

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools  
Board of Education  
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December 10, 2013

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll Call</li> </ul>	<p>Present: Cheryl D. Mayes, Chair Anna Shepherd, Vice-Chair Dr. Jo Ann Brannon Amy Frogge Dr. Sharon Gentry Michael Hayes Elissa Kim Will Pinkston Jill Speering Dr. Jesse Register, Director of Schools</p> <p>Absent: 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 Dewayne Ferrell, MNPS Transportation Department.	
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MNPS Homeless Students</li> </ul>	Mr. Pinkston thanked Dr. Frank Bowen for working to help MNPS homeless students. He asked that MNPS begin to provide better access and information to homeless students in the following areas: healthcare and meals.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notice of Resolution</li> </ul>	Mr. Pinkston made notice that he will bring a resolution to the January Board meeting asking management to formally integrate the expansion of Early Childhood Education into a multi-year budget planning process.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Retro FANS Classic High School Basketball Tournament</li> </ul>	Ms. Shepherd announced that the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual FANS Retro Classic High School Basketball Tournament will be January 4 <sup>th</sup> at the historic Litton High School Gym. Teams from around the District will participate in this event. Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$6.00 at the door.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music Makes Us Advisory Council Meeting</li> </ul>	Ms. Shepherd announced that she attended the Music Makes Us Advisory Council meeting on December 3 <sup>rd</sup> at Wright Middle School. Dr. Steele and staff made a presentation on the impact of the Music Make Us program.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Diversity Task Force</li> </ul>	Ms. Shepherd thanked the Diversity Task Force for their hard work and dedication.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>District 3 Community Meeting</li> </ul>	Ms. Speering announced that she will have a District 3 Community Meeting on January 21 <sup>st</sup> from 4:30 – 6:00 at Madison Middle School.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bridges to Belmont</li> </ul>	Ms. Speering announced that Bridges to Belmont will continue to provide 12 full scholarships each for Maplewood and Stratford High School students. In addition, the program will be expanded to an additional three scholarships each for students at Pearl-Cohn and Whites Creek High Schools for a total of 30 full scholarships.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automotive Technology Center at Maplewood High School</li> </ul>	Ms. Speering announced that heaters have been installed in the Automotive Technology Center at Maplewood High School. Ms. Speering expressed thanks to all those involved in the installation.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maplewood High School Community Luncheon</li> </ul>	Ms. Speering announced that Maplewood High School will hold a luncheon for their community partners on December 16 <sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hunters Lane Holiday Concert</li> </ul>	Ms. Speering announced that Hunters Lane High School will hold their holiday concert on December 12 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MNPS Student Mid-term Exams</li> </ul>	Ms. Speering offered best wishes to all MNPS students as they prepare to take mid-term exams.	
<b>AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stuart Nicholson – Served on the Administrative Retirement Committee for 40 years</li> </ul>	The Board presented Mr. Nicholson with an Award of Recognition for his work with the Administrative Retirement Committee for 40 years.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Journey Johnson – President and CEO, YMCA of Middle Tennessee</li> </ul>	The Board and Dr. Register presented Mr. Johnson with an Award of Recognition for his service to MNPS.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alvesia Hawkins – Board Liaison</li> </ul>	The Board recognized Alvesia Hawkins in honor of her service to MNPS as Board Liaison.	
<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ronald Reed – Transportation Reorganization</li> </ul>	Mr. Reed addressed the Board concerning the Transportation Reorganization. He asked the Board and Administration to meet with him to discuss transportation.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steve Turner -2013 NAEP Results – Thanking MNPS Educators</li> </ul>	Mr. Turner addressed the Board concerning the 2013 NAEP results. He thanked the Board for a job well done.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mark Rowan – 2013 NAEP Results – Thanking MNPS Educators</li> </ul>	Mr. Rowan addressed the Board concerning the 2013 NAEP results. He thanked the Board for their hard work over the last two years to make Tennessee the fastest improving state.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ralph Schulz – 2013 NAEP Results – Thanking MNPS Educators</li> </ul>	Mr. Schulz addressed the Board concerning the 2013 NAEP results. He thanked the Board for their partnership and also MNPS as a whole for making academic strides.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summer Martin – Optional Schools</li> </ul>	Ms. Martin addressed the Board concerning Optional Schools. She asked the Board to consider removing GPZ from the District policy.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gilbert Williams – Transportation Department</li> </ul>	Mr. Williams addressed the Board concerning the Transportation Department. He stated that he supported the current changes in the Transportation Department.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan Pregal – Transportation Department</li> </ul>	Ms. Pregal addressed the Board concerning the Transportation Department. She stated that she supported the changes in the Transportation Department and believed the changes would increase morale in the department.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jennifer Royea – Recognition of School Program</li> </ul>	Ms. Royea addressed the Board concerning the recognition of school program. She stated that she supported, and enjoyed, her son attending Nashville Prep Charter School.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris Royea – Recognition</li> </ul>	Mr. Royea addressed the Board concerning the recognition of school program. He stated that he supported Nashville Prep Charter School.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elyuz Lukes – Student Perspective of School</li> </ul>	Mr. Lukes addressed the Board concerning the student perspective of Nashville Prep. He stated that he enjoyed his academic experiences at Nashville Prep.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LaDonte Gregory – Student Perspective of School</li> </ul>	Mr. Gregory addressed the Board concerning his experiences at Nashville Prep. He talked about his experiences, and stated that he enjoyed attending the school.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renee Wohlfarth – Public Comments about Resolution</li> </ul>	Ms. Wohlfarth addressed the Board concerning public comments about the Charter School Resolution. She expressed her support for Liberty Collegiate Academy and LEAD Academy High School.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artis Allison - Public Comments about Resolution</li> </ul>	Mr. Allison addressed the Board concerning the Charter School Resolution. He talked about the Liberty Collegiate program and how it is benefiting his son.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christian Allison - Public Comments about Resolution</li> </ul>	Mr. Allison addressed the Board concerning the Charter School Resolution. He talked about his experiences at Liberty Collegiate and stated that he enjoyed the school.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monique Cummings - Public Comments about Resolution</li> </ul>	Ms. Cummings addressed the Board concerning public comments about the Charter School Resolution. She stated that she enjoyed Nashville Prep and was very satisfied with the school.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cassandra Curry - Public Comments about Resolution</li> </ul>	Ms. Curry addressed the Board concerning public comments about the Charter School Resolution. She stated that her children have excelled while attending charter schools.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tracy Walden – Recognition of school program</li> </ul>	Ms. Walden addressed the Board concerning the Charter School Resolution. She stated that her child has excelled while attending Nashville Prep.	

