

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –
January 26, 2021 *This meeting was held virtually in accordance with Governor Bill Lee’s Executive Order #16 that allows Local Governments to hold public meeting electronically to the COVID-19 health crisis.*

Members Present: Christiane Buggs, chair, Freda Player-Peters, Fran Bush, Gini Pupo-Walker, Rachael Anne Elrod vice-chair, Christiane Buggs, Emily Masters, Abigail Tylor, John Little and Sharon Gentry

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

CONVENE AND ACTION

- A. Call to Order
Christiane Buggs called the meeting to order.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- A. 1. Consent
- a. Approval of Minutes – 10/27/2020 - Meeting
 - b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts
 - 1. Apple, Inc.
 - 2. Carter Group, LLC
 - 3. Case Restoration Company
 - 4. Council of the Great City Schools (CGCS)
 - 5. Envirowerks, LLC
 - 6. IDSC Holdings, LLC dba Snap-on Industrial, a Division of IDSC Holdings LLC
 - 7. IGAEB, LLC
 - 8. Jarrett Builders, Inc. (2 Contract Amendments)
 - 9. Jason Carter Backhoe (2 Contract Amendments)
 - 10. Johnson Control Fire Protection LP
 - 11. Levy Industrial Contractors, Inc.
 - 12. Meharry Medical College
 - ~~13. Orion Building Corporation (2 Contracts)~~

14. Personal Computer Systems, Inc. (2 Purchases)
 15. Pollock Printing Company, Inc.
 16. Richland Industries, LLC
 17. SSDC Services Corporation
 18. Walker Building Group, LLC
- c. Capital Improvement Budget – Recommended Approval Capital Needs Committee

Emily Masters pulled A-1-b-(13) Orion Building Corporation (2 Contracts)

Motion to approve consent agenda
By Sharon Gentry, seconded Abigail Tylor
Motion Passes
Vote: 9-0

Motion to deny A-1-b-(13) Orion Building Corporation (2 Contracts)
By Emily Masters, seconded Abigail Tylor
Motion Fails
Vote: 5 (no) – 2 (yes – Abigail Tylor and Emily Masters) – 2 (abstain – John Little and Fran Bush)

Motion to approve A-1-b-(13) Orion Building Corporation (2 Contracts)
By Sharon Gentry, seconded Gini Pupo-Walker
Motion Passes
Vote: 5 – 4 (abstain – John Little, Fran Bush, Emily Masters, Abigail Tylor)

2. Resolution Regarding Teacher Evaluations for the 2020-2021 Academic Year

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools Board of Education is elected by the people of Davidson County to govern the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools; and T.C.A. §49-2-203 authorizes local boards of education to govern their respective districts; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools Board of Education acknowledges that in the 2020-2021 school year teachers face unprecedented challenges in their professional duties due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has altered every aspect of teaching, requiring each educator to deal with unique situations and experiences in the performance of their duty, from virtual to in-person instruction, address the academic and emotional needs of students, and cope with health concerns caused by the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, such variances of instruction and professional conditions makes it impossible to implement consistent and equitable evaluation of teachers in the 2020-2021 school year; and

WHEREAS, given on April 2, 2020, Governor Bill Lee signed Public Chapter 652 which suspends aspects of teacher evaluation and allowed the State Board of Education to promulgate necessary rules to address issues created by COVID-19 in the 2019-2020 school year. In doing so, the State established a precedent for suspending teacher evaluations as the pandemic situation warrants;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the **METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION** hereby urge the State of Tennessee to suspend all state-required teacher evaluations for school year 2020-2021 as an important step in the fair treatment of educators, allowing them to focus instead on student safety, health protocols, remediation, and recouping lost instruction time from the prior school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that approval of this resolution in no way diminishes the importance of the Board's vision, goals, or objectives related to the performance and professionalism of the educators of Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools, nor does it diminish the Board's expectation for high academic standards, accountability measures, or student assessments to inform effective instruction.

**Motion to approve Resolution Regarding Teacher Evaluations for the 2020-2021 Academic Year
By Abigail Tylor, seconded Freda Player-Peters
Motion Passes
Vote: 9-0**

3. Charter School Renewals:

**Motion to approve the renewal of Cameron College Prep's charter.
By Freda Player-Peter, seconded John Little
Motion Passes
Vote: 6-3 (Abigail Tylor, Emily Masters, Rachael Anne Elrod**

Motion to approve the renewal of East End Prep's charter.

By Christiane Buggs, seconded Gini Pupo-Walker

Motion Passes

Vote: 6-3 (Abigail Tylor, Emily Masters, Rachael Anne Elrod.

Motion to approve the renewal of STEM Prep's charter.

By Gini Pupo-Walker, seconded Christiane Buggs

Motion Passes

Vote: 6-3 (Abigail Tylor, Emily Masters, Rachael Anne Elrod.

Motion to approve the renewal of Nashville Collegiate Prep's charter.

By Christiane Buggs, seconded Freda Player-Peters

Motion Passes

Vote: 6-3 (Abigail Tylor, Emily Masters, Rachael Anne Elrod.

Motion to approve the renewal of Liberty Collegiate/Republic High Schools charter.

By John Little, seconded Freda Player-Peters

Motion Passes

Vote: 6-3 (Abigail Tylor, Emily Masters, Rachael Anne Elrod.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Our Students – Dr. Battle and staff gave a report.
- B. Reopening of Metro Nashville Public Schools, Learning Loss amongst our IEP, Special Education and Traditional Students – Administration and staff answered Fran Bush's questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Sharon Gentry announced that 24 students from Whites Creek High School have already received credit from the MNPS partnership with Whites Creek High School.
- B. Emily Masters read a "Thank You" letter for teachers.
- C. John Little announced that he would be attending a PTA meeting at Stanford Montessori School on Feb. 4th.
- D. Freda Player Peters announced Croft Middle School would be holding Open Houses on Jan. 28 and Feb. 4. She congratulated Glenclyff Elementary for the receiving America's Entrepreneurial School destination. She also announced The School at Vanderbilt Math and Science is accepting 8th grader applicants.
- E. Gini Pupo-Walker thanked the EL Office for offering virtual resources for MNOS parents.
- F. Abigail Tylor announced that Bellevue Middle School is hosting a 5th grade Open House on Jan. 28.
- G. Rachael Anne Elrod announced that Cole Elementary has an important parent meeting on Jan 28.
- H. Christiane Buggs congratulated the Principal of Year Matthew Portell, from Fall Hamilton Elementary School. She announced the Board Retreat would be held Feb. 5.

Ms. Buggs adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Christiane Buggs
Board Chair

Date