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Board of Education
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call | <p>Present: Dr. Jo Ann Brannon Dr. Sharon Gentry Elissa Kim Cheryl D. Mayes, Chair Will Pinkston Anna Shepherd, Vice-Chair Jill Speering Dr. Jesse Register, Director of Schools</p> <p>Absent: Amy Frogge and Michael W. Hayes</p> <p>Ms. Mayes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledge of Allegiance | Led by Mike Evatt, Chair of the Hamilton County Board of Education. | |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inward Bound Mindful Education | Ms. Speering announced the Inward Bound Mindful Education retreat at Thompson Station from September 25 th - 28 th for teenagers. The retreat will focus on How to Deal with Difficult Emotions. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching and Learning Committee | Ms. Speering announced that the Teaching and Learning Committee will meet July 31 st from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Committee | Ms. Speering announced that a Governance Committee meeting will be held at 3:45 p.m. on July 31 st . | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cricket Branch Park Ribbon Cutting | Ms. Shepherd announced that on July 5 th , she attended the Ribbon Cutting for Cricket Branch Park, a new park in Old Hickory, TN. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donelson-Hermitage Neighborhood Association | Ms. Shepherd announced that the Donelson-Hermitage Neighborhood Association will sponsor a political forum on July 14 th . | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recess Initiative | Ms. Shepherd commended Ms. Frogge for her passion and focus around increasing recess time for MNPS students. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching and Learning Committee Agenda | Mr. Pinkston requested that Student Achievement Data be added to the upcoming Teaching and Learning Committee agenda. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English Language Learners Motion | Mr. Pinkston announced that he will bring a motion concerning English Language Learners to develop a district-led initiative to address a strategy and bring public attention to the issue. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEIU Motion | Mr. Pinkston announced that he would bring a motion concerning SEIU labor relations at a future meeting. | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social and Emotional Learning Conference – Cane Ridge High School | Ms. Mayes announced that Cane Ridge High School will host a Social and Emotional Learning Conference on July 18 th at 8:00 a.m. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groundbreaking Ceremony | Ms. Mayes announced that the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the New Elementary School on Smith Springs Road will be held on July 23 rd at 11:00 a.m. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crossing Nashville Partnership | Ms. Mayes announced that the Crossing Nashville Partnership meeting will be July 8 th at 6:30 p.m. at the Asurion building. | |
| AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognition of New School Leaders | Dr. Steele and Fred Carr introduced the following New Leaders: Taffy Marsh, Director of Transportation; Dr. Vanessa Garcia, Executive Officer for Elementary Schools; Dr. Antoinette Williams, Executive Officer for Middle Preps; Dr. Michelle Wilcox, Executive Officer for High Schools; Dr. Kelly Henderson, Executive Director of Instruction Pre-K-12; Matt Nelson, Director of Advanced Academics; Dr. Schunn Turner, Coordinator of Gifted Services. Dr. Steele announced the following principals: Jay Adams, Hattie Cotton Elementary; Erin Anderson, Wright Middle Prep; Dr. Craig Hammond, West End Middle Prep; Mariam Harrington, Jere Baxter Middle Prep; Darrin Kennedy, McKissack Middle Prep; Trellaney Lane, Robert Churchwell Elementary; Dr. Darwin Mason Jr., Maxwell Elementary; Dr. Darwin Mason Sr., Cole Elementary; Dr. Jill Pittman, Goodlettsville Middle Prep; Kisha Stinson –Cox, Margaret Allen Middle Prep; Justin Uppinghouse, Whitsitt Elementary School. Dr. Steele announced the new Pre-K leaders: Phyllis Philips, Pre-K Director; Lisa Whiltshire, Pre-K Innovation Director, and Pre-K Model Center Directors: Laura Bilbrey, Ross Early Learning Center; Dana Eckman, Bordeaux Early Learning Center; and Johanna Guerrero, Casa Azafran Early Learning Center. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hillsboro High School | Ms. Libbey announced that Hillsboro High School had been named the fourth most Academically Challenging High School in Tennessee by the Washington Post. | |
| PUBLIC PARTICIPATION | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kurt Kosack – Teacher Issues | Mr. Kosack addressed the Board concerning teacher issues. He asked the Board to follow the tenents in the “Not Bad Teachers” report. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steve Ball – Lead Principals’ Presentation | Mr. Ball, and other MNPS staff, presented a letter of support for Dr. Register for his commitment, leadership, and support of MNPS. | |


