

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Called Meeting  
Minutes  
September 9, 2014

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll Call</li> </ul>	<p>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</p> <p>Ms. Shepherd called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pledge of Allegiance</li> </ul>	Led by Dr. Alan Coverstone, Executive Officer of Innovation.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Election of Chair and Vice-Chair</li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Shepherd asked for nominations for Board Chair.</p> <p><b>Dr. Brannon nominated Dr. Gentry for Board Chair.</b></p> <p>Ms. Frogge nominated Ms. Speering for Board Chair.</p> <p>Dr. Gentry was elected to serve as Board Chair.</p> <p><b>Dr. Gentry nominated Ms. Kim to serve as Board Vice-Chair</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE: (5-3) –Yes - Gentry, Brannon, Kim, Hunter, Pierce. No – Frogge, Speering, Pinkston</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: 9-0 – Unanimous</b></p>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New and Re-elected Board Members</li> </ul>	Ms. Speering congratulated newly elected and re-elected Board Members Ms. Hunter, Ms. Pierce, Ms. Shepherd, and Dr. Brannon.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extending Recess</li> </ul>	Ms. Speering thanked Dr. Steele and Ms. Frogge for their leadership in extending recess time in schools.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MNPS Health Centers</li> </ul>	Ms. Speering announced that the district has five Health Centers located around the city, staffed by Vanderbilt. A new facility will be built at the Central Office, and will provide physical therapy and rehabilitation services, exercise facilities and other amenities.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teaching and Learning Committee</li> </ul>	Ms. Speering announced the Teaching and Learning Committee will meet on September 17 <sup>th</sup> in the Board Room.	

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• Notice of Resolution	Ms. Speering gave notice that she would be submitting a motion at the October 14 <sup>th</sup> Board Meeting concerning changing the fourth Tuesday's Board Work Session to a Business Meeting.	
• Neely's Bend Community Meeting	Ms. Speering announced that she would be hosting a community meeting in the Neely's Bend Community in October.	
• Deloitte Education Fair	Ms. Shepherd thanked Deloitte for hosting an education fair for the district.	
• Middle Prep Launch	Ms. Shepherd thanked Alignment Nashville, PENCIL Foundation, and the Nashville Chamber of Commerce for the Middle Prep launch held on August 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	
• First Choice Festival	Ms. Shepherd announced that the First Choice Festival will be held September 22 <sup>nd</sup> at the Fairgrounds from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	
• Transportation Department	Ms. Shepherd thanked the Transportation Department for their hard work in resolving a recent constituent issue for her.	
• Tennessee Association of School Librarians	Ms. Shepherd announced that the Tennessee Association of School Librarians honored MNPS Lead Librarian Stephanie Ham.	
• Extending Recess	Ms. Frogge thanked Dr. Steele for his support in extending the recess time in MNPS Elementary Schools.	
<b>AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS</b>		
• 2014 My Future My Way Career Exploration Kick-off	Rita McDonald, Nashville Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Board about the 2014 My Future My Way Career Exploration event on October 29 <sup>th</sup> at the Music City Center.	
<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>		
• Peter White – TCAP Waiver Unfairly Harms Some Metro Students	Mr. White addressed the Board concerning how the TCAP Waiver unfairly harms some Metro students. He asked the Board to research MNPS policy and his complaints.	
• Thomas Weber – STRIVE Academy Charter School	Mr. Weber addressed the Board concerning STRIVE Academy Charter School. He asked the Board to ensure that it follows resolutions that are approved.	
• James Sanders – Inglewood Elementary School	Mr. Sanders addressed the Board concerning Inglewood Elementary. He asked the Board to consider allowing Inglewood Elementary to implement a plan to improve test scores at the school.	
• Randall Bowers – Inglewood Elementary School	Mr. Bowers addressed the Board concerning Inglewood Elementary. He asked the Board to support Inglewood Elementary.	
• Kara Davis – Inglewood Elementary School	Ms. Davis addressed the Board concerning Inglewood Elementary. She asked the Board to support the current work at Inglewood Elementary.	

