

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –
September 28, 2021

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

Student members: Abenezer Haile and Angelie Quimbo

Members Absent: Fran Bush and 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 Ms. Akers, Principal of Rosebank Elementary

AWARDS AND RECONGNITIONS

- A. Service Award - Robert Fisher – The Board and Dr. Battle presented Chancellor Fisher with an Award of Service.
- B. 2021 National Blue-Ribbon Award - Meigs Middle School – The Board and Dr. Battle recognized Meigs Middle School as a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Vanderbilt University MNPS Research Practice Partnership – Dr. Battle and staff presented to the Board.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A. 1. Consent

- a. Approval of Minutes - 08/24/2021 – Minutes**
- b. Recommended Approval of Supplement #7 for New Hillwood High School – Hastings Architecture, LLC**
- c. Recommended Approval of Change Order #4 for Hillsboro High School Additions and Renovations – American Constructors, Inc.**
- d. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. 808Education LLC**
 - 2. A-Z Office Resource, Inc.**
 - 3. Education Resource Strategies, Inc.**
 - 4. Four Seasons, Inc.**
 - 5. ~~In Class Today, Inc.~~**
 - 6. Nexstar Broadcasting dba WKRN**
 - 7. Personal Computer Systems, Inc.**
 - 8. Public Consulting Group**
- e. Legal Settlement Claim #C-41318 (\$27,572.77)**
- f. Legal Settlement Claim #C-41336 (\$28,160)**
- g. Legal Settlement Claim #L-16066 (\$117,000)**

Abigail Tylor pulled Item A-1-d-5 – In Class Today, Inc.

**Motion to approve the consent agenda with changes.
By Gini Pupo-Walker, seconded John Little
Motion Passes
Vote: 7-0**

**Motion to approve Item A-1-d-5 – In Class Today, Inc.
By Abigail Tylor, seconded John Little
Motion Passes
Vote: 7-0**

2. A Resolution Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, from September 15, 2021, through October 15, 2021, the United States celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month; and WHEREAS, National Hispanic Heritage Month was first observed in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson and enacted into law in 1988 as an annual proclamation, starting September 15th; and WHEREAS, this law celebrated Hispanic Americans, the anniversaries of independence for the Latin American countries of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; while Mexico and Chile celebrate September 16th and 18th, respectively; and WHEREAS, the 2020 Census estimates the Latino population living in Davidson County at over 98,000, making Latinos 14% percent of the total population of the of our city, an increase of 65% over the past decade and the fastest growing racial or ethnic group in the city, as well as the country; and WHEREAS, currently, there are more than 25,000 Latino students in Metro Nashville Public Schools, which represents over 30 percent of our student enrollment; or more than 1 in 3 public school students in our district; hailing from 25 countries in South and Central America, the Caribbean, and the United States; and WHEREAS; there are approximately 300 Latino teachers and staff in Metro Nashville Public Schools, comprising nearly 3% of our employees, and who contribute daily to the accomplishments and education of our youth. WHEREAS; the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Education believes that each and every student must be known, and that we celebrate and build upon the strengths and knowledge that Hispanic students and staff bring with them to school, including cultural perspectives, lived experiences, practices, and languages; and WHEREAS, throughout history and into current day, Hispanics have made significant contributions in fields such as education, government, science, law, medicine, entertainment, literature, sports, and the military, thereby enhancing and shaping the vibrancy of the United States with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their communities; and WHEREAS, Latinos harbor a deep commitment to family and community, and a perseverance to succeed and

contribute to the betterment of our city and our community; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION recognize the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month and this year's national theme, "Esperanza: A Celebration of Hispanic Heritage and Hope." FURTHERMORE, hold in esteem the integral role of Hispanics and the heritage of Hispanics in the culture and identity of our city and schools. FURTHERMORE, urge our staff and schools to observe Hispanic Heritage Month with appropriate programs and activities that celebrate the contributions of Hispanics to the United States.

**Motion to approve A Resolution Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month
By Gini Pupo-Walker, seconded Freda Player-Peters
Motion Passes
Vote: 7-0**

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Rachael Anne Elrod gave a brief Naming of Schools Committee report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Gini Pupo-Walker offered condolences to the family of student Ganiah Birdsong.
- B. John Little thanked the PAC for their participation and help within the district. Freda Players-Peters and Emily Masters also thanked the PAC for their district support and involvement.
- C. Abigail Tylor announced the activities of the Hillwood High School Alumni weekend which will start October 1st.
- D. Angelie Quimbo encouraged students to submit their college applications before the deadlines.
- E. Christiane Buggs announced that the October 12th Board Meeting will be canceled due to Fall Break.

WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

A. Sales Tax Collections as of September 20, 2021

Ms. Buggs adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Christiane Buggs
Board Chair

Date