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<b>GOVERNANCE ISSUES</b>		
1. Consent Agenda	<p>Ms. Speering pulled Item V-A-1-e-12- NCS Pearson, Inc.</p> <p>Ms. Speering said the Board should consider if the Pearson contract will coincide with the District’s goals and initiatives? She stated that she did not support the contract for the following reasons: (1.) It does not align with the MNPS definition of literacy, (2.) the screener’s definition of fluency is problematic, (3.) the screener gives false positives, and (4.) the screener is not meant to drive instruction, but to be a temperature gauge. She stated that the contract would only replace one flawed assessment with another. This money could be better used to help provide services to students. She stated the selection process should be revamped, and with a new committee that includes teachers, reading coaches, and others. The screener selected should align with the District’s literacy goals.</p> <p>Dr. Steele and Dr. Critchlow addressed questions concerning the Pearson contract.</p> <p>Ms. Speering asked, could we delay the vote until questions are answered by Pearson concerning “nonsense” words? Dr. Register said, yes.</p> <p><b>Ms. Frogge made the motion to defer the approving of Item V-A-1-e-12-NCR Pearson, Inc. until the January 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Mr. Pinkston seconded.</b></p> <p>Mr. Pinkston said, it could be a good idea to have discussions around the strategy of assessments at a later time.</p> <p><b>Ms. Shepherd read the following consent agenda items: V-A-1-a- Approval of Minutes – 11/12/13 Regular Meeting; V-A-1-b- Change Order #6 for Asbestos Abatement Services – Levy Industrial Contractors – M-477; V-A-1-c- Change Order #1 for Julia Green Elementary School Paving – B.A.C. Paving Co., Inc. – MBOE 800380.13.21; V-A-1-d- Amendment C- Compensation and Rate Adjustments for Design and Construction Management Services – Heery International, Inc. – L 2715; V-A-1-e- Awarding of Bids and Contracts (1.) Achieve Learning, (2.) Appleton Learning Corporation, (3.) CABLExpress Corporation, dba</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE: (5-4) yes – Brannon, Speering, Kim, Pinkston, Frogge; no – Gentry, Shepherd, Hayes, Mayes</b></p>


