

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Minutes  
October 27, 2009

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/MOTION	FOLLOW-UP/OUTCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll Call</li> </ul>	<p>Members Present: David A. Fox, Chair; Gracie Porter, Vice-Chair; Dr. Jo Ann Brannon; Dr. Sharon Gentry; Steve Glover; Karen Y. Johnson; Ed Kindall; Mark North; Kay Simmons; and Student Board Members Mr. Steele and Mr. Haidar</p> <p>Mr. Fox 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 David Shearon, former Board of Education member and current Board member for Homework Hotline.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Board Member Report</li> </ul>	Mr. Haidar stated that the Annual Safe School Summit hosted by MNPS Student Services was held October 20 <sup>th</sup> at McGavock High School. The students heard from many local influential leaders motivating the students to work hard now so that they may have a successful future. Mr. Steele stated that three students also gave testimonies on How to Overcome Odds to Graduate. The summit's theme was "I Can, I Will, I Must."	
<b>AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mid-South Grand Slam Poetry Champion – Sebastian Jones</li> </ul>	Ms. Brown introduced Mr. Benjamin Smith, Executive Director of Youth Speaks Nashville, an organization designed to provide youth the opportunity to develop and publicly express their original work in many types of media. Mr. Smith introduced Sebastian Jones, a Hunters Lane student, who won the Mid-South Grand Poetry Slam. Mr. Jones performed his poem "Crucifixion" for the Board and audience.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educational Leadership Learning Exchange Participants from China</li> </ul>	The Board welcomed members of the Educational Leadership Learning Exchange participants from China.	
<b>GOVERNANCE ISSUES</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACTIONS</li> <li>Consent Agenda</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ms. Porter read the following consent agenda items: V-A-1-a-Approval of Minutes – 10/13/09 Regular Board Meeting; V-A-1-b -Awarding of Bids and Contracts (1.) Tennessee Department of Education (2.) United States Department of Education (3.) Educate Online, Inc. (4.) PENCIL Math Academy (5.) ATS Educational Consulting Services, Inc. (6.) Success Educational Service, Inc. (7.) Learning 4 Today Academic Excellence, Inc. V-A-1-c Approval of Tenure for Mark Colter – Margaret Allen Middle; V-A-1-d- Legal Settlement – Claim C-24720 \$10,000; V-A-1-e- Legal Settlement – Claim AH-04891 \$33,000. Ms. Johnson moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Glover seconded.</b></p>	<b>VOTE: 9-0 - Unanimous</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of 2010-11 District Calendar</li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Tinnon reviewed the proposed 2010-2011 MNPS District Calendar with the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Fox asked about the purpose of the half-day of school on Thursday,</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of 2010-11 District Calendar – continued</li> </ul>	<p>August 12<sup>th</sup> while there is no school on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>? Ms. Tinnon said it allows teachers more time to rearrange student schedules, answer parents’ questions, and complete all of those beginning-of-school tasks while students are not in school, thereby, allowing more time for problems to be addressed before the first full week of school.</p> <p><b>Mr. Glover moved to adopt the 2010-2011 MNPS District Calendar. Mr. Kindall seconded.</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE: 9-0 - Unanimous</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director’s Evaluation Instrument for January 2009- June 2009- First Reading</li> </ul>	<p><b>Mr. Glover asked to suspend the rule that requires two readings before a final vote on any item. Mr. Glover made the motion to suspend the rule in order to vote for the Director Evaluation Tool due to the timeframe needed in order to complete the evaluation. Ms. Johnson seconded.</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Glover moved to adopt the Director Evaluation Tool in order for the Board to make the timeframe of November 2009. Ms. Johnson seconded.</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE: 9-0- Unanimous</b></p> <p><b>VOTE: 9-0- Unanimous</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of Request to Tennessee Department of Education to Reclassify Academies at Old Cockrill and Opry Mills as Non-Traditional</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Register asked the Board to approve the reclassification of the Academies at Old Cockrill and Opry Mills from adult high schools to non-traditional high schools. The classification change would help with our drop-out and graduation rates.</p> <p>Ms. Simmons asked how the students who completely dropped out of school are counted. Dr. Register said under the other classification, students who transfer in and out of adult high school programs would count against the drop-out rate.</p> <p><b>Mr. Glover moved to adopt the Director’s recommendation to reclassify the Academies at Old Cockrill and Opry Mills. Mr. Kindall seconded.</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE: 9-0- Unanimous</b></p>
