

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –
September 14, 2021

Members Present: Christiane Buggs, chair, Gini Pupo-Walker, Rachael Anne Elrod, vice-chair, Emily Masters, Abigail Tylor, Freda Player-Peters, Sharon Gentry, John Little and Fran Bush (arrived at 5:30 p.m.)

Student members: Abenezer Haile and Angelie Quimbo

Members Absent: Sharon Gentry

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 Student Board Members.
- C. Board Elections –

Motion to nominate Christiane Buggs to serve as Board Chair for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

By Gini Pupo-Walker, seconded Freda Player-Peters

Vote: 7-0

Motion to nominate Rachael Anne Elrod to serve as Board Vice-Chair for the 2021 – 2022 school year.

By Freda Player – Peters, seconded Gini Pupo-Walker

Vote: 7-0

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized Natalie Boyd for the Receiving the Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.
- B. Tennessee Teacher of the Year Regional Winner – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized Lorraine England for being Tennessee Teacher of the Year Regional Winner.
- C. CAMPS Nashville Foundation and Aria Music Class Piano Studio Award – Dr. Battle received an award of recognition from CAMPS Nashville Foundation and Aria Music Class Piano Studio.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Fanny Sung Whelan- She addressed the Board concerning their leadership and thanked the Board for their service.
- B. Kelli Phillips – She addressed the Board concerning COVID-19.
- C. Marthia Sides– She addressed the Board concerning COVID-19 and online learning.
- D. Linda Robinson - She addressed the Board concerning racial equity.
- E. Dwanda Wade - She addressed the Board concerning racial equity.
- F. Pat McDonald – She addressed the Board concerning racial equity.
- G. Paula Pendergrass - She addressed the Board concerning the MNPS gifted talented program.
- H. Troy Merritt - He addressed the Board concerning racial equity.
- I. Lorraine Stallworth– She addressed the Board concerning racial equity.
- J. Billye Sanders – She addressed the Board concerning racial equity.
- K. Dr. Bethany Riddle-Johnson – She addressed the Board concerning Racial equity.
- L. Lynn Hoyt - She addressed the Board concerning racial equity.
- M. Dr. Elizabeth Seth - She addressed the Board concerning COVID-19.
- N. Elizabeth Hines – She addressed the Board concerning the Parent Advisory Council.
- O. Susanne Thoen - She addressed the Board concerning MNPS curriculum.

- P. Kosar Kosar– He addressed the Board concerning security and safety with MNPS.
- U. Colleen Davis– She addressed the Board concerning Wit and Wisdom.
- V. Carolyn Lutz- She addressed the Board concerning COVID-19.
- W. Cindy Goddard– She addressed the Board concerning literature with the district.
- X. Jennifer Conder– She addressed the Board concerning Wit and Wisdom curriculum.
- Y. Amity Marsh– She addressed the Board concerning Wit and Wisdom curriculum.
- Z. Michelle Whidby – She addressed the Board concerning COVID-19.
- AA. Dwight Witherow– He addressed the Board concerning COVID-19.
- BB. Karen Sun– She addressed the Board concerning House Bill 580.
- CC. Marcus Frotter-Lockett– She addressed the Board concerning Student Resource Officers.
- DD. James Franklin Spencer III – He addressed the Board concerning the MNPS Security Department.
- EE. Councilwoman Tonya Hancock– She addressed the Board concerning COVID-19 and MNPS leadership for their service.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A. 1. Consent

a. Approval of Minutes - 08/10/2021 - Minutes

b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts

- 1. Barnes & Noble Booksellers**
- 2. Catapult Learning, LLC**
- 3. CDW Government, LLC (CDW-G)**
- 4. International Food Solutions, Inc., dba Asian Food Solutions**
- 5. McCloskey Mechanical Contractors, Inc.**
- 6. Project Wealth 500, LLC**
- 7. R&R Enterprises dba R&R Vending**
- 8. Schoology, Inc. now PowerSchool Group, LLC**
- 9. Southern Word, Inc. (aka Youth Speaks Nashville)**
- 10. Synchronous Health, Inc.**

- 11. The Tennessee Credit Union**
- 12. United Testing & Balancing, Inc.**
- 13. University of Washington Center for Educational Leadership**
- 14. Vanderbilt University**
- 15. Varsity Brands Holdings Co., Inc dba BSN Sports**

~~**c. ESSER Plan and Related Documents**~~

Abigail Tylor pulled Item A-1-c- ESSER Plan and Related Documents

**Motion to approve the consent agenda with changes.
By Freda Player-Peters, seconded Rachael Anne Elrod
Motion Passes**

Vote: 8-0

Motion to approve Item A-1-c- ESSER Plan and Related Documents

By Freda Player-Peters, seconded Gini Pupo-Walker

Vote: 8-0

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Director's Report – Dr. Battle and staff presented the Director's Report.

BOARD DISCUSSION

- A. MNPS Security – Board Policy 5.501 Complaints and Grievances – The Board held a discussion around the topic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Gini Pupo-Walker congratulated Glendale Elementary on their Reward Schools status.
- B. John Little announced that the Rosebank Elementary will be celebrating being a PTO school of excellence on September 21st and that he is hosting a virtual community meeting on September 25th.

- C. Rachael Anne Elrod congratulated Haywood Elementary and John Overton High School on their Reward School status.
- D. Freda Player-Peters offered condolences to the family of Jermaine Norman, a MNPS bus driver. She also congratulated Glenclyff High School on their Reward Schools status.
- E. Emily Masters announced that Hunters Lane High School is looking for parents to join the Parent Advisory Council.
- F. Abigail Tylor announced that MNPS Permission form were due and encouraged parents to ensure each student submits a form.
- G. Abenezer Haile announced that the Mayor's Youth Summit would be held on November 3rd.
- H. Christiane Buggs announced that the October 12th Board Meeting would be canceled due to Fall Break.

Ms. Buggs adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Christiane Buggs
Board Chair

Date