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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roll Call</li> </ul>	<p>Present: Dr. Jo Ann Brannon Amy Frogge Dr. Sharon Gentry Michael W. Hayes Elissa Kim Cheryl D. Mayes, Chair Will Pinkston Anna Shepherd, Vice-Chair Jill Speering Dr. Jesse Register, Director of Schools Marquetta Bowling, Student Board Member Akaninyene Eyoh, Student Board Member</p> <p>Ms. Mayes 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 Chris Henson, Chief Financial Officer.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Board Member Recognition</li> </ul>	The Board presented Student Board Members with gifts of appreciation for their 2-year tenure on the Board. Ms. Bowling and Mr. Eyoh thanked the Board for allowing them to serve and for their support.	
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chill and Chat</li> </ul>	Ms. Speering announced that Maplewood High School would be hosting a “Chill and Chat” with Soledad O’Brien on June 13 <sup>th</sup> at 1:45 p.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nashville Afterschool Zone Alliance (NAZA)</li> </ul>	Ms. Shepherd announced that Marielle Lovecchio, with the PENCIL Foundation, is the new McGavock Zone Director for Nashville Afterschool Zone Alliance (NAZA).	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nashville Chamber of Commerce Candidate Forums – District 4</li> </ul>	Ms. Shepherd thanked the Nashville Chamber of Commerce, The Urban League, and MNEA for sponsoring a series of Board of Education Candidate Forums. The District 4 Candidate Forum will be held June 12 <sup>th</sup> .	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nashville Emerging Leaders Impact Award</li> </ul>	Ms. Shepherd announced that the Nashville Emerging Leaders awarded their Impact Award to Dr. Jesse Register. She also congratulated award finalists: Jeff Syracuse, a Donelson area community leader, Jennifer Berry, Chad High, and Nicole Cobb, who are all MNPS employees.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance Committee Meeting</li> </ul>	Ms. Frogge announced that Governance Committee meetings will be held on June 23 <sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room and July 7 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m. at the Martin Professional Development Center.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nashville Chamber of Commerce Candidate Forums – District 2 and 6</li> </ul>	Ms. Mayes announced that the District 6 Board of Education Candidate Forum would be held June 16 <sup>th</sup> , and the District 2 Forum will be held June 17 <sup>th</sup> . Both are at 5:30 p.m.	

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• TEA Friend of Education Award	Ms. Mayes announced that the Board received the Friend of Education Award from the Tennessee Education Association (TEA).	
• Dr. Brannon – 50 <sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary	The Board presented Dr. Brannon with a token of appreciation in honor of her 50 <sup>th</sup> year in education. Dr. Brannon thanked the Board and community for allowing her to serve.	
<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>		
• Austin McMullen – Proposed Hillsboro Cluster Rezoning	Mr. McMullen addressed the Board concerning the proposed Hillsboro Cluster Rezoning. He asked the Board to vote to approve the new zoning plan.	
• Kurt Kosack – A New Association of Teachers/Voters Called Not Bad Teachers	Mr. Kosack addressed the Board concerning the New Association of Teachers/Voters Called Not Bad Teachers. Mr. Kosack asked the Board to agree to serve as a Substitute Teacher at least 3 times in the upcoming school year. He also asked the Board to change the system in which a Lead Principal has the power to terminate a teacher’s position.	
• Tatjana Paterno – Proposed Hillsboro Cluster Rezoning	Ms. Paterno addressed the Board concerning the proposed Hillsboro Cluster Rezoning. She thanked the Board and the Administration for the support and parental outreach associated with the proposed rezoning plan.	
• Jesse Blocher – Waverly-Belmont Zoning Vote	Mr. Blocher addressed the Board concerning the Waverly-Belmont Zoning Vote. Mr. Blocher asked the Board to delay the vote on the Waverly-Belmont Zoning Plan.	
• Dr. Elizabeth J. Zechmeister – Proposed Hillsboro Cluster Rezoning	Dr. Zechmeister addressed the Board concerning the proposed Hillsboro Cluster Rezoning. She asked the Board to vote for the rezoning plan.	
• Lance Thomas – Zoning Proposal for Hillsboro Cluster	Mr. Thomas addressed the Board concerning the Zoning Proposal for Hillsboro Cluster. He asked the Board to delay the vote on the zoning plan.	
• Melanie Moran – Waverly-Belmont	Ms. Moran addressed the Board concerning the new Waverly-Belmont School. She stated that she supported the new school, but would like the Board to delay the vote.	
• Kenneth C. Winter – Waverly-Belmont School	Mr. Winter addressed the Board concerning the new school at Waverly-Belmont. He asked the Board to delay the vote on the rezoning plan.	
