

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Minutes  
September 13, 2011

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll Call</li> </ul>	<p>Members Present: Gracie Porter, Chair; Mark North, Vice-Chair; Dr. Jo Ann Brannon; Dr. Sharon Gentry; Michael Hayes; Ed Kindall; Cheryl D. Mayes; Anna Shepherd; Kay Simmons; Jhamia Poole, Student Board Member</p> <p>Ms. Porter 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 Brittanie Miles, Glencliff High School student.	
<b>AWARDS AND RECONGNITIONS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brittanie Miles – Glencliff High School Student – Used CPR to Save Drowning Man</li> </ul>	The Board presented Ms. Miles with a Certificate of Achievement for performing life-saving CPR on her drowning neighbor.	
<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Constance Molette – Board Approved Contracts</li> </ul>	Ms. Molette addressed the Board concerning the Tribal Education Group contract, PE curriculum and street lights near the Buena Vista area.	
<b>GOVENANCE ISSUES</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Election of School Board Officers</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Kindall, Parliamentarian, led the Board Officer election.</p> <p><b>Ms. Shepherd nominated Mr. North for Vice-Chair.</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Brannon nominated Ms. Porter for Chair.</b></p> <p><b>The Board appointed Mr. Henson as Board Secretary.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Kindall said he would continue to serve as Parliamentarian at the pleasure of the Board. The Board agreed for Mr. Kindall to continue to serve as Parliamentarian.</b></p> <p>Ms. Porter and Mr. North thanked the Board for its support and faith in their leadership. Mr. Kindall thanked Ms. Porter and Mr. North for their service to the Board.</p>	<p><b>VOTE: 9-0</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: 9-0</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: 9-0</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: 9-0</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACTIONS</li> <li>Consent Agenda</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. North read the following consent agenda items: IV-A-2-a- Approval of Minutes – 8/23/11 Regular Meeting; IV-A-2-b- Change Order #1 for Roof Replacement at Cockrill Elementary School – AAR of North Carolina – M-457; IV-A-2-c- Awarding of Bids and Contracts (1.) Education First Consulting, (2.) Applied Educational Systems, (3.) Matthew James Pepper, (4.) PCI Educational Publishing, (5.) Ricks Educational Products, (6.) AbleNet, Inc., (7.) Scholastic Inc., (8.) The Arc</b></p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consent Agenda –continued</li> </ul>	<p><b>of Davidson County, (9.) Lipscomb University; IV-A-2-d- Recommended Approval of Requests for Compulsory Attendance Waiver.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Kindall made the motion to accept the consent agenda as read. Ms. Shepherd seconded.</b></p>	<b>VOTE: 9-0</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Disciplinary Appeal</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ms. Shepherd made a motion to deny the request for a hearing and uphold the decision of the Administration. Dr. Brannon seconded.</b></p>	<b>VOTE: 9-0</b>
<b>REPORTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director’s Report               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tribal Education, Inc.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Mr. David Crossley and Mr. David Moran, of Tribal Education, Inc., presented a Power Point to the Board. Tribal is a leading provider of school reviews in the United Kingdom and internationally, by combining the impact of technology and people on education. Tribal Education will be partnering with MNPS to help reform several schools in the district.</p> <p>Mr. Hayes asked when can we expect to receive data reports? Mr. Crossley said reports should be given often and upon request. Ms. Simmons asked if Tribal will be bringing in a team of people? Mr. Moran said, yes, there will be some people coming in, but we will work primarily with staff inside of the schools. Mr. North asked when will we see the negative labels given to schools begin to change, and will the changes be sustainable? Mr. Crossley said, yes, they believe sustainability is possible and should be expected. Mr. Kindall said he hopes a culture of staff truly believing that all students can excel is developed. Mr. Crossley said believing in the potential of young people is the heart of Tribal’s purpose. Ms. Simmons asked what are the differences in Tribal’s approach to academic challenges compared to similar consulting firms? Mr. Crossley said Tribal believes in building staff over time and confidence in students, as well as building a team within the school. Dr. Gentry asked how will the existing initiatives in place co-exist with the new processes provided, by Tribal? Dr. Register said Tribal’s approach is very consistent with MNPS initiatives. In the future, we would like to use this approach in all MNPS schools.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Board Policy EE-13 – Textbooks and Instructional Materials</li> </ul>	<p>Mr. Carr presented a report to the Board on Board Policy EE-13-Textbooks and Instructional Materials.</p> <p>Ms. Shepherd stated that she received complaints concerning the condition of math textbooks at Hume-Fogg High School. Mr. Carr said he researched that issue, and the plan is to purchase updated books next year, and also noted that</p>	


