

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – May 11, 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. Call to Order
Christiane Buggs called the meeting to order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Mr. Walker, Parent Advisory Council Vice-Chair.

AWARDS OF RECOGNITIONS

- A. The Academies of Nashville 2020-2021 Students of the Year – Dr. Battle and the Board recognized The Academies of Nashville 2020-2021 Students of the Year.
- B. 2020-2021 Valedictorians and Salutatorians – Dr. Battle and the Board recognized the 2020-2021 Valedictorians and Salutatorians

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Maddie McCowan - Ms. McCowan addressed the Board concerning 5th grade returning to elementary in District 8 and district-wide COVID guidelines.
- B. Diana Holland – Ms. Holland addressed the Board concerning support of the Aventura School Charter application.
- C. Sarah and Mya Gama-Hernandez – Both addressed the Board concerning the importance of teaching Spanish and English (bilingualism) within the district.
- D. Michael Morosi - Mr. Morosi addressed the Board concerning the Support of the Aventura School Charter application.
- E. Leslie Mitchell – Mr. Mitchell addressed the Board concerning the MNPS Security Department.

- F. James Spencer – Mr. Spencer addressed the Board concerning the MNPS Security Department.
- G. Lisa Ramey – Ms. Ramey addressed the Board concerning the MNPS Security Department.
- H. Chad Cherry – Mr. Cherry addressed the Board concerning the MNPS Security Department.
- I. Jonathan Hathaway – Mr. Hathaway addressed the Board concerning the MNPS Security Department.
- J. Elizabeth Hines – Ms. Hines addressed the Board concerning the Parent Advisory Council.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- A. 1. Consent
 - a. **Approval of Minutes – 04.13.21 – Minutes**
 - b. **Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. **Allovue, Inc. (2 contracts)**
 - 2. **Apple, Inc.**
 - ~~3. **Backfield in Motion**~~
 - 4. **Belmont University**
 - 5. **Big Brothers Big Sisters of Middle Tennessee**
 - ~~6. **Boys and Girls Clubs of Middle Tennessee**~~
 - 7. **Communities In Schools of Tennessee**
 - ~~8. **Fathom PBC**~~
 - 9. **Great Minds BPC (2 contracts)**
 - 10. **Illuminate Education, Inc.**
 - 11. **Kendall Hunt Publishing**
 - 12. **Kognity USA, Inc.**
 - 13. **Lipscomb University (2 contracts)**
 - 14. **Nashville Teacher Residency**
 - 15. **Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA)**
 - 16. **Pel Industries, Inc.**
 - ~~17. **Persist Nashville, Inc.**~~
 - 18. **Products to Help People Company (PHP Locker Company)**

- ~~19. Relay Graduate School of Education~~
- 20. S.M. Lawrence Company, Inc.
- 21. Securitas Security Services USA, Inc.
- 22. Sims Strategic Diversity Consultants
- 23. Tennessee Higher Education Commission
- 24. Textbook Warehouse
- ~~25. Turnip Green Creative Reuse~~
- 26. Vanderbilt University
- ~~27. YMCA of Middle Tennessee~~

Motion to approve consent agenda

By Christiane Buggs, seconded Freda Player-Peters

Motion Passes

Vote: 9-0

Motion to approve Items A-1-b-3. Backfield in Motion, 6. Boys and Girls Clubs of Middle, 27. YMCA of Middle Tennessee

By Christiane Buggs, seconded Freda Player-Peters

Motion Passes

Vote: 7-1 (John Little out of the room and Bush -no)

Motion to deny Item A-1-b-19. Relay Graduate School of Education

By Emily Masters, seconded Abigail Tylor

Motion Fails

Vote: 2-7 (Tylor and Masters)

Motion to deny Item A-1-b-19. Relay Graduate School of Education

By Sharon Gentry, seconded Gini Pupo-Walker

Motion Passes

Vote: 7-2 (Tylor, Masters and abstained Bush)

Motion to approve Item A-1-b-25. Turnip Green Creative Reuse

By Sharon Gentry, seconded Freda Player-Peters

Motion Passes

Vote: 8-1 (Buggs - abstain)

**Motion to approve Item A-1-b-8. Fathom PBC and 17.
Persist Nashville, Inc.
By Sharon Gentry, seconded John Little
Motion Passes
Vote: 8-0 (John Little out of the room)**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Director's Report – Dr. Battle, Dr. Chingas and staff presented a report on Personalized Student Dashboards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Emily Masters gave a brief Insurance Trust and Parent Advisory Council update.
- B. Sharon Gentry asked that the Board develop a self-assessment.
- C. Freda Player-Peters announced that Metro Council Budget Hearing will be held May 26, 2021.
- D. Sharon Gentry requested a Governance Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION

- A. MNPS Security – The Board held a conversation around concerns within the MNPS Security Department.

Motion to move the MNPS Security Discussion to an agenda for further discussion during the Board Retreat on May 21, 2021.

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

Vote: 7-1 (Sharon Gentry not present, Bush – no)

Motion to table the MNPS Security Discussion.

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

Vote: 6-2 (John Little and Bush – abstain)

ANNOUNCEMENT

- A. Gini Pupo-Walker announced that Hillsboro High School Lacrosse State is headed to compete in the state championships.
- B. Fran Bush gave notice that she would be bringing a motion concerning the MNPS security department at the next meeting.
- C. John Little announced that McGavock High School would hold a Fine Arts concert on May 13th at 6:30 p.m. He also announced he would hold a Coffee and Conversation session on May 29th in District 4.
- D. Rachael Anne Elrod announced that Overton High Schools girls soccer team won the TSSAA Scholastic Achievement Award.
- E. Freda Player-Peters announced that she toured Glenclyff High School and spoke to an English Class about her role as a Board Member. She also thanked Mayor Cooper for their support of MNPS with the budget.
- F. Emily Masters announced she spoke to the Inglewood Neighborhood Association about MNPS.
- G. Abigail Tylor Christiane Buggs announced that the Groundbreaking for the new Bellevue High School would be held on May 12th.

Ms. Buggs adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.



Chris M. Henson

Board Secretary

Christiane Buggs

Board Chair

Date