• Laura Swanson – Hillsboro Cluster Rezoning	Ms. Swanson addressed the Board concerning the rezoning of the Hillsboro Cluster. She asked the Board to delay the vote for the rezoning plan.	
• Rick Marsh – Waverly-Belmont Zoning and Support for New School	Mr. Marsh addressed the Board concerning his support for the Waverly-Belmont School. He asked the Board to delay the vote.	
• Scott Greenwood – Zoning Changes related to Waverly-Belmont School	Mr. Greenwood addressed the Board concerning the rezoning plan for the new school at Waverly-Belmont. He asked the Board to delay the vote on the rezoning.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>William Smallman – Waverly-Belmont School Zone</li> </ul>	Mr. Smallman addressed the Board concerning the Waverly-Belmont Zone. He asked the Board to delay the vote on the rezoning plan.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Elizabeth Frein – Waverly-Belmont School Zone</li> </ul>	Ms. Frein addressed the Board concerning the Waverly-Belmont School Zone. She asked the Board not to approve the proposed rezoning plan.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Debra Ray Smith – Employee Employment Issues</li> </ul>	Ms. Smith addressed the Board concerning Employee Employment Issues. She asked the Board to research her employment issues.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paul Bryant – Employee Employment Issues</li> </ul>	Mr. Bryant addressed the Board concerning Employee Employment Issues. He asked the Board to research his employment issues.	
<b>GOVERNANCE ISSUES</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consent Agenda</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ms. Shepherd read the following consent agenda: V-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes - 5/13/14 Regular Meeting; V-A-1-b- Recommended Award of Contract for Stratford High School Renovations – Messer Construction Company; V-A-1-c- Recommended Approval of Change Order #1 for Joelton Middle School Additions and Renovations – Southland Constructors, LLC; V-A-1-d- Recommended Approval of Change Order #3 for Rose Park Middle School Renovations – Messer Construction Company; V-A-1-e- Recommended Approval of Change Order #5 for Rose Park Middle School Renovations – Messer Construction Company; A-1-f- Recommended Approval of Change Order #1 for Norman Binkley Elementary School Additions and Renovations – Orion Building Corporation; V-A-1-g- Recommended Approval of Change Order #2 to the Contract for Asbestos Abatement Services – Levy Industrial Contractors, Inc.; V-A-1-h- Recommended Approval of Supplement #1 for New Goodlettsville Middle School – Joint Venture: Artifice/Gresham, Smith and Partners; V-A-1-i- Recommended Approval of Supplement #1 for Granbery Elementary School Additions – Adkisson &amp; Associates Architects, Inc. ; V-A-1-j- Recommended Approval of Request #7 for District-wide Maintenance, Repairs, and General Construction (Library Renovations at Apollo and DuPont-Tyler Middle Schools) – Southland Constructors, LLC; V-A-1-k- Recommended Approval of Request #8 for District-wide Maintenance, Repairs, and General Construction (Cafeteria Alterations at Dupont-Tyler Middle School) – Southland Constructors, LLC; V-A-1-l- Recommended Approval of Request #9 for Asbestos Abatement Services (Goodlettsville Middle School) – Levy Industrial Contractors, Inc.; V-A-1-m-Recommended Approval of Request #1 for Bus Training Lot Resurfacing at Antioch Middle School – BAC Paving Company; V-A-1-n- Recommended Approval of Lease Agreement for</b></p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consent Agenda –continued</li> </ul>	<p><b>Cameron College Prep Charter School’s Use of the Cameron Middle School Building; V-A-1-o- Recommended Approval of Lease Amendment for Nashville Prep Charter School’s Use of Space in the McCann School Building; V-A-1-p- Recommended Approval of Lease Amendment for Lipscomb University’s Use of Space in the Stokes Building; V-A-1-q- Awarding of Contracts and Purchases (1.) American Alliance for Innovative Schools, (2.) Apple Inc., (3.) AVID Center, (4.) Battelle for Kids, (5.) Blackboard, Inc., (6.) CDW-Government, Inc., (7.) CDW-Government, Inc., (8.) CDW-Government, Inc. (9.) CDW-Government, Inc., (10.) Community Playthings, (11.) Compass Learning, (12.) Conexion Americas, (13.) Dell Marketing LP, (14.) Discovery Education, Inc. (15.) Education Networks of America, (16.) Exhibit Shop, (17.) Florida Virtual School (18.) Girtman &amp; Associates, Inc., (19.) Global Education Center, (20.) Greenwood Publishing dba Heinemann, (21.) Harbinger Knowledge Products Inc., (22.) Herff Jones, Inc. dba Herff Jones/Nystrom, (23.) Interior Design Services, Inc. (24.)Knovation, Inc. (25.) Leonard Stevens Consulting, (26.) Lipscomb University, (27.) Metropolitan Nashville Police Department (28.) Mid-South Bus Center, Inc. (29.) Mid-South Bus Center, Inc., (30.) Plant the Seed, (31.) Renaissance Learning, Inc., (32.) Rush Truck Centers Nashville, (33.) Scholastic, Inc., (34.) SDF Professional Computers dba SAI Computers, (35.) Southern Word Inc., (36.) Teaching Strategies, LLC, (37.) Vanderbilt University, (38.) Vanderbilt University – Peabody Research Institute; V-A-1-q- Recommended Approval of Requests for Compulsory Attendance Waiver; V-A-1-r-Consolidated Application Approval for IDEA/ESEA.</b></p> <p>Ms. Frogge asked to pull Item V-A-1-o- Recommended Approval of Lease Amendment for Nashville Prep Charter School’s Use of Space in the McCann School Building from the consent agenda. Ms. Frogge was advised that items should be pulled from the consent agenda before it is read. Mr. Edgens said the lease amendment increases the space and the price per square foot the charter school will be using in the McCann School building.</p> <p><b>Dr. Brannon made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Hayes seconded.