

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
Board of Education
Minutes
October 9, 2007

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll Call 	<p>Members Present: Marsha Hagan Warden, Chair; Ed Kindall, Vice-Chair; Dr. Jo Ann Brannon; David A. Fox; Mark North; Steve Glover; Karen Y. Johnson; Gracie Porter; George H. Thompson III</p> <p>Ms. Warden called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pledge of Allegiance 	Led by Don Majors, Congressman Cooper's office.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to Adjourn Early 	Mr. Glover motioned to adjourn the Board meeting at 6:45 p.m. due to the Suspension Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Brannon seconded.	VOTE: For-8-0 Unanimous (Mr. Thompson out of room)
SPECIAL PRESENTATION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjustments to Student Assignment Plan 	<p>Mr. Collier presented to the Board the proposed adjustment to the Student Assignment Plan. Since the 1994-1995 school year numbers for African-Americans and Hispanic MNPS student enrollment has steadily increased and White student enrollment has consistently declined. Poverty levels in Nashville have also dramatically increased and the number of Special Education students served has increased. Mr. Collier presented recommendations for the following clusters: Antioch Cluster: Subdivide the current Antioch Cluster to create the new Cane Ridge Cluster, Relocate John F. Kennedy Middle School to the Hobson Pike location, and Relocate Antioch High School's Ninth Grade Academy to the main campus. Cane Ridge: Open Thurgood Marshall MS for grades 5-8, and Open Cane Ridge HS with grades 9 and 10. Hillsboro Cluster: Assign the non-contiguous part of the Overton Cluster to the Hillsboro Cluster, Carter-Lawrence takes in a zoned population from the Overton cluster. Ample space will remain at Carter-Lawrence for the current magnet program to continue in conjunction with the zoned population. Hillwood Cluster: Wharton becomes a zoned elementary school with grades PK-4, and organized on a PT ratio of 15 to 1 for PK-3 and 20-1 in 4th grade, The area around Buena Vista is being zoned to Buena Vista. Families in this area will no longer be required to apply for Buena Vista through the lottery, John Early becomes a zoned middle school serving grades 5-8, Martha Vaught will cease to exist as a zoned middle school. The Big Picture School is currently located at Wharton, but will be relocated to Vaught, Brookmeade will lose approximately 150 students to Wharton. As a result, Brookmeade and Westmeade will be combined at the Westmeade location, Brookmeade will be made available for an optional program or other instructional use. Hunters Lane Cluster: Amqui's non-contiguous zone located south of Briley Parkway can be shifted to the Whites Creek Cluster, The Rio Vista area in Madison can be reassigned to the</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjustments to Student Assignment Plan continued 	<p>Hunters Lane Cluster from the McGavock Cluster, Old Center's non-contiguous zone can be shifted to the Whites Creek Cluster, This makes space available at Old Center for a portion of Gateway to be reassigned to Old Center. Gateway can be made available for an optional program or other instructional use, Brick Church can be reassigned to the Whites Creek Cluster, Madison can be opened as a zoned middle school. The current special education program at Madison can be relocated to one of the 6 schools being made available for other instructional uses. McGavock Cluster: Napier becomes a zoned school. Almost all of the affected students are already attending Napier. This change removes the requirement that parents must apply through the lottery process to enroll their children at Napier., Maplewood Cluster: Study the feasibility of consolidating some elementary schools in the cluster. Overton Cluster: Reassign the non-contiguous Overton zone to the Hillsboro Cluster, Reassign portions of the Tusculum and McMurray zones in order to relieve overcrowding at these two schools. Pearl-Cohn: The current PK-8 program at McKissack is discontinued. McKissack is being made available as an optional program or other instructional use, Adjust the zone for Cockrill to relieve overcrowding there, Adjust the zone for Park Avenue to add students to this under-enrolled school. Stratford: Adjust the zones for Dan Mills and Inglewood to eliminate the non-contiguous Dan Mills zone and get more students in an elementary school closer to home, The Stratford Cluster currently has 3 middle schools: Bailey, Dalewood and Isaac Litton. Only 2 zoned middle schools are necessary. The Administration recommends that Isaac Litton and Bailey be retained as the zoned middle schools. Dalewood is being made available for other instructional uses. Whites Creek Cluster: Robert E. Lillard could become a zoned elementary school (PK-4) in order to make better use of its large capacity. Lillard has a capacity of 534 students. This larger capacity will allow space for a PK class or two, as well as a pupil teacher ratio of 15-1 in PK-3 and 20-1 in 4th grade, The current program at Lillard will continue and could be reassigned to Bordeaux, The current zone at Bordeaux could be split between Cumberland and Lillard, Brick Church MS can be reassigned to the Whites Creek Cluster from the Hunters Lane Cluster, Ewing Park could be made available for an optional program or other instructional use. The current Ewing Park Middle School zone could be split between Joelton MS and Brick Church MS.</p> <p>Ms. Warden thanked Mr. Collier for his department's hard work on the Student Assignment Plan. She stated that some Board members have</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjustments to Student Assignment Plan continued 	<p>schedule community meetings to discuss the Student Assignment Plan to give information and receive input. The Board has scheduled a work session to discuss the Student Assignment Plan. Mr. Kindall asked would information on how demographics will be affected at each school for the Study Session. Mr. Collier stated that it will be available at that time. Mr. Thompson thanked Mr. Collier for the proposal. Rezoning is a sensitive and complex issue. An overarching consideration is diversity. As we seek to be one of the best districts in the country we need to seriously consider diversity in this Student Assignment Plan. Will this plan be some that is compliable to the entire community. I would like diversity to be included in this plan.</p>	
GOVERNANCE ISSUES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTIONS • Consent Agenda • Consent Agenda continued 	<p>Mr. Kindall made the motion to approve the following consent agenda items: III-A-2-a – Approval of Minutes – 9/25/07 Regular Board Meeting. Dr. Brannon seconded.</p> <p>Mr. Glover asked that the word “reduction” in the 9/25/07 minutes on page 192 and 193 be changed to “drop-out.”</p>	VOTE: For–9-0 Unanimous
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring Reports - Second Reading – (1.) E-2.5- Advanced Placement, (2.) EE-1 – Global Executive Constraint, (3.) EE-2 – Emergency Succession, (4.) EE-15 – Learning Environment /Discipline, (5.) EE-16- Facilities. 	<p>Mr. Glover motioned to approve the Monitoring Reports – Second Reading – (1.) E-2.5- Advanced Placement, (2.) EE-1 – Global Executive Constraint, (3.) EE-2 – Emergency Succession, (4.) EE-15 – Learning Environment /Discipline, (5.) EE-16- Facilities as read. Dr. Brannon seconded.</p> <p>Mr. Glover asked Ms. Warden about her comment under provisions on E-2.5- Advanced Placement- “The continued downward trend must be stopped.” Ms. Warden asked it be moved to Actions.</p> <p>Mr. Kindall took a vote to approve Monitoring Reports – Second Reading as amended. Dr. Brannon seconded.</p>	VOTE: For–9-0 Unanimous
REPORTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Charter Application Review Update 	<p>Dr. Garcia stated that three Charter School applications have been received: Smith-Craighead renewal, Nashville Academy of Science and Technology, and JWG Manna Life & Art Academy. Mr. Patterson, Chairperson of the Charter School Committee, submitted to the Board tentative dates set for the Charter School Committee to meet. Ms. Porter also reviewed and answered questions concerning the Charter School Application process. Ms. Warden asked that the Board be notified of the times and dates each Charter School applicant will be interviewed. Mr. Patterson stated that Charter School</p>	

