

# **METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –**

December 14, 2021

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

**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 Jennifer Bell, Director of the Academies of Nashville and Career and Technical Education

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

- A. East High School Football Team TSSAA Class 3A State Championship Runner-up – The Board and Dr. Battle congratulated East High School’s Football Team for being the state runner-up.
- B. TSSAA Region V Principal of the Year – The Board and Dr. Battle congratulated on Dr. Sanchez on her achievement.
- C. Mr. Football Award Class 4A – The Board and Dr. Battle congratulated Bari’On Brown on his achievement.
- D. Glencliff High School Ambassadors – The ambassadors gave the Board a brief update on their academies.

## **DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

- A. Dr. Battle and staff presented a Director’s Report.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- A. BillieSavage-Short – She addressed the Board concerning masks and Wit and Wisdom.
- B. Jeremiah Wooten- He addressed the Board concerning teacher concerns.
- C. Morgan Phillips- She addressed the Board concerning the mental health of students.

- D. Kelli Phillips - She addressed the Board concerning the mask policy.
- E. Amy Pate – She addressed the Board concerning returning 5<sup>th</sup> grade to all elementary schools.
- F. Sarah Siegand- She addressed the Board concerning removing the district mask policy.
- G. Chadwick Germany – He addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academy.
- H. Jairo Matos-Lopez– He addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academy.
- I. Henok Tilahun- He addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academy.
- J. Cedric Clark- He addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academy.
- L. La Salle Chapman Curry– He addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academy.
- M. Jasmine Black- He addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academy.
- N. James Loc – He addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academy.
- O. Carol Shehata – She addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academy.
- P. Isaac Agustin – He addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academy.
- Q. Markeonna Sparks – She addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academy.
- R. Chuck Moore - He addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academy.
- S. James Spencer – He addressed the Board concerning MNPS security.
- T. Bethany Rittle-Johnson – She addressed the Board on behalf of Noah’s Education Task Force.
- U. Councilman Dave Rosenberg – He addressed the Board concerning issues at Bellevue Middle School.
- V. Council lady Antoinette Lee – She addressed the support of the MNPS Board.
- W. Bebe Hines – She addressed the Board concerning the MNPS Parent Advisory Council.
- X. Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney- She addressed the Board concerning the MNPS Parent Advisory Council.

- Y. Jennifer Claxton – She asked the Board to drop the district Mask mandate.
- Z. James Claxton – He addressed the interest connections within the District and the mask mandate.
- AA. Anna Thorsen – She addressed the Board concerning high school start times.
- BB. Tiffaney Badgett – She addressed the Board Knowledge Academy.
- CC. Tanya Drossner – She addressed the Board concerning teacher and student concerns.
- DD. Paula Pendergrass – She addressed the Board concerning COVID-19 Sick Leave.
- EE. Beverly Whalen-Shmeller – She addressed the Board concerning MNPS teacher concerns.
- FF. Sara Morrison – She addressed the Board concerning MNPS teacher concerns.
- GG. Kelly AnnGraff – She addressed the Board concerning MNPS teacher concerns.
- HH. Michele Sheriff – She addressed the Board concerning MNPS teacher concerns.
- II. Hallie Trauger – She addressed the Board concerning MNPS transportation and substitute teachers.
- JJ. Lauren Herring – She addressed the Board concerning MNPS Mask mandates.
- KK. Jacqueline Smith – She addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academy.
- LL. Katherine Herring – She addressed the Board concerning the District mask mandate.
- MM. Edwin Lee - He addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academy.
- NN. Anna Barnes – She addressed the Board concerning learning loss within the district.
- OO. Eric Lewis – He addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academy.
- PP. Dr. Kim Germany - She addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academy.
- QQ. Mahmoud Jabasini – He addressed the Board concerning Knowledge Academy.

## **GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

### **A. 1. Consent**

- a. Approval of Minutes – 11/09/2021 - minutes**
- b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
  - 1. 11400, Inc.**
  - 2. Central Technologies, Inc.**
  - 3. Conexión Américas**
  - 4. ELAM Leadership Institute**
  - 5. Elmington Elevates**
  - 6. Freightliner of Arizona, LLC dba Neely Coble Company**
  - 7. Gem/Cap, LLC dba Hayes Software Systems**
  - ~~**8. IN2 Electric, LLC**~~
  - 9. Integrated Food Service**
  - 10. IXL Learning, Inc.**
  - ~~**11. Lee Company**~~
  - ~~**12. Liberty Electrical Contracting Company, Inc.**~~
  - 13. Lynn Ealey**
  - 14. Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, acting by and through the Electric Power Board of said Government.**
  - 15. Mid-South Bus Center, Inc.**
  - 16. Oliver Little Gipson Engineering, Inc.**
  - 17. PENCIL Foundation**
  - 18. S.M. Lawrence Company, Inc.**
  - 19. Servant Fire Protection**
  - ~~**20. Southeast Electric, Inc**~~
  - 21. Tasty Foods, LLC**
  - ~~**22. Thompson Electric, Inc.**~~
  - 23. United Testing & Balancing, Inc.**
  - 24. Vanderbilt University**
- c. Budget Amendment – Budget and Finance Committee Recommendation**
- d. Legal Settlement #L-17145 (\$20,000)**

Emily Masters pulled Item A-1-b-8-IN2 Electric, LLC, A-1-b-11-Lee Company, A-1-b-12-Liberty Electrical Contracting Company, Inc., A-1-b-20-Southeast Electric, Inc, A-1-b-22-Thompson Electric, Inc.

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

**Vote: 8-0 (Sharon Gentry, not present at vote)**

**Motion to approve Emily Masters pulled Item A-1-b-8-IN2 Electric, LLC, A-1-b-11-Lee Company, A-1-b-12-Liberty Electrical Contracting Company, Inc., A-1-b-20-Southeast Electric, Inc, A-1-b-22-Thompson Electric, Inc.**

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

**Vote: 8-0 (Sharon Gentry, not present at vote)**

## 2. Knowledge Academy

**Motion to defer Knowledge Academy to the January 2022 Board Meeting.**

**By Fran Bush, seconded Emily Masters  
Motion Passes**

**Vote: 8-0 (Sharon Gentry, not present at vote)**

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Freda Player-Peters gave a brief Budget and Finance Committee report.
- B. Abigail Tylor gave a brief Capital Needs Committee and Teaching and Learning reports.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Abenezer Haile – Wished all MNPS good luck on their exams.
- B. Rachael Anne Elrod announced that she would be bringing a resolution to a future meeting on firearm storage.
- C. John Little announced upcoming events in her district.
- D. Fran Bush congratulated her son on graduating for MTSU.
- E. Gini Pupo-Walker congratulated Daniel Myers for being accepted into the NPEF Teachprenuer program.
- F. Christiane Buggs encouraged the community to give input on the legislative season and BEP funding.
- G. Angelie Quimbo announced that college applications are approaching and encouraged students to submit their applications.

**Ms. Buggs adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.**



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Chris M. Henson  
Board Secretary

Christiane Buggs  
Board Chair

Date