

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
January 10, 2012

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
Roll Call	Members Present: Gracie Porter, Chair; Mark North, Vice-Chair; Dr. Jo Ann Brannon; Dr. Sharon Gentry; Michael W. Hayes; Ed Kindall; Cheryl D. Mayes; Anna Shepherd; Kay Simmons; and Jhamia Poole, Student Board Member Ms. Porter called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.	
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by Dr. Lora Hall, Assistant Superintendent of Middle Schools, and Dr. Brenda Steele, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools.	
Student Board Member Report	Ms. Poole made the following comments: Our December TMAC meeting was hosted by Maplewood High School. One of our own members told his story of how he became determined to become a successful student, and person, in spite of the challenges and barriers he faced as an adolescent and teen. Our January meeting will be held in the Board Room. We will be presented with a drug education session from Bradford Health Services and a personal testimony from a resident with the Davidson County Drug Court. There are currently 94 students enrolled in TMAC representing 18 schools.	
In Memoriam – Robert Roberson and Judy Doughty	Robert Roberson 6/30/50– 12/15/11 - Mr. Roberson was one of our dedicated school bus monitors for Exceptional Education students. Although his employment with MNPS was limited, he became very attached and compassionate to all the students he served. Mr. Roberson was soft spoken, kind and caring, and he was an asset to this department. We will miss his kind, smiling face, as will the students he came in contact with daily. Judy Ford Doughty 10/23/49– 12/09/11- Judy Ford Doughty served MNPS for forty-two years. She began her career working in the Human Relations Office in September of 1971. She later transferred to Human Resources, where she worked until August of 1989 when she transferred to Antioch High School. Mrs. Doughty worked at Antioch High School for twenty-three years, first as a School Secretary and then as Executive Secretary/Bookkeeper. She was an Antioch High School graduate and a vital part of the school and community throughout her career. She is survived by her husband, Carey Doughty; her son, Ed Hoover; her daughter, Christina Vittitoe and her five grandchildren. Mrs. Doughty will be deeply missed by the faculty, staff, and community of Antioch High School.	

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION		
Andrea Hicks	Ms. Hicks addressed the Board concerning creating a policy that would inform parents of serious incidences occurring at schools that could possibly affect other students.	
GOVERNANCE ISSUES		
1. ACTIONS 2. Consent Agenda	Ms. Kay Simmons requested that item IV-A-1-g- Recommended Approval of 2011 Director's Evaluation – Director's Evaluation Committee be pulled for discussion. Mr. North read the following consent agenda items: IV-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes-12/13/11 Regular Meeting and 12/19/11 Special Meeting; IV-A-1-b- Change Order #2 for Glengarry Elementary School Additions and Renovations – R G Anderson Co., Inc – M-430; IV-A-1-c- Awarding of Bids and Contracts (1.) New Teacher Center, (2.) Vanderbilt University, (3.) Vanderbilt University, Center for Science Outreach, (4.) ASCD, (5.) PABS/ dba Creating Diamonds, (6.) Sylvan Learning, (7.) Gaylord Entertainment Company; IV-A-1-d- Recommendation to Surplus Property – A Portion of the Bellevue Middle School Site – Capital Needs Committee; IV-A-1-e- Recommendation to Surplus Property – A Portion of the Murrell School Site – Capital Needs Committee; IV-A-1-f- Recommended Approval of 2012-2018 Capital Budget – Capital Needs Committee; IV-A-1-h- Recommended Approval of Legal Settlement – File No.: L-15191 (\$300,000). Ms. Shepherd made the motion to accept the consent agenda as read. Dr. Brannon seconded.	VOTE: 9-0 (Unanimous)
IV-A-1-g- Recommended Approval of 2011 Director's Evaluation – Director's Evaluation Committee	Ms. Simmons Chair of the Director's Evaluation Committee, presented the results of the 2011 Director's Evaluation. The total average of the Director's Evaluation was 4.36, falling under the category of Exceeded Expectations. The Director's Evaluation Committee recommends that the Board approve the results of the 2011 Director's Evaluation. Dr. Brannon made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Director's Evaluation Committee. Ms. Shepherd seconded.	VOTE: 9-0 (Unanimous)

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2. Student Disciplinary Appeal	Mr. North made a motion to uphold and affirm the decision of the Director of Schools and deny the request for a hearing. Ms. Shepherd seconded.	VOTE: 9-0 (Unanimous)
3. Recommended Approval of Board Resolution to Support Dream Act-Advocacy Committee	Ms. Shepherd, Chair of the Advocacy Committee, made the motion to approve the resolution to Support the Dream Act as recommended by the Advocacy Committee. Dr. Brannon seconded	VOTE: 9-0 (Unanimous)
4. Recommended Approval of Board Resolution to Support Lowering English Learner Pupil-Teacher Ratio as Recommended by BEP Review Committee – Advocacy Committee	Ms. Shepherd, Chair of the Advocacy Committee, made the motion to approve the resolution to Support Lowering English Learner Pupil-Teacher Ratio as Recommended by BEP Review Committee. Mr. North seconded.	VOTE: 9-0 (Unanimous)
5. Recommended Approval of Board Resolution to Support Full Implementation of Education Reform Initiatives by the Tennessee General Assembly – Advocacy Committee	Ms. Shepherd, Chair of the Advocacy Committee, made the motion to approve the resolution to Support Full Implementation of Education Reform Initiatives by the Tennessee General Assembly. Dr. Brannon seconded.	VOTE: 9-0 (Unanimous)
6. Recommended Approval of Board Resolution to Support the Reviewing and Revising of Tennessee’s BEP Formula – Advocacy Committee	Ms. Shepherd, Chair of the Advocacy Committee, made the motion to approve the resolution to Support the Reviewing and Revising of Tennessee’s BEP Formula. Dr. Brannon seconded. Ms. Simmons asked what are the current initiatives of the BEP? Mr. Henson said in 2007, Governor Bredesen proposed BEP 2.0 which required sufficient additional funding for public school districts across the state. It was partially implemented in 2007 and has yet to be fully funded or implemented. There are a number of items within the BEP 2.0 proposal, which would generate more funding for all Tennessee school districts. The following initiatives would benefit MNPS: the reduction of the pupil-teacher ratio through the formula for ELL students and not eliminating the cost differential factor (CDF) in the formula, which is intended to recognize differences in the cost of living or cost of doing business across the state.	VOTE: 9-0 (Unanimous)
7. Recommended Approval of Board Resolution to Oppose Legislation to Add Multiple Charter School Authorizers – Advocacy Committee	Ms. Shepherd made the motion to approve the resolution to Oppose Legislation to Add Multiple Charter School Authorizers. Ms. Mayes seconded. Mr. North called the question.	VOTE: 8-1 (No- Hayes)

