

METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –

November 9, 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, Sharon Gentry and Fran Bush

Student members: Abenezer Haile and Angelie Quimbo

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 Chief of Human Resources, Melissa Roberge.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- A. AA Volleyball State Championship – The Board and Dr. Battle congratulated Hume-Fogg High School for winning the state volleyball championship.
- B. A.F. Bridges Award – The Board and Dr. Battle congratulated Whites Creek High School for winning the A.F. Bridges Award for Sportsmanship.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. James Spencer – He addressed the Board concerning the compensation study and the security department.
- B. Councilman Erin Evans - She addressed the Board concerning her support of PENCIL and Principal for a Day.
- C. Kelly Artgraph- She addressed the Board concerning the bus driver shortages.
- D. Golden Calix - She addressed the Board concerning her support of Lead Southeast.
- E. Jeremiah Wooten – He addressed the Board concerning student Grading policies and procedures.
- F. Eli Foster - He addressed the Board concerning the naming of the naming of the new high school in Bellevue.
- G. Honey Hereth - She addressed the Board concerning support staff compensation.

- H. Dawn Johnson – She addressed the Board concerning an update on the Parent Advisory Council.
- I. Charles Friedman – He asked the Board concerning supporting Nashville Classical II.
- J. Julie Trudel – She addressed the Board concerning bus driver shortages.
- K. Cordelia Howard - She addressed the Board concerning PPE supplies for staff and students.
- L. Kelli Phillips - He addressed the Board concerning the great support of the MNPS Transportation department.
- M. Cynthia Goddard – She addressed the Board concerning literacy within the district.
- N. Carolyn Lutz - She addressed the Board concerning literacy within the district.
- O. Jennifer Condar – She addressed the Board concerning literacy within the district.
- P. Mary French – She addressed the Board concerning literacy within the district.
- Q. Donna Clay – She addressed the Board concerning Support Staff Compensation.
- R. Jennifer Keigher – She addressed the Board concerning teacher workload and responsibilities.
- S. Claudia Cornelison - She addressed the Board concerning teacher workload and responsibilities.
- T. Erendira Julian– She addressed the Board concerning adding the 5th grade to Smithson-Craighead Academy.
- U. Kaitlyn Hoch - She addressed the Board concerning adding the 5th grade to Rocketship.
- V. Graciela Rodriguez - She addressed the Board concerning adding the 5th grade to Rocketship.
- W. Topeka Acosta - She addressed the Board concerning adding the 5th grade to Rocketship.
- X. Zaronte Acosta - She addressed the Board concerning adding the 5th grade to Rocketship.
- Y. Michele Sheriff – She addressed the Board concerning staffing shortages and the strain on teachers and support staff.
- Z. Valerie Garcia – She addressed the Board concerning adding the 5th grade to Smithson-Craighead Academy.

- AA. Sara Duran - She addressed the Board concerning staffing shortages and the strain on teachers and support staff.
- BB. Patricia Kluttz - She addressed the Board concerning adding the 5th grade to Purpose Prep.
- CC. Cordnie Brown – She addressed the Board concerning adding the 5th grade to Purpose Prep.
- DD. Paula Pendergrass – Michele Sheriff read a statement on behalf of Ms. Pendergrass, the topic MNEA MOU violations.
- EE. Joshua Long – He addressed the Board concerning teacher advancement opportunities.
- FF. Cassie Norton – She addressed the Board concerning issues within McGavock High School and the district.
- GG. Brad Rayson – He addressed the Board concerning employee concerns.
- HH. Corey Richardson – He addressed the Board concerning adding 5th grade to Smithson-Craighead Academy.
- II. Tremayne Haymer – He addressed the Board concerning adding 5th grade to Purpose Prep.
- JJ. Kianna Page – She addressed the Board concerning adding 5th grade to Purpose Prep.
- KK. Cristian Sanchez - She addressed the Board concerning adding 5th grade to Smithson-Craighead Academy.
- LL. Trudy Campbell - She addressed the Board concerning adding 5th grade to Purpose Prep.
- MM. Laura Neal – She addressed the Board concerning adding 5th grade to Smithson-Craighead Academy.
- NN. Jawhari Matthews – She addressed the Board concerning adding 5th to Purpose Prep.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A. 1. Consent

- a. Approval of Minutes - 08/10/2021 - Minutes**
- b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - 1. Advanced Mechanical Contractors, Inc.**
 - 2. Aventura Community School**
 - 3. CIGNA Health & Life Insurance Co.**
 - 4. Cognia**
 - 5. Corlew & Perry, Inc.**
 - 6. McCloskey Mechanical**

- 7. Mercedes-Benz of Nashville**
 - 8. Planning Design & Research Engineers, Inc.**
 - 9. The NCHERM Group, LLC**
 - 10. YWCA of Nashville and Middle Tennessee**
- c. 2022-23 School Calendar**
 - d. Certification of Charges – Jennifer Jarrett**
 - e. Board Policies – 4.204 Summer Instructional Programs, 4.301 – Interscholastic Athletics, 6.300 – Code of Conduct, 6.306 – Interference/Disruption of School Activities, 6.402 – Physical Examinations and Immunizations, 6.4081 Safe Relocation of Students**

Freda Player-Peters and Abigail Tylor pulled Item A-1-c-2022-23 School Calendar

Gini Pupo-Walker pulled and deferred Item A-1-e-Board Policies – 4.301

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

**Motion to defer the 2022-2023 School Calendar until the November 23rd Board meeting.
By Freda Player-Peters, seconded Abigail Tylor
Motion Passes
Vote: 9-0**

2. Nashville Classical II

**Motion to deny Nashville Classical's II Local Authorization request.
By Abigail Tylor, seconded Emily Masters
Motion Fails
Vote: 4-5 (John Little, Fran Bush, Sharon Gentry, Gini Pupo-Walker and Christiane Buggs**

Motion to approve Nashville Classical's II Local Authorization request.

**By Christiane Buggs, seconded Fran Bush
Motion Passes**

Vote: 5-4 (Abigail Tylor, Emily Masters, Freda Player-Peters, and Rachael Anne Elrod)

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Gini Pupo-Walker gave a brief Governance Committee report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Angelie Quimbo announced that college and FAFSA application dates are approaching.
- B. Abigail Tylor announced that she is surveying her district to determine the name of the new high school located in Bellevue.
- C. Rachael Anne Elrod announced upcoming events in her district.
- D. John Little announced upcoming events in her district.
- E. Fran Bush announced upcoming events in her district.
- F. Gini Pupo-Walker offered condolences to the family of LaFarius Lewis a Hillsboro High School student. She also announced National School Psychologist week November 8th-12th.
- G. Ebenezer Haile announced National STEM Week would be November 15th - 19th.
- H. Christiane Buggs announced no school on November 11th. She also Encouraged the community to give input on the school board districting rezoning being conducted by the Planning Commission.

Ms. Buggs adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Christiane Buggs
Board Chair

Date