

## **METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –** October 13, 2020

**Members Present:** Christiane Buggs, chair, Freda Player-Peters, Fran Bush, Gini Pupo-Walker, Rachael Anne Elrod vice-chair, Christiane Buggs, Emily Masters, Abigail Tylor and Sharon Gentry (left at 6:00 p.m.)

**Members Absent:** Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney

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

### **CONVENE AND ACTION**

- A. Call to Order  
Christiane Buggs called the meeting to order.
- B. Pledge led by Michelle Maultsby-Springer, Chief Student Support Services
- C. Emily Masters read a brief In Memoriam in honor of Tony Dorris, former Goodlettsville Middle School coach.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- A. Christi Mayo – Ms. Mayo addressed the Board concerning MNPS parents attending student-athlete events.
- B. Felicia Lively – Ms. Lively addressed the Board concerning MNPS parents attending student-athlete events.
- C. Nicole Corey – Ms. Corey addressed the Board concerning students attending in-person school attendance.
- D. Tony Griffy – Mr. Griffy addressed the Board concerning in the overall district.
- E. Erica Perry – Ms. Perry addressed the Board concerning in-person classes.
- F. Greg Jones – Mr. Jones addressed the Board concerning in-person classes.
- G. Cassie Norton – Ms. Norton read remarks from several MNPS staff members and parents concerning COVID-19 concerns.

- H. Victoria Gain – Ms. Gain addressed the Board in support of Nashville Propel and virtual learning.
- I. Torvis Gardner - Mr. Gardner addressed the Board in support of Nashville Propel and student learning.
- J. Shonka Dukureh – Ms. Dukureh addressed the Board in support of Nashville Propel and asked that every student have access to high speed internet.
- K. Sonya Thomas – Ms. Thomas addressed the Board in support of Nashville Propel, students having access to internet access and learning loss within the district.
- L. Andrew Reckard – Mr. Reckard addressed about COVID-19 guidelines within the district.
- M. Amanda Kail – Ms. Kail addressed the Board concerning COVID-19 guidelines within the district.
- N. Susan Norwood – Ms. Norwood addressed the Board concerning how COVID-19 is affecting herself and others teacher within the district.
- O. Cecilia Prado – Ms. Prado addressed the Board concerning Wage Theft.
- P. Armando Arzate – Mr. Arzate addressed the Board concerning Wage Theft.
- Q. Kelly Ann Graff – Ms. Graff read a letter to the Board from a MNPS teacher concerning COVID-19 guidelines and in person learning.
- R. Melveshia Dotson – Ms. Dotson read a letter to the Board from a MNPS teacher concerning COVID-19 guidelines and in person learning.
- S. Todd Cassetty – Mr. Cassetty addressed the Board concerning COVID-19 student safety and learning.
- T. Jasmine Lively – Ms. Lively addressed the Board how COVID-19 is affecting high school students.
- U. Daniel Bush – Mr. Bush addressed the Board how COVID-19 is affecting high school students.
- V. DeWayne Bush – Mr. Bush addressed the Board concerning COVID-19 guidelines and in-person school attendance.
- W. Bill Elder – Mr. Elder addressed the Board to reconsider high school students starting in-person classes in January.

- X. Hope Hall – Ms. Hall read a letter to the Board from a MNPS teacher concerning COVID-19 guidelines and in person learning.
- Y. Matt Malkus – Mr. Malkus addressed the Board concerning COVID-19 and in-person student learning.
- Z. Keeli Price – Ms. Price read a letter to the Board from a MNPS teacher concerning COVID-19 guidelines and in person learning.
- AA. Chirie Sumanasekera – Ms. Sumanasekera read a letter to the Board from a MNPS teacher concerning COVID-19 guidelines and in person learning.

### **GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

- A. 1. Consent
  - a. **Approval of Minutes - 08/11/2020 – Meeting**
  - b. **Recommended Approval of Request #1 for Large Scope Projects at Various Schools (Cane Ridge High School) – Carter Group**
  - c. **Recommended Approval of Request #2 for Large Scope Projects at Various Schools (Administrative Building Business Office) – Carter**
  - d. **Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
    - 1. **Tennessee Department of Human Services**
    - 2. **TESOL International Association**
  - e. **Board Policy 6.304 Student Discrimination, Harassment, Bullying, Cyber-bullying, and Intimidation**

**Motion to approve consent agenda**

**By Freda Player-Peters, seconded Rachael Anne Elrod  
Motion Passes**

**Vote: 7-2**

## 2. Chartering Oversight

**Motion to approve KIPP Collegiate High as a MNPS school.**

**By Fran Bush, seconded Freda Player-Peters**

**Motion Fails**

**Vote: Christiane Buggs, Fran Bush, Freda Player-Peters and Gini Pupo-Walker (yes)**

**Emily Masters and Abigail Tylor (No)**

### **BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT**

- A. Director's Remarks – Dr. Battle gave a brief report.
- B. Christiane Buggs gave a brief chair report that include Board Committee Assignments and a Board Retreat update.

### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

- A. Gini Pupo-Walker gave a brief Governance Committee Report.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

- A. Gini Pupo-Walker announced that the Board would bring Student Board Members back to the Board.
- B. Rachael Anne Elrod announced that a virtual scavenger hunt for the John Overton community.
- C. Freda Player-Peters announced that Flu Shot schedule for MNPS employees.
- D. Emily Masters congratulated Gini Pupo-Walker for receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award by Nashville Public Education Foundation.

**Ms. Buggs adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.**



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Chris M. Henson  
Board Secretary

Christiane Buggs  
Board Chair

Date