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7 .Recommended Approval of Board Resolution to Oppose Legislation to Add Multiple Charter School Authorizers – Advocacy Committee	Mr. Hayes said he believes many people in the charter school world favor the legislation to add multiple charter authorizers statewide. Primarily, because across the country the management of public education resides solely with each local School Board. Mr. Hayes favors adding multiple charter authorizers and believes that for a Board to unilaterally oppose a second authorizer could place children in other counties at risk; which would indirectly have an effect on MNPS. Mr. Hayes was in favor of abandoning the resolution. Mr. North said we do not want to underestimate how other School Boards across the state can handle the results of the resolution, believing local school boards were capable of knowing which school would work best in their district. Ms. Shepherd said that if local Boards are responsible for their charter schools, their Boards should have a say in how charter schools are run. Mr. Hayes asked Dr. Register, under the new law who has responsibility over the school? Dr. Register said the Achievement School District has authority over the bottom five percent of schools in Tennessee, and they have the authority to run those in several ways. Mr. Hayes asked what is trying to be prevented by endorsing the resolution? Mr. North said that each local Board should be given the sole responsibility to decide which charter schools will be allowed in its own district.	
REPORTS		
• Director’s Report 1. MNPS Achieves Oversight Team 2. Advanced Academics	Dr. Register presented a Power Point to the Board on the MNPS Achieves Oversight Team. Dr. Register presented a Power Point to the Board on Advanced Academics. Mr. Hayes asked what measures have been put in place to increase student IB exam scores? Mr. Steele said the goal is for every student to take the test and score high. To increase scores, we must ensure that the student understands the commitment needed to be successful in an IB course. Mr. Hayes asked will AP/IB scores be used during teacher evaluations? Mr. Steele said yes. Ms. Simmons asked if there were plans to provide services to zone schools, not just magnet school students? Dr. Chaney said surveys will be conducted at zone schools to see if the courses are in demand. Mr. Steele said the goal is to encourage students to participate in AP/IB courses and to make those courses available to all students. Mr. North asked if surveys were conducted to address the reason why students do not take the test? Dr. Chaney said there is an AP instructor that monitors why students are or are not taking the test. Another	

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2. Advanced Academics - continued	issue is that some of the higher learning institutions are not accepting the tests as college credit. Ms. Shepherd asked what are the requirements for students to participate in dual enrollment? Mr. Steele said students must have a 3.0 GPA, and be a junior or senior. Students taking dual enrollment must pay the tuition that is not covered by a lottery scholarship, which does not cover the full tuition. Some colleges have started to waive fees to cut costs. Dr. Gentry asked if there is additional cost to the district to offer AP courses? Dr. Chaney said there is a cost for teacher training and the exam. Dr. Gentry said she is concerned about the number of students that are passing the AP exam. What efforts are in place to better prepare students to increase the scoring on the tests? Mr. Steele said we hope that blending the learning environment will help increase test scores. Ms. Porter stated that she would like to revisit this subject in a Board work session. Dr. Gentry asked if there is a plan in place to find funds to help students with the cost of the test? Mr. Steele said at this time, a plan to help students find funds is not in place.	
• Board Chairman's Report		
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
• Condolences	Mr. North offered condolences to the families of Clay Myers, former Hunters Lane principal, Cartavis Green, a Kirkpatrick student, and Jason Covington, a Pearl-Cohn student. Ms. Porter offered condolences to the family of Patricia Kustner, a former MNPS principal.	
• Youth Safety Committee and Governance Committee Meetings	Ms. Shepherd made the following announcements on behalf of Ms. Mayes: The Youth Safety Summit Committee will meet January 13 th at 7:00 a.m. at Martin. The Governance Committee will be January 24 th after the work session.	
• FAFSA Night	Ms. Shepherd stated that a FAFSA Night will be held at McGavock High School on January 12 th at 5:00 p.m.	
• Winter Graduation	Dr. Brannon announced that the Winter Graduation will be held January 12 th at 6:00 p.m. at McGavock High School.	
• Rutherford County School Board	Ms. Porter announced that she and Mr. North will travel to the Rutherford County Board of Education meeting to evaluate their Board for an award they are seeking.	
• Board Work Session	Ms. Porter announced that the Board will hold a work session on January 24 th at 5:00 p.m.	
• School Board Appreciation Week	Ms. Porter announced that School Board Appreciation Week is January 22 nd – 28 th .	

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WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
• Board Calendar Items		
• Sales Tax Collections as of December 20, 2011		
• Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget Financial Report		
• Adjournment	Ms. Simmons adjourned the meeting at 6:59 p.m.	
• Signatures	 Chris M. Henson Board Secretary _____ Gracie Porter Date Board Chair	