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<b>GOVERNANCE ISSUES</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consent Agenda</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ms. Pierce pulled Item V-A-1-h- Amendment of Lease Agreement for Lipscomb University’s Use of the Stokes Building.</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Pierce made a motion to delay the approval of Item V-A-1-h- Amendment of Lease Agreement for Lipscomb University’s Use of the Stokes Building until Mr. Edgens has spoken with Metro Government. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Kim read the following consent agenda: V-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes – 6/24/14 Special Meeting; V-A-1-b- Recommended Award of Contract for John Early Middle School Additions and Renovations – Carden Company; V-A-1-c- Recommended Award of Contract for New Antioch Elementary School – Bell &amp; Associates Construction, L.P.; V-A-1-d- Recommended Approval of Change Order #4 for Madison Middle School Renovations – Biscan Construction; V-A-1-e- Recommended Approval of Change Order #7 Rose Park Middle School Renovations – Messer Construction Company; V-A-1-f- Recommended Approval of Request #6 for District-wide Roof Repairs (Hillwood High School) – RSS Roofing Services &amp; Solutions, LLC; V-A-1-g- Recommended Approval of Request #15 for District-wide Maintenance, Repairs, and General Construction (Casa Azafran Pre-K Center) – Southland Constructors, LLC; V-A-1-i- Awarding of Purchases and Contracts (1.) ACT, Inc., (2.) Catapult Learning, LLC, (3.) CDW Government, Inc., (4.) Centerstone of Tennessee, (5.) Dell Marketing, LP (5 Requisitions), (6.) Discovery Education Assessment, LLC, (7.) DK Brand Strategy, (8.) Earthwalk Communications, Inc., (9.) Follett Corporation, (10.) Genesis Learning Centers, (11.) Heinemann, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, (12.) Martha O’Bryan Center dba Explore! Community School, (13.) NCS Pearson, Inc. (14.) Northwest Evaluation Association, (15.) SchoolDude, Inc., (16.) Southern Regional Education Board, (17.) STRIVE Collegiate Academy, (18.) The Sherwin –Williams Company; V-A-1-j- Textbook Approval for Behavioral &amp; Community Health: Principles of Public Health Practice; V-A-1-k- Textbook Approval for IB Music: Music: An Appreciation; V-A-1-l- Textbook Approval for IB Physics: Physics for the</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE: 9-0 – Unanimous</b></p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consent Agenda – continued</li> </ul>	<p><b>IB Diploma; V-A-1-m- Textbook Approval for IB Sports, Exercise, and Health Science: IB Sports, Exercise, and Health Science Course Book for the IB Diploma; V-A-1-n- Textbook Approval for Global Logistics: Supply Chain Management: A Logistics Perspective; V-A-1-o- Textbook Approval for Social Studies Grades 5-8: Discovery Education Techbook TM; V-A-1-p- Legal Settlement Claim C-31643 (\$13,938.53).</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Shepherd made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Ms. Frogge seconded.</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE: 9-0 – Unanimous</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommended Approval of Revisions of EE-3 Treatment of Parents, Students, and Citizens</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ms. Frogge made a motion to approve EE-3 Treatment of Parents, Students, and Citizens as amended. Ms. Speering seconded.</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE: 9-0 – Unanimous</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Resolution by The Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education To Establish An English Learner Innovation Report</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Pinkston read the following resolution: A RESOLUTION BY THE METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AN ENGLISH LEARNER INNOVATION REPORT. WHEREAS, the elected Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education (the Board) oversees Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS), the nation’s 42nd-largest school system with 83,000 students; and WHEREAS, the Board’s governing policies state that “Board members will represent the interests of the citizens of the entire school district” and that “the job of the Board is to represent the citizens and to lead the organization by determining and demanding appropriate and excellent organizational performance;” and WHEREAS, the Board believes that the quality of public education should not be determined by a student’s race, ethnicity, linguistic background, or socioeconomic status; and WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that student English language proficiency is a matter of access, equity, and social justice; and WHEREAS, the Board is obligated to ensure that all MNPS students are proficient in English and master the academic content necessary to succeed in a career or college, and life; and WHEREAS, MNPS enrolls approximately 11,945 non-English speaking students, or 27.7 percent of English learners in the State of Tennessee, according to the Tennessee Department of Education’s Report Card; and WHEREAS, MNPS faces unique academic challenges given the fact that English learners account for 14.7 percent of MNPS students, compared with the statewide average of 4.3 percent; and WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the profound academic, moral, and social opportunities that</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Resolution by The Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education To Establish An English Learner Innovation Report - continued</li> </ul>	<p>can be realized by providing high-quality educational services to Nashville's youngest New Americans; and WHEREAS, the Board admires the courage of English learners, who are learning rigorous academic content while mastering a new language and, in the process, making significant linguistic and cultural contributions to MNPS and the community; and WHEREAS, the Board values innovative instructional practices and other strategies that respect, affirm, and build upon the language and culture of every child. THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Board directs MNPS management to develop an English Learner Innovation Report (the Report) to the Board articulating guiding principles; identifying model instructional practices; developing effective family and community engagement initiatives; articulating budget and resource allocation needs; outlining emerging staffing, scheduling and professional development strategies; and identifying other commitments and conditions necessary for MNPS to deliver the highest quality educational services to English learners; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board directs MNPS management to identify and engage national-caliber expertise to assist in the development of the Report and, within the Report, identify and analyze English learner innovation efforts in other U.S. school systems in order to capture best practices; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, MNPS management shall deliver the Report to the Board no later than March 31, 2015.</p> <p><b>Mr. Pinkston made a motion to approve A Resolution By The Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education To Establish An English Learner Innovation Report. Mr. Pinkston amended the resolution report date from March 31, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Ms. Speering seconded.</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE: 9-0 – Unanimous</b></p>
<b>REPORTS</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Director's Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Priority Schools</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>Dr. Register presented the Priority Schools Report to the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Frogge said, the district should ensure that additional resources are offered to students who are economically disadvantaged. Offering wrap-around services will help to ensure that students are not left behind. Dr. Register said, the goal is for every parent in East Nashville to know the options for their students and to be aware of their choices. Every student in East Nashville</p>	

