

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
January 12, 2010

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll Call 	<p>Members Present: David A. Fox, Chair; Gracie Porter, Vice-Chair; Dr. Jo Ann Brannon; Dr. Sharon Gentry; Karen Y. Johnson; Ed Kindall; Mark North; Kay Simmons; and Student Board Members, Mr. Steele and Mr. Haidar</p> <p>Member Absent: Steve Glover</p> <p>Mr. Fox called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pledge of Allegiance 	Led by Ralph Thompson, Maplewood High School head football coach.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Board Member Report 	<p>Mr. Haidar stated that there have been two meetings between MNPS and private school students. A third meeting has been scheduled for January 14th at the Martin Professional Development Center from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in classroom number three. The goal is to establish mutual partnerships to bring all Nashville students together promoting academic achievement.</p> <p>Administration has established a service-learning project for public and private school students to plant a spring garden and help citizens with improving reading skills.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Memoriam – Yvonne Hill-Jordan 	<p>Yvonne Hill-Jordan will be remembered by the staff and students at Hattie Cotton Elementary School and across MNPS. Mrs. Hill-Jordan worked in the system as a Speech and Language Pathologist. Yvonne’s dedication to her work, and the success of others, was second to none. Her caring disposition and love for people will never be forgotten. Yvonne Hill-Jordan truly believed every child can learn and she worked tirelessly to help students reach their potential. On a regular basis, Mrs. Hill-Jordan bought books for struggling readers, clothes for struggling families, and toys for children who otherwise would not have anything for Christmas; and nothing brightened a day like one of her homemade cakes. Mrs. Hill-Jordan will be missed.</p>	
AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MLK Cross Country State Champions 	The Board and Dr. Register presented the MLK Boy’s Cross Country State Champions with a Certificate of Achievement for winning the State Championship.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hume Award Winner – James Stone - Maplewood 	The Board and Dr. Register presented Mr. Stone with a Certificate of Achievement for receiving the Hume Award as well as Mr. Football honors. Mr. Stone has been heavily recruited by many colleges, including Harvard.	
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jill Sanderson – Student Safety 	Ms. Sanderson spoke to the Board regarding student safety. She asked the Board to consider creating a policy concerning canceling all scheduled after-school activities when there is inclement weather.	

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GOVERNANCE ISSUES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTIONS • Consent Agenda 	<p>Ms. Porter read the following consent agenda items: IV-A-1-a-Approval of Minutes – 12/08/09 Regular Board Meeting; IV-A-1-b – Recommendation for Approval for Shops to Classroom Renovation at Glencliff High School – Robert S. Biscan & Co. – MBOE 09-025-; IV-A-1-c- Recommendation for Approval for Energy Management – Facility Services, Inc. – MBOE 09-034; IV-A-1-d- Recommendation for Approval for Reroofing of Bordeaux Elementary School- Porter Roofing Contactor, Inc. –MBOE-09-019; IV-A-2-e- Change Order #60 for Pre-K Playground at Kirkpatrick Elementary School – Custom Recreation, Inc. – M-337; IV-A-1-f- Change Order #61 for Pre-K and K-4 Playgrounds at Hickman Elementary School – Custom Recreation, Inc. – M-337; IV-A-1-g- Change Order #62 for Shelter Structure at Harris-Hillman School – Custom Recreation, Inc. M-337; IV-A-1-h- Change Order #2 for Apollo Middle School Addition and Renovation-Bomar Construction Company, Inc. –M-410; IV-A-1-i- Change Order #1 for Paragon Mills Elementary School Addition –Robert Biscan & Co, -M-405; IV-A-1-j- Awarding of Bids and Contracts (1.) A Plus In-Home Tutoring Services, Nashville, (2.) Benefit Consulting Alliance, (3.) Bottling Group, LLC d/b/a The Pepsi Bottling Group, (4.) A Little Bit of Heaven Christian Learning Center, (5.) Sylvan Learning Center, Inc; IV-A-1-k– Recommended Approval of Special Course-Teaching as a Profession; IV-A-1-l- Legal Settlement – Claim L-13881 (\$24,000). Mr. Glover made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Brannon seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE: Consent agenda items IV-A-b to IV-A-l- 1 Vote -8-0- Unanimous; Consent agenda Item IV-A-1-a – Vote 7-0</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designation of Management Personnel 2009-2010 	<p>Dr. Register recommended the following to be designated as Management Personnel: Jay Steele, Assistant Superintendent of High Schools; Sandy Tinnon, Assistant Superintendent of Middle Schools; Greg Patterson, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Schools; Linda De Priest, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Support; Ralph Thompson, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services and Kecia Ray, Executive Director of Federal Programs.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson made the motion to approve the Designation of Management Personnel 2009-2010. Ms. Porter seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE: 8-0 – Unanimous</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision of Memorandum of Understanding between MNPS and Metro Government relating to purchasing and contracts for Insurance Trust. 	<p>Ms. Porter made the motion to approve the Revision of Memorandum of Understanding between MNPS and Metro Government relating to purchasing and contracts for Insurance Trust. Ms. Johnson seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE: 8-0 – Unanimous</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Policy Revision – First Reading 	<p>Ms. Johnson made the motion to approve the First Reading of E-1-Vision. Dr. Brannon seconded</p> <p>Mr. Kindall made the motion to approve the First Reading – E-3-Personal Development. Ms. Porter seconded.</p> <p>Ms. Porter made the motion to approve the First Reading – GP-8E-Annual Agenda Planning. Dr. Brannon seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE: 8-0- Unanimous</p> <p>VOTE: 8-0- Unanimous</p> <p>VOTE: 8-0- Unanimous</p>
REPORTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director’s Report 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tennessee Comprehensive System-wide Planning Program (TCSP) 	Dr. Ray presented a Power Point on the Tennessee Comprehensive System-wide Planning Program to the Board.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Charter Schools- Monitoring 	<p>Mr. Coverstone presented the Board with a PowerPoint on Charter Schools. The Charter school office has been working towards the following goals: High Quality Authorizing, Transparent Performance Review, Collaborative Working Relationships, Focus on Results, and Innovative Turnarounds for students.</p> <p>Mr. Kindall asked how the public will be notified of the change of the Charter School Application deadline date. Mr. Coverstone stated that the announcement has been covered in the media, MNPS website and the state has been notified. The goal is to move the date to April 1st in order to ensure each charter school has time to prepare for the opening of the new school.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AYP Task Force Monitoring 	The AYP Task Force presented the Board with a Power Point on its progress concerning Instructional Rounds, Instructional Coaches and Use of Data.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Race to the Top 	Dr. Register stated that he visited the State Legislature and noted that the Race to the Top funds are being discussed. He will provide the Board with more information as the process continues.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Chairman’s Report 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Director Evaluation Committee ○ Director Evaluation Committee - continued 	Dr. Gentry thanked the Board for their participation in the Director’s evaluation. Dr. Gentry stated that the Director’s evaluation tool is now a living document based upon key results and the Board will meet once a month for evaluation purposes.	

