

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –

April 14, 2026

Members Present: Freda Player – Chair, Berthena Nabaa-McKinney – Vice-chair, Rachael Anne Elrod, Erin O’Hara Block, Abigail Tylor, Robert Taylor, Rachael Anne Elrod and Zach Young
Cheryl Mayes (arrived at 5:15 pm)

Members Absent: TK Fayne

Student Members Present: Ava Davash, Hannah Nguyen

Meeting called to order at 5:31 p.m.

CONVENE AND ACTION

- A. Call to Order – Freda Player called the meeting to order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Freda Player.
- C. Adoption of Agenda

Motion to agenda to adopt agenda as listed

By Cherly Mayes, seconded by Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Academies of Nashville Students of the Year: The Board and Dr. Battle recognized the students.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

- A. Dr. Battle and Staff presented an MNPS ReImaginED Update: on Core Tenets: Re-envision central office as a support hub, Empower and equip leaders at all levels. Create and support engaging, rigorous, and personalized learning experiences for all students and Identify and eliminate inequities.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Honey Hereth – Addressed the Board concerning the Budget.

BOARD REPORTS

A. Budget and Finance Committee – Dr. Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney gave a brief committee report.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A. Actions

1. Consent

a. Minutes – 3/24/2026– Regular Meeting

b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts

1. American Constructors, Inc.

2. Apple, Inc.

3. Coughlan Companies LLC dba Capstone

4. Rush Truck Centers of Tennessee, Inc.

c. FY26/27 Operating Budget – Recommendation from Budget and Finance Committee

d. Legal Settlement Johnson v. Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (Case No. 26C52)

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

By Zach Young, seconded Rachael Anne Elrod

Vote: 8-0 (unanimous)

STUDENT BOARD REPORTS

A. Ava Dash gave the following report on attending the SCOPE conference. Special Report: Student Congress on Policies in Education (SCOPE) Conference Annually, TSBA (Tennessee School Board Association) hosts the Student Congress on Policies in Education (SCOPE) conference. This conference brings together 9th-12th grade students from across the state to discuss current topics in education. Participants explore education issues through mock school board meetings, group discussions, and debates with their peers.

These events are designed to give students an understanding of how school boards operate.

Student Experience: This year Ava and Hannah attended the SCOPE Conference debating within committees with people their grade level. This year's topic debated within the mock school board meeting was "Funding shall be moved away from related arts (music, art, etc.) and shifted to CTE courses in the school district's budget." The consensus within Ava's group was some money should be removed from the related arts and be given to CTE courses. Students argued CTE courses can give students a hands-on experience into the workforce students are interested in and if implemented in schools, can become more accessible, however students that are interested in related arts can find outside education within the community for their area of study.

The four topics dispersed to grade level groups:

9th: Students shall have the option of substituting club sports (kickball, club soccer, water polo, etc.) for physical education requirements. Consensus: No, students should NOT have the option of substituting club sport for physical education requirements

10th : The World Language graduation requirement shall be an elective Consensus: No, the World Language graduation requirement should stay as is.

11th : The ACT shall be substituted for end of course examinations. Consensus: No, The ACT shall NOT be substituted for end of course examinations.

12th : All students shall be required to participate in at least one extracurricular activity (4-H, chess club, sports, Beta club, etc.) per year. Consensus: Yes, students should be required to participate in at least one extracurricular activity per year.

Board Recommendations: There are no board recommendations, but we encourage you to consider the responses of Tennessee students when making or speaking upon decisions related to these topics

Freda Player adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

David G. Sevier

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Board Secretary

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Board Chair

Date