# Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

Board of Education

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME		
Roll Call	Members Present: Gracie Porter, Chair; Mark North (left at 5:27 p.m), Vice-			
	Chair; Dr. Jo Ann Brannon; Dr. Sharon Gentry; Michael			
	W. Hayes; Ed Kindall (left at 5:24 p.m.); Cheryl D. Mayes;			
	Anna Shepherd; Kay Simmons; and Antwan Steele,			
	Student Board Member			
	Ms. Porter called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.			
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by Rita McDonald, Director of ONE Nashville.			
Introduction of Newly Elected –	Mr. Thompson introduced newly elected Student Board member Jhamia Poole			
Student Board Member – Jhamia Poole	to the Board. Ms. Poole is a junior at MLK, with a 3.6 GPA, and will be			
	serving as a Student Board member until 2012.			
Student Board Member Report	Mr. Steele reported that on November 2 <sup>nd</sup> , students from TMAC, the			
	Director's Student Advisory Council, MLK, McGavock High School, and			
	Transitions, participated in an interactive dialogue with Lipscomb University's			
	College of Education pre-service teachers. Mr. Steele and Ms. Poole have			
	been invited to speak to pre-service teaches at MTSU on November 17 <sup>th</sup> . Mr.			
	Steele and Ms. Poole will also be visiting schools to speak with members of			
	high school Student Government Councils to discuss school environments and			
	academics.			
	AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS			
• Rita McDonald, Director of ONE Nashville	Ms. McDonald introduced ONE Nashville endorsing partners to the Board.			
- Endorsing Partners	ONE Nashville brings together people, organizations, and businesses with the			
	common commitment to make MNPS the best in the nation. This is a city-			
	wide campaign to support public schools through increasing community			
	involvement. ONE Nashville is a joint collaboration with the Nashville Area			
	Chamber of Commerce, MNPS, Alignment Nashville, Nashville Alliance for			
	Public Education, PENCIL Foundation, Stand for Children, and the Mayor's			
	Office.			
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION				
• Jim Buckley – Response to Allegations of	Mr. Buckley addressed the allegations of a union-sponsored sick out. Mr.			
Union-Sponsored Sick Out	Buckley denies the allegations. He said the bus drivers' main focus is on the			
	safe transportation of MNPS students to and from schools each day.			
GOVERNANCE ISSUES				
ACTIONS	Mr. North read the following consent agenda items: IV-A-1-a-Approval of			
Consent Agenda	Minutes – 10/26/10 Regular Board Meeting; IV-A-1-b- Awarding of Bids			
	and Contracts (1.) Encyclopaedia Brittannica, (2.) American Alliance for			

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	(5.) Joseph McLaughlin, Ph.D; IV-A-1-c- Recommended Approval of	
	Requests for Compulsory Attendance Waiver; IV-A-1-d - Recommended	
	Approval of Math Textbook Adoption Committee. Ms. Shepherd made	
	the motion to approve the consent agenda. Dr. Brannon seconded.	VOTE: 9-0 - Unanimous
Board Policy Revision – First Reading -	Mr. Kindall made a motion to adopt the first reading of EE-14 District	
EE-14 District Calendar	Calendar. Ms. Shepherd seconded.	VOTE: 9-0 - Unanimous
Board Policy Revision - EE-17 Charter	Mr. North made a motion to adopt EE-17 Charter Schools. Ms. Shepherd	
Schools	seconded.	
	Dr. Gentry amended the motion to add the word "all" to the first sentence	
	of the first paragraph under EE-17- Charter Schools to read "The	
	director shall make recommendations to the Board with respect to all	
	charter school applicants." Mr. North seconded.	VOTE: 8-0 – Unanimous (Mr.
		Kindall not present)
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Director's Report     o Board Monitoring Report: EE-11-	Members of the Communications Department presented the electronic 2009- 10 Annual Report by demonstrating how to access the wealth of information	
<ul> <li>Board Monitoring Report: EE-11- Annual Report to the Board</li> </ul>	provided in the report.	
Annual Report to the Board	provided in the report.	
	Ms. Simmons asked how parents without internet access are notified of the	
	Annual Report. Noelle Mashburn said the Annual Report is available in PDF	
	for printing, and parents may access the report from MNPS school computers	
	and libraries. Ms. Shepherd asked if the Annual Report had been advertised	
	in the community. Ms. Mashburn said there has been news coverage and also	
	the use of social media outlets to communicate the availability of the Annual	
	Report.	
• Council of the Great City Schools	Dr. Register, Dr. Brannon, and Mr. Henson reported to the Board on their trip	
Annual Fall Conference	to Tampa, FL to attend the CGCS Conference held October 20-24, 2010. Dr.	
	Brannon reported: "As a Board representative for the Council of the Great	
	City Schools, comprised of 65 urban school districts, it was again my	
	pleasure to attend the 54 <sup>th</sup> CGCS Annual Fall Conference. This year's representatives also included Dr. Register and Mr. Henson. In addition, Dr.	
	Gregory Hutchings, Principal of West End Middle School answered the call	
	to present and conducted a session on Taking a Closer Look at International	
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continued	Delifruz Williams, School Board member from the Portland School District.			
continued	This position is alternated between a Superintendent and a School Board			
	Member. As usual, the well-planned conference agenda was filled with			
	strands that are pertinent to urban schools: Use of Data-Drive Tools to			
	Advance Student Progress, Human Capital, Boosting Achievement,			
	Intentional Strategies, Strategies for Students with Disabilities, Financial			
	Obstacles, and Strategies for Urban Schools. Other highlights included guest			
	speakers: Gwendolyn Ifill, Managing Editor of the Washington Week; Hill			
	Harper, Author and Actor who works through his foundation in promoting			
	student success; and John Quiones, co-anchor of PrimeTime Live, and most			
	recently "What Would You Do?", and Byron Pitts, CBS News Chief and 60			
	Minutes correspondent. Each of the guest speakers spoke of the importance			
	of education in each of their lives and obstacles that had to be overcome in			
	order for them to be successful. For Ms. Ifill, it was constantly moving from			
	school to school because her father was a minister. Hill Harper wants students			
	to know that things are not always easy and that one must be prepared for			
	surprises that cause changes in plans. John Quiones spoke of his challenges			
	as a young student; being punished for speaking Spanish at school – the			
	prominent language he now uses in much of his work as a correspondent.			
	And finally, the diagnosis that almost institutionalized Bryon Pitts (who was			
	illiterate until he was 12 years old, as well as being a stutterer) except that his			
	mother was a true advocate and fought for him to become educated.			
	Hillsborough County personnel were great hosts and coordinated the conference par excellence that also featured extremely talented student			
	entertainment. In addition, they spearheaded an effort with Dell computers			
	and convinced them to give each participant of the conference a Dell			
	notebook with the stipulations that it be presented to a deserving student in			
	each district. We will be selecting the students and presenting these gifts very			
	soon. The recipient of the 2010 Richard Green Award (that is alternately			
	presented to a School Board Member and Superintendent) was Arlene			
	Ackerman, Superintendent of the Philadelphia School District. Dr. Register			
	will continue with his reflections as a first-time participant-since this is his			
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	also a facilitator of one of the sessions.			

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