

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –
February 23, 2021

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

Members Absent: Rachael Anne Elrod vice-chair

Meeting called to order: 5:03 p.m.

CONVENE AND ACTION

- A. Call to Order
Christiane Buggs called the meeting to order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance led by David Sevier, Director of Board Policy.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- A. 1. Consent
 - a. Approval of Minutes – 01/26/21 - Meeting
 - b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts
 - 1. Ahead, Inc.
 - 2. Allied Electric Motor Co.
 - 3. Apple, Inc.
 - 4. Franklin Covey Client Sales, Inc.
 - 5. McGrath Rent Corp dba Mobile Modular Management
 - 6. ~~Millsaps Gowan Government Relations~~
 - 7. ~~Nashville Teacher Residency~~
 - 8. Nearpod, Inc.
 - 9. TNTP, Inc.
 - 10. Vanderbilt University Medical Center
 - c. Special Course Adoptions

Freda Player-Peters pulled Item A-1-b-(6) Millsaps
Gowan Government Relations

Emily Masters pulled Item A-1-b-(7) Nashville
Teacher Residency

**Motion to approve consent agenda
By Sharon Gentry, seconded Gini Pupo-Walker
Motion Passes
Vote: 8-0**

**Motion to approve A-1-b-(6) Millsaps Gowan
Government Relations
By Freda Player-Peters, seconded John Little
Motion Passes
Vote: 8-0**

**Motion to approve A-1-b-(7) Nashville Teacher
Residency
By Gini Pupo-Walker, seconded Freda Player-Peters
Motion Passes
Vote: 8-0**

2. A Proclamation, Recognizing the Importance of Arts

WHEREAS, all students have the right to an arts education that includes dance, media arts, music, theatre, and visual arts taught by certified arts educators, in partnership with community providers; and

WHEREAS, arts education has the power to change students' lives; and

WHEREAS, arts education is a key to re-igniting students' learning in a post-COVID-19 world; and

WHEREAS, arts education helps nurture healthy, inclusive communities where all points of view are respected; and

WHEREAS, arts education experiences help students understand their own cultural roots and appreciate others' cultural roots and traditions; and

WHEREAS; arts education supports the social and emotional well-being of students and fosters a more positive, safer school environment.

WHEREAS; arts education is part of the well-rounded education for every student as outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act and in state law.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, the METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION recognize the importance of ARTS EDUCATION, and pledge to our intent to maintain and grow our arts education programs in the 2021-22 school year and beyond.

Motion to approve A Proclamation, Recognizing the Importance of Arts Education

By Abigail Tylor, seconded Christiane Buggs

Motion Passes

Vote: 8-0

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Dr. Battle and staff presented a Director's Report on Core Tenet: Empower and Equip Leaders at All Levels, Signature Initiative: Leadership Framework and Focused Outcomes: Academics, SEL, Transitions

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Abigail Tylor asked the community to contact their State Senator to rally support around SB 1358 bonus pay for school district employees. She asked the community to contact their Metro Council representative to rally support of the approval of the Mayor's Capital Needs Budget for MNPS.
- B. Emily Masters announced that PENCIL is looking for a donated facility to open a satellite LP PENCIL Box location on Southeast Nashville. She announced that a meeting was held February 18th to discuss the new Goodlettsville Elementary School.
- C. Freda Player-Peters announced that a Budget Committee meeting will be held on March 9th.
- D. John Little announced that the Pre-K Application process open on March 1st and Optional School selections will occur on March 8th. He also announced that he would be reading to Robert Churchwell Elementary for Read Me Week.
- E. Gini Pupo-Walker congratulated Janelle Yancy, Hillsboro High School Teacher of the Year. She also that she would be reading at Waverly-Belmont during Read Me Week.
- F. Sharon Gentry congratulated Crystal Hicks, Robert Churchwell Elementary Teacher of the Year. She announced a MNPS Facility Use Meeting would be held prior to the next Board Meeting.
- G. Christiane Buggs announced the Metro Council and Board would hold a joint meeting on March 4th. She also that TN Day on the Hill is March 5th. She also congratulated Warner Elementary for being recognized as Beacon School from Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence.

Ms. Buggs adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Christiane Buggs
Board Chair

Date