

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
May 29, 2012

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call 	<p>Members Present: Gracie Porter, Chair; Mark North, Vice-Chair; Dr. Jo Ann Brannon; Dr. Sharon Gentry (arrived at 4:40); Ed Kindall; Cheryl Mayes; Anna Shepherd</p> <p>Members Absent: Michael W. Hayes and Kay Simmons</p> <p>Ms. Porter called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledge of Allegiance 	Led by Dr. June Keel, Retiring Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources.	
SPECIAL RECOGNITION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Scholars 	<p>The Board recognized and presented student scholars with Certificates of Recognition in the following categories:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valedictorians and Salutatorians • National Merit Scholars • National Achievement Scholars • Perfect ACT • Perfect Attendance • Scholarships • MNPS Middle College Associate Degree Recipients 	
GOVERNANCE ISSUES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTIONS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consent Agenda 	<p>Mr. North read the following consent agenda items: III-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes-5/08/2012 Regular Meeting; III-A-1-b- Awarding of Bids and Contracts (1.) Lovaas Institute, (2.) Amaranth Designs, LLC, (3.) The Gallup Organization, (4.) Distinguished Professionals Educational Institute (DPEI), (5.) Austin Peay State University</p> <p>Mr. Kindall made the motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</p>	VOTE: 6-0
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Recommended Approval of 2012-2013 Student Code of Conduct 	<p>Mr. Tony Majors reviewed changes and additions to the 2012-2013 Student Code of Conduct.</p> <p>Mr. North made the motion to approve the 2012-2013 Student Code of Conduct. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</p>	VOTE: 6-0
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Charter School Application Recommendations 	<p>Mr. Coverstone presented the following Charter School recommendations to the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Coverstone stated that the Charter School Review Committee recommended Antioch Preparatory Academy charter school application be denied.</p>	

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<p>3. Charter School Application Recommendations – continued</p>	<p>Mr. North made the motion to deny the charter school application of Antioch Preparatory Academy. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</p> <p>Mr. Coverstone stated that the Charter School Review Committee recommended Excel Academy charter school application be denied.</p>	<p>VOTE: 7-0</p>
	<p>Mr. North made the motion to deny the charter school application of Excel Academy. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</p> <p>Mr. Coverstone stated that the Charter School Review Committee recommended Fusion Connection charter school application be denied.</p>	<p>VOTE: 7-0</p>
	<p>Mr. North made the motion to deny the charter school application of Fusion Connection of Nashville. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</p> <p>Mr. Coverstone stated that the Charter School Review Committee recommended Gifted Achievers charter school application be denied.</p>	<p>VOTE: 7-0</p>
	<p>Mr. North made the motion to deny the charter school application of Gifted Achievers. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</p> <p>Mr. Coverstone stated that the Charter School Review Committee recommended Great Hearts Academy charter school application be denied.</p>	<p>VOTE: 7-0</p>
	<p>Mr. North made the motion to deny the charter school application of Great Hearts Academy. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</p> <p>Mr. Coverstone stated that the Charter School Review Committee recommended Genesis Transitions charter school application be denied.</p>	<p>VOTE: 7-0</p>
	<p>Mr. North made the motion to deny the charter school application of Genesis Transitions. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</p> <p>Mr. Coverstone stated that the Charter School Review Committee recommended Purpose Preparatory Academy charter school application be denied.</p>	<p>VOTE: 7-0</p>
	<p>Mr. North made the motion to deny the charter school application of Purpose Preparatory Academy. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</p>	<p>VOTE: 7-0</p>

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<p>3. Charter School Application Recommendations – continued</p>	<p>Mr. Coverstone stated that the Charter School Review Committee recommended Intrepid Preparatory charter school application be approved.</p> <p>Mr. North made the motion to deny Intrepid Preparatory’s charter school application. Mr. Kindall seconded.</p> <p>Dr. Brannon called for the question.</p> <p>Ms. Shepherd made the motion to approve the charter school application of Intrepid Preparatory’s Charter School. Ms. Mayes seconded.</p> <p>Mr. North stated that at a March Board meeting, Mr. Barbic said charter schools must be held to a higher standard that is better than average. It is important that any charter school that the Board approves is a good one. In the past, those decisions have been made on faith. KIPP and LEAD charter schools have been around a while and can make a good comparison of what Intrepid could look like in the future. After reviewing the Tennessee Department of Education Report Card, the scores of MNPS charter schools and all other MNPS schools, the following results were found: the Report Card showed that in 2011, 24% of KIPP’s students scored proficient or advanced in Math and 43% scored proficient or advanced in Reading. At LEAD in 2011, 30% of students scored proficient or advanced in Math and 37% scored proficient or advanced in Reading. Of the 39 MNPS middle schools, in Math, KIPP is 21st and LEAD is 16th on the list. In Reading, KIPP is 22nd and Lead is tied for 26th out of 39 schools. After averaging the scores in Reading, KIPP and LEAD tie for 19th place, which places them at the median for MNPS middle schools. On Intrepid’s application, it specifically sites Apollo and Antioch middle schools as schools they will outperform. Currently, Apollo and Antioch middle schools are performing better than LEAD and KIPP. Concerning Value-Added scores, Apollo and Antioch middle schools both scored better than any charter school. Average charter schools are not good enough, and there is concern that Intrepid will not perform any better than the current charter schools. Intrepid also has grammatical errors in their charter application, which brings much concern. Mr. Kindall asked Mr. Coverstone if choice was considered when reviewing Intrepid’s charter school application? Mr. Coverstone said yes. Mr. Kindall asked if there are any differences between the offerings at Antioch and Apollo middle schools and those of Intrepid? Mr. Coverstone said Intrepid’s application stressed emphasis on the community schools model, and the school’s financial literacy emphasis impressed the committee. Though, we agree that charter schools must aim for</p>	<p>VOTE: 1-yes (North), 6-no (Brannon, Gentry, Shepherd, Mayes, Kindall, Porter)</p> <p>VOTE: 6-yes (Brannon, Gentry, Shepherd, Mayes, Kindall, Porter), 1-no (North)</p>


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REPORTS		
Director's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. June Keel Retirement 	Dr. Register announced that Dr. June Keel will be retiring effective May 31, 2012. He and the Board thanked Dr. Keel for her service and hard work with MNPS.	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Literature and Middle College 	Ms. Porter recognized East Literature and Middle College for graduating 100% of their senior class.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Hearing with Metro Council 	Ms. Porter announced the Budget Hearing with Metro Council will be held June 6 th at 4:15 p.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Meeting 	The next scheduled Board meetings will be June 12 th and June 26 th . There will not be a work session in June.	

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WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
• Board Calendar Items		
• Sales Tax Collections as of May 20, 2012		
• Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget Financial Report		
• Adjournment	Mr. Kindall adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.	
• Signatures	 <hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Chris M. Henson Board Secretary Gracie Porter Board Chair Date </div>	