asked the Board to support the conversion.	

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GOVERNANCE ISSUES		
• Consent Agenda	**Ms. Kim read the following consent agenda: V-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes – 09/23/2014 Regular Meeting; V-A-1-b- Recommended Award of Contract for Architectural Services for Library Renovations at McGavock and Overton High Schools – Street Dixon Rick Architecture, PLC; V-A-1-c- Recommended Award of Contract for HVAC Renovations at Bailey Middle School – Advanced Mechanical Contractors, Inc.; V-A-1-d- Recommended Approval of Change Order #1 for John Early Middle School Renovations – Carden Construction, Inc.; V-A-1-e- Recommended Approval of Change Order #2 for Granbery Elementary School Additions – Orion Construction Corporation; V-A-1-f- Recommended Approval of Change Order #6 for Hume-Fogg Magnet High School Gymnasium Addition – D.F. Chase, Inc.; V-A-1-g- Recommended Approval of Request #3 for Instrument Storage Cabinets (Hume-Fogg Magnet High School) - Wenger Corporation; V-A-1-h-Recommended Approval of Request #21 for District-wide Maintenance, Repairs, and General Construction (Dupont-Tyler Cafeteria Alterations) – Southland Constructors, LLC; V-A-1-i-Recommended Approval of Request #22 for District-wide Maintenance, Repairs, and General Construction (New Overton Cluster Elementary School) - Southland Constructors, LLC; V-A-1-j- Awarding of Purchases and Contracts (1) Alignment Nashville, (2) Annenberg Institute for School Reform, (3) California Creative Solutions, (4) Claim Technologies, (5) Earthwalk Communications, (6) Imagination Specialties, Inc. dba Imagination Branding, (7) Industrial Fire & Safety, (8) Knowledge Academies, (9) Mass Insight Education, (10) McGrath Training Systems, (11) My Student Survey, (12) Proctor and Graves Service Co., (13) Rocketship Education, (14) Sexual Assault Center, (15) Southeast Marketing Group dba Sportswear Express, (16) STEM Prep Academy, (17) Tennessee Department of Education, (18) The New Teacher Project, (19) Tyco SimplexGrinnell, (20) Valor Collegiate Academy; V-1-A-k- Recommended Approval of Lease Agreement with East End Preparatory Charter School for Use of Space in the Dalewood School Building; V-A-1-l- Recommended Approval of Request for Compulsory Attendance Waiver; V-A-1-m- Legal Settlement Claim C-32027 ($20,000).**	

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• Consent Agenda – continued	**Ms. Shepherd made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Ms. Brannon seconded.**	**VOTE: 9-0 – Unanimous**
• Approval of KIPP Conversion at Kirkpatrick Elementary School	**Ms. Shepherd made the motion to approve the KIPP Conversion at Kirkpatrick Elementary School. Dr. Brannon seconded.** Ms. Speering offered her support to KIPP and the conversion of Kirkpatrick. Mr. Pinkston asked that KIPP work to increase the grade level phase-in approach, and thanked KIPP for presenting a conversion proposal that met the parameters set in the Board charter resolution. Ms. Frogge said she could not support the KIPP conversion due to the data that conversions are not working. She instead would like to see the district provide additional resources to schools. Ms. Frogge offered KIPP support and wished the conversion success.	**VOTE: 8 Yes -1 No – (Frogge)**
REPORTS		
A. Director's Report 1. Priority Schools Update: Next Steps	Dr. Register presented the Priority Schools Update to the Board. Dr. Brannon asked, will any of the Priority School leaders be assigned this school year? Dr. Register said, yes. Dr. Brannon asked if turnaround teachers will be placed in schools this year? Dr. Register said, probably not. Ms. Pierce asked, how will the Instructional Rounds results be used? Dr. Steele said, the results will guide the next phase of work and guidance to the principals. Mr. Pinkston asked staff to work to provide resources specifically in the area of English Language Learners to Whitsitt Elementary School. Ms. Kim stated that teachers have high expectations for students and actually believe that students are capable of achieving success. If teachers have low expectations for their students, there should be interventions in place for those teachers. Dr. Gentry asked how do we determine the cause of teachers who have low expectations. Dr. Register said, it is important that school administrators ensure that teachers understand that staff is expected to set high expectations. We also must ensure that we have turnaround teachers in high-need schools. Ms. Shepherd said, what happens to the leaders and teachers who are being removed? Dr. Register said, that depends on the tenure statute and individual qualities of each person. The plan is to build upon weaknesses and plan opportunities for those persons to be successful, whether it is inside or out of the district.	