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| GOVERNANCE ISSUES | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consent Agenda | <p>Ms. Shepherd read the following consent agenda: V-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes – 5/27/14 Special Meeting; V-A-1-b- Recommended Approval of Change Order #2 for Joelton Middle School Additions and Renovations – Southland Constructors, LLC; V-A-1-c- Recommended Approval of Change Order #1 for Paragon Mills Elementary School HVAC Renovations – Anderson Piping Company, Inc.; V-A-1-d- Recommended Approval of Change Order #1 for Kirkpatrick Elementary School HVAC Renovations – Advanced Mechanical Contractors, Inc.; V-A-1-e- Recommended Approval of Change Order #1 for Whites Creek High School Boiler Replacement – Advanced Mechanical Contractors, Inc.; V-A-1-f- Recommended Approval of Request #6 for District-wide Maintenance, Repairs, and General Construction (Demolition of Houses at Smith Springs Road for New Antioch Cluster Elementary School) – Kerry G. Campbell, Inc.; V-A-1-g- Recommended Approval of Request #7 for District-wide Maintenance, Repairs, and General Construction (Security Vestibule at Two Rivers Middle School) – Kerry G. Campbell, Inc.; V-A-1-h- Recommended Approval of Request #11 for District-wide Maintenance, Repairs, and General Construction (Renovations at Casa Azafran Pre-K Center) –SouthLand Constructors, LLC; V-A-1-i- Recommended Approval of Request #12 for District-wide Maintenance, Repairs, and General Construction (Library Renovations at Apollo and DuPont-Tyler Middle Schools) – SouthLand Constructors, LLC; V-A-1-j- Recommended Approval of Request #1 for Demolition and Repairs of Glencliff High School Stadium Bleachers – The Gordian Group, Inc.; V-A-1-k- Recommended Approval of Request #2 for John Early Middle School Renovations (Administration Area) – The Gordian Group, Inc.; V-A-1-l- Revision of Lease Agreement for Cameron College Prep Charter School’s Use of the Cameron School Building; V-A-1-m- Revision of Lease Agreement for LEAD Academy Charter School’s Use of the Brookmeade Building; V-A-1-n- Awarding of Purchases and Contracts (1.) BAC Paving Company, Inc. (3 requisitions), (2.) Dell Marketing, LP (4 requisitions), (3.) Gartner, Inc., (4.) Imagine Learning (2 requisitions), (5.) Institutional Wholesale Company, (6.) Lightning Towing and Recovery, (7.) Music & Arts, (8.) Noser Consulting, LLC, (9.) Peripole, Inc., (10.) Seacoast Center for Education, (11.) Southern Regional Education Board,</p> | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consent Agenda – continued | <p>(12.) Taylor Music, Inc., (13.) Tennessee Higher Education Commission (Grant), (14.) Vanderbilt Susan Gray School, (15.) Vanderbilt University Medical Center, (16.) Washington Music; V-A-1-o- Recommended Approval of Requests for Compulsory Attendance Waiver.</p> <p>Ms. Shepherd made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Brannon seconded.</p> | <p>VOTE: 7-0 – Unanimous</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended Approval of Revisions of E-3 Personal Development, EE-5 Staff Compensation, EE-10 Communication and Counsel to the Board, GP-2 Governing Style, GP-7 Committee Structure, and EE-3 Treatment of Parents, Students, and Citizens | <p>Ms. Shepherd made the motion to approve the Recommended Approval of Revisions of E-3 Personal Development, EE-5 Staff Compensation, EE-10 Communication and Counsel to the Board, GP-2 Governing Style, GP-7 Committee Structure, and EE-3 Treatment of Parents, Students, and Citizens. Ms. Speering seconded.</p> | <p>VOTE: 7-0 – Unanimous</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended Removal of EE-14 District Calendar | <p>Ms. Shepherd made the motion to approve the removal of EE-14 District Calendar from the Board’s policies. Mr. Pinkston seconded.</p> | <p>VOTE: 7-0 – Unanimous</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of Zoning for the New Elementary School on Smith Springs Road | <p>Mr. Weber presented the zoning proposal for the New Elementary School on Smith Spring Road to the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Pinkston made the motion to approve the Zoning for the New Elementary School on Smith Springs Road. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</p> <p>Mr. Pinkston stated that he had concerns about the deficiencies and front-end public engagement with the community concerning the zoning. He believed that the overall communication had not been adequate, and more public input would have been very beneficial to voters. Mr. Pinkston asked Dr. Register why weren’t letters and other communications sent directly to the families affected by the elementary school zoning? Dr. Register said, there were numerous communications sent by school principals, public participation received from the two schools affected, and parents will be contacted directly after the Board approves the school zoning. Ms. Mayes said she had received positive feedback from the Antioch Community concerning the new school.</p> <p>Dr. Gentry called the question.</p> | <p>VOTE: 7-0 – Unanimous</p> |

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| REPORTS | | |
| 1. Director's Report 1. Pre-K Update | <p>Ms. Wiltshire and Ms. Phillips presented a Pre-K update to the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Mayes asked, what is the plan for Casa Azafran students until their center opens in September? Ms. Wiltshire said that plan is being developed. Ms. Speering thanked Ms. Wiltshire for the presentation and thanked Dr. Register for his innovative idea and hard work. Ms. Speering asked, will there be a study done to monitor the progress of MNPS students who attended Pre-K vs. the students who do not? What percentage of classrooms will have a teacher apprentice? Ms. Wiltshire said 6 of the 27 classrooms due to the budget. The ratio would be two teachers to every 27 students per classroom. Vanderbilt will be conducting many studies and the hope is that one of the studies will research the success of students who added Pre-K. Ms. Speering asked if the narrative assessment will be conducted at sites other than the model sites? Ms. Wiltshire said, no due to the cost of the assessment. Ms. Shepherd asked how many Pre-K seats are truly needed in the district? Ms. Phillips said, currently there are some vacancies and others have waiting lists. Mr. Pinkston stated that it is important to have a number of actual seats needed to create universal Pre-K for MNPS.</p> | |
| WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD | | |
| • Board Calendar Items | | |
| • Adjournment | Ms. Mayes adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m. | |
| • Signatures | <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  _____ Chris M. Henson Board Secretary </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> _____ Sharon Dixon Gentry Date Board Chair </div> </div> | |