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	updates will be posted on the MNPS website. Mr. Fox asked if the Charter School Committee meetings were open meetings? Dr. Garcia stated that Mr. Fox was welcome to attend as long as media was not present.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tennessee Department of Education Update 	Dr. Garcia stated that members of the Cabinet, Administrators met with representatives from the State Dept. of Education. The conversation centered around the district and the 13 schools facing corrective action. We received assessments and detailed plans for each school that should be implemented by next year. We are in the process of meeting with the 13 principals from each school concerning the language in the plan. We submit a report on each of the schools to the State Dept. of Education on what we can, can't and what we intend to do. Many of the items have a monetary impact but we are told we have to move to implementation since we received state dollars for low SES students.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Plan Update 	Mr. Lott said that we will be going through the Strategic Plan and make our finally revisions with a Board submission in November and approval process.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Chairman's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advocacy Committee Report 	Mr. North passed out dates to meet with Congressman Cooper. He asked the Board to contact Ms. Hawkins their available dates. He also asked the Board to review the No Child Left Behind, NSBA recommendations and the House Education Labor Committee's Discussion Draft handout. He suggested that each Board member meet with their councilmember and suggest that they review the plan and over suggestions. Ms. Warden stated that there is a meeting scheduled with the Metro Council Education committee members to discuss the Student Assignment Plan on October 15 at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Johnson stated that she had contacted her council members and advised them to watch tonight's Board meeting in order to discuss and give feedback on the Student Assignment Presentation.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council of Great City Schools Update 	Ms. Warden stated that the Council of Great City Schools conference will take place October 31 – November 3 at the Renaissance Hotel. We are expecting over 1,000 educational leaders to attend the conference and look forward to this event	
ANNOUNCEMENTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board and Council Education Committee Event 	Ms. Warden announced that the Board and Metro Council Education Committee would be having an event October 22 at 6:00 p.m. at Dr. Garcia's house.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Principal For a Day 	Ms. Warden announced that Principal for a Day will be held October 11, 2007	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor's Town hall Meeting 	Ms. Warden announced that the next Mayor's Town hall meeting is at 6:00 p.m. October 16 at Donelson Middle School.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • East Nashville Bus Tour 	Ms. Porter announced the East Nashville Bus Tour that will be held October 19, from 9:30 -12:30 to tour schools in East Nashville.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventative Measures Meeting 	Ms. Johnson announced that there will be a Preventative Measures Meeting held October 30 at 6:30 at Antioch High School.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Meeting – Student Assignment Plan 	<p>The following community meetings are scheduled to discuss the Proposed Student Assignment Plan:</p> <p>October 12 – Pearl-Cohn High School Teacher October 22 – Antioch High School at 6:30pm - KJ October 25 – Hillwood High School at 6:30pm - MW October 29 – Madison High School at 6:00pm - MN</p>	
WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Calendar Items 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Meeting Evaluation 		
ADJOURNMENT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjournment 	Mr. Fox made the motion to adjourn at 6:51 p.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signatures 	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 45%; border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 5px;">Chris M. Henson Board Secretary</div> <div style="width: 45%; border-top: 1px solid black; padding-top: 5px;">Pamela B. Garrett Date Board Chair</div> </div>	