

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – April 13, 2021

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

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

CONVENE AND ACTION

- A. Ms. Buggs asked for a Moment of Silence in regard to the unfortunate events that recently occurred through the nation.
- B. Call to Order
Christiane Buggs called the meeting to order.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by a MNPS Parent.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Elizabeth Hines - Ms. Hines addressed the Board concerning the Parent Advisory Council.
- B. Lindsey Lieck – Ms. Lieck addressed the Board concerning support of LGBTQ students.
- C. Honey Hereth – Ms. Hereth addressed the concerning support
- D. Dawn Johnson - Ms. Johnson addressed the Board concerning the Parent Adviosry Council.
- E. Lisa Kimbrough – Ms. Kimbrough addressed the Board concerning support of LGBTQ students.
- F. Amanda Kail – Ms. Kail addressed the Board concerning the budget and employee step raises.
- G. LeLann Evans – Mr. Evans addressed the Board concerning making Civic and Political Education a priority within the district.
- H. Sabina Mohyuddin – Ms. Mohyuddin addressed the Board concerning the need for mental and social needs assistant for MNPS students.
- I. Mae Christiansen – Ms. Christiansen addressed the Board concerning support of LGBTQ students.
- J. Cassie Norton – Ms. Norton addressed the Board concerning support of LGBTQ students.

- K. Laura Leonard – Ms. Leonard thanked the Board for supporting teacher salaries and asked the Board to continue working towards correcting the teacher salary scale.
- L. Janet Smith – Ms. Smith addressed the Board concerning funding teacher pay.
- M. Kelly Ann Graff - Ms. Graff addressed the Board concerning support of LGBTQ students.
- N. Zoe Butler – Ms. Butler addressed the Board concerning support of LGBTQ students.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- A. 1. Consent
 - a. **Approval of Minutes - 03/09/2021 - Meeting**
 - b. **Recommended Approval of Supplement #5 for New Hillwood High School – Hastings Architectural Associates, LLC**
 - c. **Recommended Approval of Change Order #3 for New Hillwood High School - Messer Construction Company**
 - d. **Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. **Apple, Inc.**
 - 2. **CDW-G (3 purchases)**
 - 3. **Invo Healthcare Associates LLC**
 - 4. **M & P Services**
 - 5. **Meharry Medical College**
 - 6. **Milrose Ventures, Inc. dba Southern Kitchen Services, Inc.**
 - 7. **Nasco**
 - 8. **Nashville Neuropsychology & Family Services**
 - 9. **Orcutt Winslow**
 - 10. **Personal Computer Systems**
 - 11. **Sellers Behavioral Consulting LLC**
 - e. **Name of School Change, Early College High School – Recommended from Naming of Schools Committee**

**Motion to approve consent agenda
By Sharon Gentry, seconded Freda Player-Peters
Motion Passes
Vote: 9-0**

2. A Resolution Regarding the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget For Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

**WHEREAS, the Director of Schools is charged with creating a budget for the effective and efficient operation of schools; and
WHEREAS, that budget is aligned to the priorities articulated by the Board of Education; and
WHEREAS, that proposed budget is presented to the Mayor for consideration and inclusion in the overall budget of Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County; and
WHEREAS, the Council considers the budget proposed by the Mayor and appropriates resources to fund the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education annually approves the budget for the operation of schools.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION supports and accepts the 2021-2022 Focused Investments presented by the Director of Schools and the recommendation of the budget priorities for the 2022 Fiscal Year.
FURTHERMORE, the METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION recognizes the crucial need to fully fund continuity of operations to maintain the same level of education services to our students as the baseline budget for the current year.**

**Motion to approve consent agenda
By Freda Player-Peters, seconded Christiane Buggs
Motion Passes
Vote: 9-0**

3. Recommended Approval of Nutrition Services Fund Budget

Motion to approve consent agenda

By Freda Player-Peters, seconded Rachael Anne Elrod

Motion Passes

Vote: 9-0

4. Recommended Approval of Federal Programs and Grants Fund Budget

Motion to approve consent agenda

By Freda Player-Peters, seconded John Little

Motion Passes

Vote: 9-0

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Director's Report – Dr. Battle and Mr. Hughes present a report on Signature Initiatives.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Christiane Buggs gave a brief report on the Board Retreat.
- B. Freda Player-Peters gave a brief Budget Committee update.
- C. Emily Masters gave a brief Advocacy Committee update.
- D. Sharon Gentry gave a brief update on the Director's Evaluation committee.

ANNOUNCEMENT

- A. Gini Pupo-Walker announced that the Board is recruiting a student board member.
- B. Sharon Gentry congratulated Robert Churchwell and Whites Creek High School for the great work going on within their schools.
- C. John Little announced that the McGavock Coalition has started a scholarship in honor of deceased former Board Chair, Anna Shepherd. He also announced that he would bring a resolution concerning Purpose Prep at a future Board Meeting.
- D. Abigail Tylor offered condolences to the family Jenny Tigers, a MNPS teacher.

- E. Rachael Anne Elrod announced the upcoming Pencil Popup locations and dates.
- F. Christiane Buggs announced that East High School is working to add an International Baccalaureate program to the school.

Ms. Buggs adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Christiane Buggs
Board Chair

Date