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1. Priority Schools – continued	deserves the option to choose a high-performing school. Ms. Shepherd said, the laser focus should be on working with charter schools to enhance zone schools. Dr. Register said, it is important to look for charter partners that can work to create successful turnaround strategies. And, it is also important to ensure that there are good leaders and teachers in schools. Ms. Speering asked, when will the community meetings begin? Dr. Register said, very soon. Ms. Kim said, she agrees that this is an urgent situation. Change is hard for people; it is important that we set high goals to set the bar of what is actually possible for of all MNPS. Mr. Pinkston asked, what happened and why is using charter conversion the best turnaround strategy? Dr. Register said it is proven that choice schools in MNPS have been successful. This is an attempt to turn around the schools that have not been achieving at a high level. Mr. Pinkston asked, that the Board have upcoming Work Sessions to discuss turnaround strategies for MNPS. Ms. Hunter asked, what is the timeline for the turnaround strategies? Dr. Register said, currently there is not a plan. Some changes will be made immediately, and other changes at the end of the school year. Ms. Hunter said, any changes that can be made immediately will directly benefit MNPS students. Dr. Gentry said, there will be future discussions concerning turnaround schools at the Board Retreat. And, the Board will also receive frequent updates from Dr. Register concerning the dates and milestones in the plan to turnaround schools.	
2. Committee Reports	Ms. Frogge stated that the Governance Committee will meet at the Board Retreat on September 13 <sup>th</sup> at the Martin Center at 9:00 a.m.	
1. Governance		
2. Teaching and Learning	Ms. Speering announced that the Teaching and Learning Committee met on August 13 <sup>th</sup> . Ms. Speering also gave a report on the meeting. The next Teaching and Learning Committee meeting will be held September 17 <sup>th</sup> from 2:30-5:00 p.m.	
3. Board Chairman’s Report	Dr. Gentry gave a Board Chair’s Report.	
<b>WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD</b>		
• Board Calendar Items		
• Sales Tax Collections as of August 20, 2014		
• Adjournment	Dr. Gentry adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signatures</li> </ul>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <hr style="width: 100%;"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Chris M. Henson Board Secretary</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>Sharon Dixon Gentry      Date Board Chair</p> </div> </div>	