

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Minutes  
February 23, 2010

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll Call</li> </ul>	<p>Members Present: David A. Fox, Chair; Gracie Porter, Vice-Chair; Dr. Jo Ann Brannon; Dr. Sharon Gentry; Steve Glover; Karen Y. Johnson; Ed Kindall; Mark North; Kay Simmons; and Student Board Members, Mr. Steele and Mr. Haidar</p> <p>Mr. Fox 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 Stephanie Davis, Safe and Drug Free Schools Coordinator.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Board Member Report</li> </ul>	Mr. Steele said many MNPS high school students are participating in the Mayor's Office Youth Master Plan and Safe School Summit Survey. Teens Making a Change and the Director's Advisory Council members are assisting with the distribution of the survey. Mr. Haidar gave a presentation on the CADCA Youth Leadership Conference he attended in Washington, D.C.	
<b>GOVERNANCE ISSUES</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACTIONS</li> <li>Consent Agenda</li> </ul>	<b>Ms. Porter read the following consent agenda items: II-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes – 2/9/10 Regular Meeting; II-B-1-b- Awarding of Bids and Contracts (1.) Annenberg Institute for School Reform at Brown University; (2.) Jamie Lomax McClary; (3.) STARS Nashville; (4.) United Neighborhood Health Services. Ms. Johnson moved to adopt the consent agenda. Mr. Glover seconded.</b>	<b>VOTE: 9 -0 Unanimous</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Policy Revision – GP-2- Governing Styles - First Reading</li> </ul>	<b>Mr. Glover made the motion to approve Board Policy Revision – GP-2- Governing Styles. Ms. Johnson seconded.</b>	<b>VOTE: 9-0 Unanimous</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BD/R-5-Monitoring Director Performance - First Reading</li> </ul>	<b>Ms. Johnson made the motion to approve BD/R-5- Monitoring Director Performance. Mr. Glover seconded.</b>	<b>VOTE: 9-0 Unanimous</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BD/R-5E – Annual Summative Evaluation - First Reading</li> </ul>	<b>Dr. Brannon made the motion to approve BD/R-5E-Annual Summative Evaluation. Ms. Johnson seconded.</b>	<b>VOTE: 9-0 Unanimous</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Snow Make-up Days Recommendation</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Register recommended that thirty minutes be added to each school day starting March 8<sup>th</sup> (for 26 days).</p> <p><b>Mr. Glover made the motion to approve Dr. Register's recommendation to add an additional thirty minutes to the regular school day for a total of 26 days in order to address make-up snow days. Ms. Porter seconded.</b></p>	<b>VOTE: 9-0 Unanimous</b>
<b>REPORTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Director's Report</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TLG Report – Performance of Students with Special Needs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Linda DePriest and Ms. Debra McAdams presented the TLG Report on Students with Special Needs.</p> <p>Ms. Johnson asked how Special Needs services were communicated to</p>	


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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ TLG Report – Performance of Students with Special Needs - continued</li> </ul>	<p>parents. Ms. McAdams said staff attends parent night meetings and PTO meetings to communicate with the community. Mr. North asked how current programs will be sustained after stimulus funds are exhausted. Dr. DePriest said Professional Development will play a part in ensuring sustainability. Mr. Glover was encouraged to see the suspension rate had lowered for students with special needs and asked about the drops in the reading data in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Dr. Changas said the reasoning was unclear, but research is being conducted to address the scores. Ms. Porter asked how Special Needs students coincided with Smaller Learning Communities (SLC's). Ms. McAdams said the Special Needs department collaborated with Jay Steele to ensure Special Needs students have SLC opportunities. Dr. Gentry noted the low rate of minority gifted students indentified. Ms. McAdams said that problem has been identified, but is still under research. Professional Development may help to address the problem of teachers more effectively identifying gifted students. Ms. Porter suggested researching other urban districts for ideas on how to work more effectively with Gifted students.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cameron Middle School Charter Process</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Coverstone presented a Power Point to the Board concerning the Cameron Middle School Charter Process.</p> <p>Mr. Glover asked if the Cameron Charter School will have a Board. Mr. Coverstone said, yes, the Charter Board will partner with the MNPS Board. Mr. Glover asked what students Cameron will serve. Mr. Coverstone said Cameron will serve the students currently zoned to the school. Mr. North said the future expectations for Cameron must not be set low. The school is currently doing well on many levels and should be expected to continue to excel. Dr. Brannon asked if Cameron would retain its name. Mr. Coverstone said Cameron will retain its name, the alumni association room and its place on the Historic Register. Mr. Kindall said if the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Cameron will be managed by the Charter, who will manage the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades? Mr. Coverstone said those details have not been decided. Mr. Glover asked about the budget implications for Cameron. Mr. Coverstone said the Board will have budget information by March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dr. Register said there will be additional funding for Cameron and Glencliff by Fall 2010. Mr. Fox said this process allows for a remarkable opportunity for Cameron. With the district's commitment to build on Cameron's strengths and additional resources, there should be positive results at the school. Ms. Simmons expressed support for Mr. Fox's comments concerning Cameron.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Board Chairman's Report</li> </ul>		

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○ CLASS	Mr. North stated that CLASS met February 22 <sup>nd</sup> . Representatives from each district were present to approve legislative issues for Southern Strategy Group to consider while working in the legislature.	
○ Budget and Finance Committee	Mr. Glover announced the Budget and Finance Meeting on March 5 <sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. where Dr. Register will deliver the budget. Mr. Glover also requested a Special Called Board Meeting on March 11 <sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. for a Public Hearing on the 2010-2011 Operating Budget.	
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
• Nashville Alliance Hall of Fame	Mr. Fox announced the Nashville Alliance Hall of Fame banquet on March 2 <sup>nd</sup> at the Curb Event Center. The 2010 inductees are: Dr. Keith B. Churchwell, Executive Director/Chief Medical Officer, Vanderbilt Heart & Vascular Institute; Richard Fulton, former Mayor of Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County; R. Milton Johnson, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Hospital Corporation of America; and Walter Knestrick, Founder of Walter Knestrick Contractors, Inc.	
• Martha O'Bryan Community Meeting	Ms. Porter thanked the East Nashville community for attending the community meeting at Martha O'Bryan concerning No Child Left Behind, TCAP, and student attendance. She thanked Verda Stewart, Glenn Brown and Ed Felton for assisting with the event.	
• Director Evaluation Committee	Dr. Gentry announced the Director Evaluation Committee meetings on March 9 <sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. and March 23 <sup>rd</sup> following the Board meeting.	
• Governance Committee	Mr. North announced that a Governance Committee will meet February 26 <sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room.	
<b>WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD</b>		
• Board Calendar Items		
• Sales Tax Collections as of 2-20-10		
• Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget		

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Financial Report		
• Property Disposition Policy FM 2.128		
• Adjournment	Ms. Simmons adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.	
• Signatures	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="text-align: center;">               Chris M. Henson Board Secretary           </div> <div style="text-align: center;">             _____              David A. Fox      Date Board Chair           </div> </div>	