

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –
March 9, 2021

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

Members Absent: Sharon Gentry and John Little

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

CONVENE AND ACTION

- A. Call to Order
Christiane Buggs called the meeting to order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by a MNPS Parent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Natalie Morosi – Ms. Morosi addressed the Board concerning the upcoming charter application a Aventura Community School.
- B. Lagra Newman– Ms. Newman addressed the Board concerning her support of Purpose Prep adding fifth grade to their school.
- C. Domonique Townsend – Ms. Townsend addressed the Board concerning her support of Purpose Prep adding fifth grade to their school.
- D. Trudy Campbell – Ms. Campbell addressed the Board concerning her support of Purpose Prep adding fifth grade to their school.
- E. Jeremy Williams – Mr. Williams addressed the Board concerning his support of Purpose Prep adding fifth grade to their school.
- F. Andrew Becker – Mr. Becker addressed the Board concerning teachers utilizing Sick Days for COVID vaccinations.
- G. Sonya Thomas – Ms. Thomas addressed the Board concerning her support of Purpose Prep adding fifth grade to their school.

Discussion concerning Public Participation: Ms. Tylor asked Dr. Battle for guidance on whether teachers could use Sick Days for COVID vaccinations. Dr. Bellamy and Dr. Barnes addressed the Board and explained the process.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- A. 1. Consent
 - a. **Approval of Minutes – February 9, 2021**
 - b. **Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. **Cummins, Inc.**
 - 2. **K12 Insight LLC**
 - 3. **Miracle Recreation Equipment Company, Inc.**
 - 4. **Personal Computer Systems, Inc.**
 - 5. **Sertifi, Inc.**
 - 6. **Unico Technology**
 - c. **Legal Settlement Claim (\$13,750)**

Motion to approve consent agenda

By Freda Player-Peters, seconded Gini Pupo-Walker

Motion Passes

Vote: 7-0

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Director's Report – Dr. Battle gave a overall district update. Dr. Bellamy and staff gave a report on Literacy ReimaginED. There was also additional discussion around teachers using sick days for COVID vaccinations and the Meharry Contract.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Ms. Tylor gave a brief Teaching and Learning Committee.
- B. Ms. Freda Player-Peters gave a brief Budget Committee meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- A. Gini Pupo-Walker announced that she read at Waverly Belmont for Read Me Week.
- B. Rachael Anne Elrod announced the following Metro Council and Board of Education joint meeting will be held March 11th at 5:00 p.m. to discuss Social and Emotional Learning.
- C. Ms. Tylor thanked the Metro Council for passing the Mayor's Capital Needs Budget.
- D. Christiane Buggs thanked the MSAP team for their support of MNPS. She announced that the Board Retreat will be held in the coming weeks.

Ms. Buggs adjourned the meeting at 6:32 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Christiane Buggs
Board Chair

Date