

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING – January 14, 2020

Members present –Anna Shepherd (chair), Amy Frogge (vice-chair), Christiane Buggs, Rachael Anne Elrod, Jill Speering, Fran Bush, Freda Player-Peters, Gini Pupo-Walker, Sharon Gentry, Adrienne Battle

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

CONVENE and ACTION

- A. Call to Order
Ms. Frogge called the meeting to order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance led by Michelle Sheriff of MNEA.

AND THE GOOD NEWS IS...

- A. Maplewood High School Ambassadors gave the Board a brief update on their school academies.
- B. Noman Binkley Elementary School displayed artwork during the Board meeting.
- C. MLK Magnet High School choir performed prior to the Board meeting.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. The Board and Dr. Battle recognized Derek Rowe for receiving the Harbor Freight Award.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. TJ Williams – Ms. Williams addressed the Board concerning issues at Maplewood High School.
- B. Serdarion Bell – Ms. Bell addressed the Board concerning her experiences at Maplewood High School and asked the Board to address those concerns.
- C. Jacob Newman – Mr. Newman addressed the Board concerning his experiences at Maplewood High School and asked the Board to address those concerns.
- D. Jacqueline Nanney – Ms. Nanney addressed Board concerning her experiences at Maplewood High School and asked the Board to address those concerns.
- E. Tanara and McKenzie Tuckson – Addressed the Board concerning their experiences at Whites Creek High School.
- F. Richard Montgomery – Mr. Montgomery addressed the Board concerning his experiences at Johnson ALC. He asked the Board to address his concerns.
- G. Armando Arzate – Mr. Arzate addressed the Board concerning issues with MNPS vendor Orion Contracting and asked the Board to address his concerns.

- H. Andrew Reckard – Mr. Reckard addressed the Board concerning issues with MNPS vendor Orion Contracting. He asked the Board to assist.
- I. Tiffany Acuff – Ms. Acuff addressed the Board concerning the Passage program. She asked the Board to address the lack of communication and training of school resource officers.
- J. John Little – Mr. Little addressed the Board concerning the Director Search Criteria. He asked the Board ensure the criteria addressed the diversity of the district.
- K. Deyonna Fairbanks – Ms. Fairbanks addressed the Board concerning parental involvement in the Director of Schools search.
- L. Sonya Thomas – Ms. Thomas addressed the Board concerning the Director of School Search Criteria. She asked the Board ensure that the criteria is inclusive.
- M. Leslie Marroquin – Ms. Marroquin addressed the Board on behalf of Workers Dignity and the situation concerning Orion contracting.
- N. Jason Larkins – Mr. Larkins gave the Board an update on the manner regarding Orion contracting.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- A. 1. Consent
 - a. **Approval of Minutes – 11/12/2019 and 11/26/2019 - Regular Meetings**
 - b. **Recommended Award of Contract for Private Water Lines for New Hillwood High School – Harpeth Valley Utility District**
 - c. **Recommended Approval of Request for Purchase of Sustainability Consulting Services (Madison Wellness Center) – Smith Seckman Reid, Inc.**
 - d. **Recommended Approval of Temporary Access and Construction Easement Agreement (Fessey Park Road) – Brand Berry Hill Apartments, LLC**
 - e. **Recommended Approval of Escrow Agreement (Fessey Park Road) – City of Berry Hill & Brand Berry Hill Apartments, LLC**
 - f. **Recommended Approval of Site Acquisition of 38.9 Acres located at 5557 Mt. View Road for a new Middle School in the Cane Ridge Cluster**
 - g. **Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. **ALC Schools, LLC.**
 - 2. **Bull’s Eye Brands, Inc.**
 - 3. **CDW-Government**
 - 4. **Dell Marketing, LP**
 - 5. **Johnson Control Fire Protection, LP**
 - 6. **Language Testing International, Inc.**
 - 7. **Lightning Towing**
 - 8. **McCartney Produce**
 - 9. **Nashville Tools for Schools, Inc.**
 - 10. **Pye-Barker Fire & Safety**
 - 11. **Riddell Sports**
 - 12. **Servant Fire Protection**
 - h. **Legal Settlement Claim - C-38528 (\$15,000)**

- ~~i. Director of Schools Search Proposed Criteria~~
- ~~j. Procedures in Director of Schools Search Process~~

Freda Player-Peters pulled items i. Director of Schools Search Proposed Criteria and j. Procedures in Director of Schools Search Process from the consent agenda.

Motion to approve the consent agenda.

By Amy Frogge, seconded Jill Speering

Motion Passes

Vote: 9-0 Unanimous

Motion to amend item i. Proposed Director of School Search Criteria with the following wording: Metro Nashville Public School serves 85, 688 students representing a wide diversity. Our students are 41% Black or African-American, 26% Hispanic/Latino, 28% White, 4% Asian. Approximately 16% are English Learners (EL), 42% of our students are Economically Disadvantaged (ED) according to Direct Certification, and 13% of our students are considered to have Exception Needs. Nearly 36% of our students come from households where a language other than English is spoken as the primary language . The top languages spoken by our students and/or their households include Arabic (4%), Kurdish (1%), Somali (1%), Spanish (24%), and Burmese (0.5%).

By Freda Player-Peters, seconded Christiane Buggs

Motion Passes

Vote: 9-0 Unanimous

Motion to amend item j. Procedures in Director of School Search Process with the following wording: Metro Nashville Public School serves 85, 688 students representing a wide diversity. Our students are 41% Black or African-American, 26% Hispanic/Latino, 28% White, 4% Asian. Approximately 16% are English Learners (EL), 42% of our students are Economically Disadvantaged (ED) according to Direct Certification, and 13% of our students are considered to have Exception Needs. Nearly 36% of our students come from households where a language other than English is spoken as the primary language . The top languages spoken by our students and/or their households include Arabic (4%), Kurdish (1%), Somali (1%), Spanish (24%), and Burmese (0.5%).

By Freda Player-Peters, seconded Christiane Buggs

Motion Passes

Vote: 9-0 Unanimous

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

A. Dr. Gentry gave a brief Capital Needs committee report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Jill Speering announced that a Teaching and Learning Committee meeting will be held on January 28th at 3:00 p.m.
- B. Amy Frogge offered condolences to the family of a Hillwood High School teacher, Steve Campbell who passed away in December.
- C. Sharon Gentry requested an update on SEL at a future Board meeting.
- D. Anna Shepherd gave a brief update on the Board Retreat.

Ms. Frogge adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Anna Shepherd
Board Chair

Date