</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE: 9-0-Unanimous</b></p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of Zoning Recommendation for the New Elementary School at Waverly-Belmont</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Register stated that there have been 6 community meetings on the New Elementary School at Waverly-Belmont plan. Modifications have been made from community feedback, and the plan reduces crowding in two elementary schools. Mr. Weber presented the zoning recommendation to the Board.</p> <p><b>Mr. Pinkston made a motion to defer the vote on the Zoning Recommendation for the New Elementary School at Waverly-Belmont pending public engagement with the neighborhoods that are mostly affected. Ms. Speering seconded.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Hayes made a motion to approve the Zoning Recommendation for the New Elementary School at Waverly-Belmont. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</b></p> <p>Mr. Pinkston said, after the Public Participation portion of the meeting it is clear that there needs to be more discussion and community outreach before the Board votes. There are four reasons the vote should be delayed: (1.) There was not enough community outreach on the front-end, (2.) The plan splits neighborhoods, (3.) The plan lacks diversity, (4.) The process has been rushed. Ms. Speering stated that she has heard from many parents, affected by the rezoning, expressing the concerns that Mr. Pinkston mentioned. Ms. Speering stated that the rezoning plan should be examined by the Diversity Task Force before the Board votes. Ms. Shepherd said, rezoning is a difficult topic and it is impossible to please all parties involved. Waverly-Belmont will be a brand new school, and there should be excitement and high expectations for the school. Delaying the vote will not be beneficial. Ms. Frogge said, neighborhood schools encourage parental participation, and diversity in schools has many benefits. It is important that Waverly-Belmont is a balance of a good neighborhood school with diversity. Delaying the vote to receive more community feedback is a good idea. Mr. Hayes asked the percentage of free and reduced lunch students expected to be at Waverly-Belmont in a year? Mr. Weber said, probably around close to 40%. Mr. Hayes said, the current zoning of Waverly-Belmont meets the district’s guidelines of a diverse school. There could have been better community outreach on the front-end, and in the</p>	<p><b>VOTE: (3-5) Yes- Frogge, Pinkston, Speering. No – Hayes, Shepherd, Kim, Brannon, Gentry – Motion failed</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: (5-3) Yes – Hayes, Shepherd, Kim, Brannon, Gentry. No – Frogge, Pinkston, Speering</b></p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of Zoning Recommendation for the New Elementary School at Waverly-Belmont – continued</li> </ul>	<p>future the District needs to be more deliberate in discussions around zoning. Dr. Gentry said, the Board is being asked to solve a social problem which includes concentrated areas of poverty and influence. Dr. Register said that Dr. Stevens and Mr. Borkowski, who are both diversity and civil rights specialists, reviewed the Waverly-Belmont zoning plan.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Males of Color Resolution</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ms. Mayes made a motion to approve the following resolution: Males of Color Initiative: WHEREAS, some 32 percent of the nation’s African American males, and some 39 percent of the nation’s Hispanic males, attend school each day in one of the Great City School systems; and WHEREAS, the academic achievement of Males of Color in the nation’s urban school systems and nationally is well below what it needs to be for these young people to be successful in college and careers; and WHEREAS, disproportionate numbers of Males of Color drop out of urban schools and often have low attendance rates; and WHEREAS, Males of Color disproportionately attend under-resourced schools and are taught by the least-effective teachers; and WHEREAS, the nation’s Great City Schools have an obligation to teach all students under their aegis to the highest academic standards and prepare them for successful participation in our nation: BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools system pledges to ensure that its pre-school efforts better serve Males of Color and their academic and social development, and BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools system will adopt and implement elementary and middle school efforts to increase the pipeline of Males of Color who are succeeding academically and socially in our urban schools and who are on track to succeed in high school, and BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools system will keep data and establish protocols that will allow it to monitor the progress of Males of Color and other students in our schools and appropriately intervene at the earliest warning signs; and BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools system will adopt and implement promising and proven approaches to reducing absenteeism, especially chronic absenteeism, among Males of Color, and BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools system will develop initiatives and regularly report on progress in retaining Males of Color in school and reducing disproportionate suspension and expulsion rates, and BE IT</b></p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Males of Color Resolution - continued</li> </ul>	<p><b>THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools system will develop initiatives and regularly report on progress in increasing the numbers of our Males of Color and other students participating in advanced placement and honors courses and gifted and talented programs, and BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools system will strongly encourage colleges of education to adopt curriculum that addresses the academic, cultural, and social needs of Males of Color, and that the District will maintain data on how these teachers do with our Males of Color, and BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools system will develop initiatives and regularly report on progress in increasing the numbers of Males of Color and other students who complete the FASFA, and BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools system will work to reduce as appropriate the disproportionate numbers of Males of Color in special education courses, and BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools system will work to transform high schools with persistently low graduation rates among Males of Color and others and to provide literacy and engagement initiatives with parents. BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools system will engage in a broader discussion and examination of how issues of race, language, and culture affect the work of our district. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE: 9-0 - Unanimous</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resolution to Establish a Comprehensive Public Engagement Initiative</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Pinkston made a motion to approve the following resolution. A RESOLUTION BY THE METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION TO ESTABLISH A COMPREHENSIVE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT INITIATIVE: 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, each member of the Board represents approximately 73,000 citizens of Nashville and Davidson County and is directly accountable to the citizens, including voters, parents, students and taxpayers; and</b></p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resolution to Establish a Comprehensive Public Engagement Initiative – continued</li> </ul>	<p><b>WHEREAS, Board members, as elected officials, desire to engage directly with citizens to solicit public input regarding the future of MNPS; and WHEREAS, the Board does not have a comprehensive process to directly engage with citizens. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board will launch a comprehensive 2014-15 Public Engagement Initiative (Initiative) designed to solicit public input about the future of MNPS and bring citizens, including voters, parents, students and taxpayers, into the Board’s decision-making processes; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board will convene during summer 2014 in a special committee of the whole to begin developing the Initiative; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board will engage external capacity, as needed, to provide technical assistance in designing and implementing the Initiative; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the management of MNPS shall support the Board, as needed, in the development of the Initiative. Mr. Hayes seconded.</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE: 9-0 - Unanimous</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consent Agenda Motion</li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Speering made the following comments: In order to ensure accountability to the community we serve, I propose that the number of items on the Board’s consent agenda should not exceed 30 items. On May 13<sup>th</sup> there were a total of 96 items; this number is excessive.</p> <p><b>Ms. Frogge made a motion that if there are more than 40 items on the consent agenda, a second Board meeting should be scheduled within the month to address the additional consent agenda items. Ms. Speering seconded.</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE: 9-0 - Unanimous</b></p>
<b>REPORTS</b>		
<p>2. Director’s Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Zoning for New School on Smith Springs Road</li> </ol>	<p>Mr. Latimer presented the Zoning for the New School on Smith Springs Road.</p>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Charter School Approval Process</li> </ol>	<p>Dr. Coverstone presented a Power Point on the Charter School Approval Process.</p> <p>Ms. Frogge asked for more information on the merger of Liberty Collegiate and Nashville Prep. Dr. Coverstone said, the merger was a business operation between the two non-profits. Since that merger, MNPS needed to update the charter to reflect the merger.</p>	



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3. Notice of Motion	Mr. Pinkston gave notice that he would bring a motion to the next Board meeting that the Board seek additional advice on the calendar vs. working days interpretation regarding the charter school approval timeline.	
4. Community Eligibility Program	Mr. Carr and Mr. Taylor announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture has implemented a new program called Community Eligibility Program (CEP). MNPS has been chosen to participate in the pilot program, in which all MNPS students will eat breakfast and lunch at no charge.	
3. Committee Report 1. Governance Committee	Ms. Frogge announced that a Governance Committee meeting will be held on June 23rd at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room, June 24 <sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. and July 7th at 7:00 a.m. at the Martin Professional Development Center.	
<b>WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD</b>		
• Board Calendar Items		
• Adjournment	Ms. Frogge adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.	
• Signatures	<div style="text-align: center;">   <hr style="width: 150px; margin: 0 auto;"/> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Chris M. Henson Board Secretary</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Cheryl D. Mayes Board Chair</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>_____ Date</p> </div> </div>	