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○ Budget and Finance Committee	Mr. Fox announced that the Budget and Finance committee met and discussed the upcoming budget. It is estimated that there will be a \$35 million shortfall in 2010-11 Operating Budget. On February 23 rd the Administration is tentatively set to deliver the budget to the Board.	
○ Governance Committee	Mr. North stated that the Governance Committee met on January 6 th to continue the monitoring revision process. The committee agreed that two retreats should be scheduled to discuss planning and self-evaluation. The Board chair will also facilitate an orientation for new Board members in conjunction with outgoing members.	
○ Coalition of Large School Systems (CLASS)	Mr. North stated that CLASS held a conference call to discuss the upcoming State legislative session. Ten basic principles were formed for guiding the lobbyist through the special session. CLASS representatives are receiving progress updates as the legislature continues to meet.	
○ Charter School Committee	Dr. Brannon stated that six Charter school applications were submitted, one was recommended for approval and five were denied. Smithson-Craighead has appealed their denial for a high school to the Tennessee State Department of Education. The appeal hearing will be held Feb. 1 st at 2:00 p.m. in the board room. All Board members are invited to attend.	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
● CSS International	Mr. Fox announced that CSS International will be presenting a report to the Board at the January 26 th Board meeting. He asked the Board to review the Magellan Report before attending the meeting.	
● Winter Retreat	Mr. Fox announced that Dr. Register has invited the Board to attend the Winter Retreat on January 21 st -23 rd . He asked Board members to let Ms. Hawkins or Ms. Bryant know if they would like to attend the retreat.	
● Charter School Work Session	Mr. Fox announced a two-hour Charter School work session to be held January 20 th at 6:00 p.m.	
● Tennessee Ethics Commission	Mr. Fox announced that Board members should submit their statements for disclosure of interest for state and local officials by the January 31 st deadline.	
● Assistant to the Director – Meredith Libbey	Mr. Fox welcomed Meredith Libbey who has been named Assistant to the Director with responsibility for communications.	
● Gang Prevention Workshop	Ms. Johnson announced that she attended the Gang Prevention Workshop and forum. There were more than 400 people in attendance and information was shared to help improve the safety of MNPS.	
● Student Assignment Plan	Mr. Kindall requested that Mr. Fox contact Metro Legal to schedule an Executive Session with the Board concerning an update on the Student Assignment Plan lawsuit negotiations.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital Needs Committee 	Ms. Simmons announced a Capital Needs committee meeting on January 21 st at 1:00 p.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher Effectiveness Task Force 	Ms. Simmons announced her attendance at the Teacher Effectiveness Task Force meeting coordinated by the Mayor’s Office. The task force formed a group of stakeholders who will offer input on how to evaluate the effectiveness of teachers.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bass, Berry and Sims 	Ms. Simmons thanked Bass, Berry and Sims law firm for their donation of thousands of dollars worth of furniture and computer equipment to MNPS.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership Nashville Education Day 	Ms. Porter announced that she and Dr. Register attended the Leadership Nashville Education Day on December 5 th . Dr. Register was the guest speaker at the dinner. Ms. Porter congratulated Dr. Register on his speech and the work done on reforming MNPS.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Register’s Welcome Back Video 	Ms. Johnson congratulated Dr. Register on his “welcome back video” to MNPS staff. She stated that staff was encouraged by the informative video and also the successful use of technology in such a large district. Dr. Register thanked the Executive Staff and the Communications department for their continued efforts in the reform of the district.	
WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Calendar Items 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjournment 	Ms. Simmons adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signatures 	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>_____</p> <p>Chris M. Henson Board Secretary</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;"> <p>_____</p> <p>David A. Fox Date Board Chair</p> </div> </div>	