<b>REPORTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Chairman’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Board Monitoring Reports</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Mr. North stated that the Governance Committee is nearing completion of the revamping of the Governance process. The Governance Committee asked Dr. Register to submit Governance reporting forms, a calendar cycle and a dashboard. Dr. Register presented those documents to the Board.</p> <p>Dr. Gentry asked where the response to the ongoing monitoring would be reflected. Dr. Register said in the ongoing monitoring the dashboard would list some of that information. There is no formal feedback form, but we will consider adding a follow-up column. Ms. Johnson asked how will this be</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Board Monitoring Reports - continued</li> </ul>	<p>reported? Dr. Register said Transformational Leadership Groups (TLG's) will make presentations to the Board based on the reporting cycle. Mr. North asked if information will be given in reports concerning ways to reach goals despite roadblocks. Dr. Register said, yes, that can be included and will discuss with the TLG's about adding that component. Mr. Kindall asked how disadvantaged youth are defined. Dr. Register said disadvantaged youth are defined by the number of students who receive free and reduced priced lunch. Mr. Glover said there will be some reports that are orally presented to the Board. A dashboard for that process may need to be created.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CUBE Conference</li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Porter read the following to the Board concerning her trip to the CUBE Conference. On October 8-10, I attended the 2009 Annual CUBE Conference (Council of Urban Boards of Education) which is the urban arm of the National Affiliate program of the National School Boards Association in Austin, TX. There are 119 CUBE districts with an enrollment of more than 8 million students from 35 different states. The majority of CUBE districts serve communities with a core population of 100,000 or more. CUBE districts receive over \$2.5 billion in Title I funds annually. CUBE has four meetings per year. Two meetings are around other NSBA activities (Federal Relations Conference in February in Washington, DC and NSBA Annual Conference each spring (Chicago, 2010)). Other issues seminar is held in June focusing on a current challenge that districts are facing and the annual conference occurs in the fall where the CUBE Annual Awards for School Board Excellence is given. Great information was shared during the three-day conference with lots of discussion, debate and problem solving techniques for all attendees. Many of the Board members in attendance expressed deep concerns affecting their districts on charter schools, governance issues, NCLB, Race to the Top funds and many more. It provided an opportunity to hear great and not so great things happening in every urban district on what seemed to be a mirror of every school board across the nation. Updates from CUBE and NSBA were helpful as they shared information on stimulus funds, grass roots advocacy with the summer legislative resource kit for school board members on ESEA reauthorization, funding, education technology and more. NSBA submitted comments to the Department of Education regarding the Race to the Top funds and School Improvement Grant programs reflected concerns and interests of urban school districts. The highlight, in my opinion, was the presentation by Mr. James Johnson with the University of North Carolina Kenan-Flager Business School. He stated that every school district is under a digestive demographic</p>	

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<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal for a Day</li> </ul>	Mr. Fox announced Principal for A Day on October 28 <sup>th</sup> . Lunch will be served at the Martin Professional Development Center.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employee Giving Campaign</li> </ul>	Mr. Fox asked Board members to turn in Employee Giving Campaign donations to Ms. Hawkins.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• McGavock Covenant</li> </ul>	Mr. Glover announced the McGavock Coalition will be meeting on November 16 <sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. to discuss the McGavock Covenant. Mr. Glover stated the covenant should be finished before the end of the year.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Career Exploration Fair</li> </ul>	Ms. Johnson announced the Career Exploration Fair on November 6 <sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Nashville Convention Center.	
<b>WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sales Tax Collections as of October 20, 2009</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Operating Budget Financial Report</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board Calendar Items</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adjournment</li> </ul>	Ms. Simmons adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signatures</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;">_____</p> <p>Chris M. Henson                      David A. Fox                      Date Board Secretary                      Board Chair</p>	