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2. Board Policy EE-13 – Textbooks and Instructional Materials - continued	<p>Hume-Fogg teachers made the decision to continue using the 1998 pre-calculus books as they better fit the curriculum at the school. However, the school has new 2004 pre-calculus books stored in a room within the school. Ms. Shepherd said she also received similar textbook concerns at McGavock High School. Mr. Carr asked Ms. Shepherd to provide more information, and he would research the issue at McGavock. Ms. Mayes asked how are the books available to the parents for review? Additionally, are parents notified that those books are available to be viewed? Mr. Carr said during the review process, the books are available at the Martin Center. He was not sure whether parents were notified that books were available to be reviewed. Mr. North asked why were textbooks adopted and approved, but not purchased? Mr. Carr said it was partly a financial issue, and also, due to standards changes, some of the older books would not work in certain grade levels. Mr. Kindall asked if charter schools were allowed to purchase books with MNPS? Mr. Carr said, yes, and charter schools are allowed to bid on MNPS surplus books. Mr. Hayes asked if the 2004 textbooks at Hume-Fogg were ever used? Mr. Carr said they appeared to be new. Mr. Kindall asked if each school weighed-in on the textbook adoption process? Dr. Register said it is more of a district-wide process, and each school can weigh-in on supplemental material. Ms. Porter said teachers should have flexibility concerning textbooks based upon their students. Also, we may need to consider placing textbooks in schools for parental review.</p>	
3. TLG-Performance of High School Students	<p>Jay Steele and Jeff Yarbro presented a Power Point to the Board on the Performance of High School Students.</p> <p>Ms. Shepherd said she is very impressed with how teachers teach interdisciplinary. Mr. Hayes said it is amazing how the academies are affecting students and how they really understand how the information they are learning will apply to real life. Dr. Brannon thanked the TLG for the report and stated that this is the type of report that the Board needs in order to see how progress is being made. Mr. North asked if Stratford High School STEM Magnet will keep their academies logo or will it be changed to a magnet logo? Mr. Steele said they will keep the academy logo and the new STEM logo will be incorporated. Mr. North asked how can we ensure that more students take the AP test? Mr. Steele said each parent signed a contract agreeing that the student would take the AP test, but the test is not mandatory. We are working with lobbyists to start lobbying the State Legislature to consider funding AP,</p>	

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3. TLG-Performance of High School Students – continued	IB, and dual enrollment. The money could be used to pay for students to take the AP test. Mr. Hayes asked will we provide more online textbooks in the future? Mr. Steele said IT has been asked to research that initiative. Dr. Register said he is extremely impressed with the results of the high school reform.	
• TSBA Fall District Meeting	Dr. Brannon stated that she and Ms. Porter attended the TSBA Fall District Meeting in White House, TN. The subjects covered were: teacher evaluations, charter changes, and principal evaluations.	
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
• Community Meeting on Crime	Mr. Kindall stated that he attended a community meeting dealing with the rash of murders in the community and hopes MNPS will partner with these types of groups to help deal with the crime in our community.	
• Condolences	Mr. Kindall offered condolences to the family of former teacher, Dorothy Crippen.	
• Hands on Nashville Day	Ms. Simmons invited the community to join more than 1,400 volunteers on September 24 <sup>th</sup> for Hands On Nashville Day Presented by Grainger - the community's largest day of service to public schools. This year marks the 20th anniversary of this community-transforming event. Typical projects include painting, landscaping, and more. The completion of these projects fills students, teachers, and parents with pride when they return to school the following Monday.	
• Antioch High School Fundraiser	Ms. Mayes invited the community to support Antioch High School's wrestling team fundraiser on September 19 <sup>th</sup> at Buffalo Wild Wings. Proceeds from food purchased between 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. will be donated to Antioch's wrestling team.	
• Channel 2 High School Food Challenge	Ms. Mayes announced the Channel 2 High School Food Challenge. Please bring any non-perishable food item to the school of your choice.	
• Cane Ridge High School Open House	Ms. Mayes announced that Cane Ridge High School will hold their Open House on September 23 <sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. The school's academy partners will also have booths at the Open House.	
• Work Session	Ms. Porter announced the work session to discuss Board meeting schedule format and other items will be Tuesday, October 18th at 5:00 p.m.	
• Committee Assignments	Ms. Porter announced that at the September 27 <sup>th</sup> Board meeting, she will be making committee assignments. She asked Board members to submit their interests to the Board Administrator by Friday, September 23rd.	

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• College Night	This year's College Night will be Tuesday, September 27 <sup>th</sup> , from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at LP Field. There will be more than 100 colleges and universities in attendance. We appreciate LP Field for allowing us to use their venue. The event is free of charge.	
• Director's Parent Advisory Council Meeting	The Director's Parent Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 29 <sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.	
<b>WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD</b>		
• Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget Financial Report		
• Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Operating Budget Financial Report		
• Board Calendar Items		
• Adjournment	Ms. Simmons adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.	
• Signatures	 _____ Chris M. Henson                      Gracie Porter                      Date Board Secretary                      Board Chair	