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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consent Agenda – continued</li> </ul>	<p><b>CXtec, (4.) Cambridge Educational Services of Illinois, (5.) Computer-Using Educators, Inc. (CUE), (6.) Curriculum Associates, (7.) Ferguson Enterprises, Inc., (8.) Noser Consulting, LLC, (9.) Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), (10.) Stellar Therapy Services, LLC, (11.) The College Board; V-A-1-f- Recommendation to Surplus Property – Old Jere Baxter School; V-A-1-g- Recommended Approval of Special Textbook: Greenhouse Management; V-A-1-h- Recommended Approval of Special Course: IGCSE English I, First Language, V-A-1-i- Recommended Approval of CLASS Bylaws and CLASS Contract; V-A-1-j- Recommended Approval of 2013-2014 Operating Budget Amendment #1 – Budget and Finance Committee; V-A-1-k- Recommended Approval of Requests for Compulsory Attendance Waiver; V-A-1-l- Recommended Approval of 2013-2014 Tenure.</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Shepherd made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Dr. Brannon seconded.</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE: 8-0 (Dr. Gentry out of room)</b></p>
<p>2. Recommended Approval of Resolution in Support of Adequate State Funding for Public Education</p>	<p>Ms. Frogge read the following resolution: WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education (“the Board”) is responsible for providing a local system of public education; and WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, through the work of the Tennessee General Assembly, the Tennessee Department of Education, the State Board of Education and local school boards, has established nationally recognized standards and measures for accountability in public education; and WHEREAS, the Board has been supportive of these nationally recognized, more rigorous standards and measures, and has been a leader in implementing the changes required for these more rigorous standards and measures; and WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee is currently ranked 49th in per pupil spending by the United States Census Bureau; and WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that continued student achievement under these more rigorous standards and measures is not sustainable with the level of resources reflected in the Census Bureau report; and WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee has never fully funded BEP 2.0 since it became law in 2007; and WHEREAS, the State’s own BEP Review Committee has repeatedly determined that the State has failed to address BEP funding inadequacies, and the Committee noted in its 2013 Annual Report that the estimated cost of remedying these inadequacies statewide would be over a billion dollars per year; and WHEREAS, the State’s BEP Review</p>	

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2. Recommended Approval of Resolution in Support of Adequate State Funding for Public Education - continued	<p>Committee determined in its Annual Report that the failure to fully fund BEP 2.0 resulted in a \$12,710,000 loss to Davidson County schools in 2013 and that in order to fully fund all recommendations from its own BEP Review Committee, including adequate teacher salaries, the State should have provided Davidson County an additional \$74,572,000 in 2013. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board hereby requests that the Governor and the Tennessee General Assembly adequately fund public education in a way that is commensurate with the more rigorous standards and measures that have been implemented by local education agencies. NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board hereby invites other member districts of the Coalition of Large School Systems (CLASS) to collaboratively initiate discussions with the Tennessee Department of Education and the Governor's Office regarding adequate school funding.</p> <p><b>Mr. Pinkston made the motion to approve the Resolution in Support of Adequate State Funding for Public Education. Ms. Speering seconded.</b></p>	<b>VOTE: 9-0 - Unanimous</b>
<b>REPORTS</b>		
A. Director's Report 1. University of Kansas Music Research Project	Dr. Steele and Ms. Schell presented the University of Kansas Music Research Project report to the Board.	
2. Diversity Management Plan Report	Mr. Weber presented the Diversity Management Plan Report to the Board.	
3. State Report Card	<p>Dr. Changas presented the State Report Card Update to the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Mayes said, she would like more details on the African-American suspension rate. Ms. Frogge asked what is the national average for the ACT? Dr. Changas said, the best guess is a 19 which is below what MNPS expects from students. Mr. Hayes asked if an ACT report was available? Dr. Changas said, yes and that information would be provided. Dr. Gentry asked, does the Strategic Plan address discipline? Dr. Changas said he is not aware of a specific item that addresses discipline, but the issue can be addressed. Dr. Gentry said, there should be a plan to use neighborhood schools as incubators offering wrap around services to students and the community. Dr. Register said the Strategic Plan is embedded with social-emotional learning.</p>	
B. Committee Reports 1. Teaching and Learning	Ms. Speering stated that the Teaching and Learning (T & L) Committee met on October 22 <sup>nd</sup> to review the T&L Guiding Principles. She and Ms. Kim will continue to meet and work to align the guidelines with the Strategic Plan.	

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2. Director's Evaluation	Ms. Kim said, the Director's Evaluation has been aligned with the Strategic Plan. The Board will meet December 13 <sup>th</sup> to discuss further.	
C. Board Chairman's Report 1. CLASS Appointment	Ms. Mayes announced Ms. Shepherd as the 2014 Chair of the Coalition of Large School Systems (CLASS).	
2. CGCS	Dr. Brannon and Ms. Speering attended the Council of the Great City Schools Annual Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Superintendent Silva Valeria spoke at the kick-off event about the Race Matters of her district, and how they have developed a similar plan to the MNPS Diversity Plan. The event was attended by 1,000 and there were presentations made by Chris Weber, Kecia Ray, Ronald Powe, and others from MNPS.	
3. TSBA Convention	Ms. Shepherd and several fellow Board members attended the TSBA Convention at Opryland Hotel from November 9 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> . Ms. Shepherd and Ms. Mayes both participated in presentations during the convention. The McGavock High School Chorale performed and did an amazing job.	
<b>WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD</b>		
A. Board Calendar Items		
B. Sales Tax Collections as of November 20, 2013		
C. Fiscal Year 2013-2014 Operating Budget Financial Report		
• Adjournment	Ms. Frogge adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.	
D. Signatures	 <hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <span>Chris M. Henson Board Secretary</span> <span>Cheryl D. Mayes Board Chair</span> <span>Date</span> </div>	