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2. Community Achieves	Dr. Majors presented Community Achieves to the Board. Ms. Speering asked, how many of the existing 14 Community Achieves Programs in the district are full scale? And, how much would it cost to bring all programs to full scale? Dr. Majors said, two programs are full scale. $2.1 million would allow the existing programs, and bring 16 additional programs, to full scale. Dr. Brannon asked if each cluster had a program? Dr. Majors said, no. Community programs are in 9 of the 12 clusters. Ms. Pierce asked for a list of where the 30 programs would be located. She also asked if the $2.1 million was a recurring cost? Dr. Majors said, yes, but after two years there could be reductions in the area of Professional Development that could decrease the budgeted amount. Ms. Pierce asked, did Dr. Majors recommend opening 30 programs? Dr. Majors said, yes. District-wide school participation, with at least 2-3 schools per cluster, is the goal. Ms. Frogge said it is important to fund the Community Achieves Program because data shows that poverty affects many schools within the district. Ms. Frogge asked if gains were made at Glencliff High School when the Community School Model was implemented at the school? Dr. Majors said, yes, there were many gains in the areas of attendance, community partnerships, etc. Dr. Gentry asked if there was data available to support the Community School gains? Dr. Majors said that data can be presented in the future. Dr. Gentry said she would like a dashboard developed that measures the impact and expected outcomes of the program. Ms. Hunter said she supported the Community Schools Model.	
B. Committee Reports 1. Teaching and Learning	Ms. Speering stated that a Teaching and Learning Committee meeting was held on January 7th. The following topics were discussed: Integrated Math and Turn-around Strategies. The next meeting will be held January 21st.	
2. Capital Needs Committee	Ms. Shepherd stated that the Budget, Finance and Capital Needs Committee met prior to the Board Meeting. The next meeting will be January 27th.	
3. Community Engagement	Mr. Pinkston stated that the Community Engagement Committee met on January 7th. The following topics were discussed: public opinion researcher and public engagement loop. The next meeting will be February 2nd.	
C. Board Chairman's Report 1. Announcements • READ Summit	Ms. Speering announced that she attended the READ Summit on January 13th that focused on struggling adolescents in high and middle schools.	

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• Reading Recovery	Ms. Speering announced that a Reading Recovery lesson viewing would be held January 29th at 3:30 p.m. at the Martin Center.	
• Firestone Training Center	Ms. Speering announced that Maplewood High School would be opening the first Firestone Training Center in the country on January 16th. All students who complete training at the center will receive ASE certifications.	
• FAFSA Night at McGavock High School	Ms. Shepherd thanked Deloitte for hosting the Annual FAFSA Night at McGavock High School. Over 175 students completed FAFSA applications at this event.	
• Parent Advisory Committee Meetings	Ms. Shepherd announced that the Parent Advisory Committee cluster meetings will be held January 15th. The McGavock Cluster meeting will be held at Dupont-Hadley Middle at 5:30 p.m.	
• Notice of Motion	Mr. Pinkston announced that he would bring a motion at a future meeting concerning a moratorium on the opening of new schools until there is a plan to address the budget gap in the 2015-2016 school year. He asked the Administration to develop a plan on how to address the needed funding.	
• Intel Science Talent Search	Ms. Pierce congratulated Hillsboro High School senior Alex Jolly, who advanced to the semi-finals in the Intel Science Talent Search with his research project, "Activation of Silent Biosynthetic Pathways in Cave Microorganisms for Drug Discovery."	
2. Board Chair's Report	Dr. Gentry gave a Board chair report.	
WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
• Board Calendar Items		
• Sales Tax Collections as of December 20, 2014		
• Upcoming Committee Meetings		
• Adjournment	Ms. Frogge adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.	
• Signatures	 Chris M. Henson, Board Secretary Sharon Dixon Gentry, Board Chair Date	