

**METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING –**  
November 23, 2021

**Members Present:** Christiane Buggs, chair, Rachael Anne Elrod (attended virtually), vice-chair, Emily Masters, Abigail Tylor, Freda Player-Peters, Sharon Gentry, Fran Bush and John Little

**Student members:** Abenezer Haile and Angelie Quimbo

**Members Absent:** Gini Pupo-Walker

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 – Shereka Roby-Grant, Director of Charter Schools.

**AWARDS AND RECONGNITIONS**

- A. Student Ambassadors from Antioch High School gave the Board a brief update on their academies.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. Dr. Battle presented a report on Core Tenets: Create and support engaging, rigorous, and personalized learning plans/experiences for all students & Identify and eliminate inequities.

**GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

- A. 1. Consent
  - a. **Approval of Minutes – 10/26/2021 – Minutes**
  - b. **Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
    - ~~1. Education Direction, LLC~~

2. **Freeland CDJR, LLC**
  3. **Metis Associates, Inc.**
  4. **NCS Pearson, Inc. dba Certiport**
  5. **Personal Computer Systems (Authorized Dealer for Promethean)**
  6. **Precision Exams, LLC dba YouScience**
- c. **2022-2023 School Calendar**

**Abigail Tylor pulled Item A-1-b-1 – Education Direction, LLC**

**Motion to approve the consent agenda with changes.  
By Sharon Gentry, seconded Abigail Tylor  
Motion Passes  
Vote: 8-0**

**Motion to approve A-1-b-1- Education Direction, LLC.  
By Emily Masters, seconded Abigail Tylor  
Motion Passes  
Vote: 7-1 (John Little)**

**2. Naming of New Hillwood High School Location**

**Motion to recognize the historical significance to Dr. James Lawson.  
By Rachael Anne Elrod, seconded Freda Player-Peters  
Motion Passes  
Vote: 8-0**

**Motion to name the new High School being built Southeast Nashville; James Lawson High School.  
By Rachael Anne Elrod, seconded Abigail Tylor.  
Motion Passes  
Vote: 8-0**

### **3. Charter School Amendments and Renewals**

**Motion to reconsider the approval of Rocketship NE amendment.**

**By John Little, seconded Freda Player-Peters**

**Motion Passes**

**Vote: 6-2 (Rachael Anne Elrod, Abigail Tylor)**

**Motion to approve the addition of 5<sup>th</sup> grade to Purpose Prep Academy.**

**By Freda Player-Peters, seconded Sharon Gentry**

**Motion Passes**

**Vote: 6-2 (Rachael Anne Elrod, Abigail Tylor)**

**Motion to deny the increase of seats at Purpose Prep Academy.**

**By Freda Player-Peters, seconded**

**Vote: 6-2 (Fran Bush, John Little)**

**Motion to approve the addition of 5<sup>th</sup> grade to Smithson Craighead Academy.**

**By Freda Player-Peters, seconded Fran Bush**

**Vote: 7-1 (Rachael Anne Elrod)**

**Motion to deny the increase of capacity at Smithson Craighead Academy because it does not meet standards.**

**By Freda Player-Peters, seconded Christiane Buggs**

**Vote: 7-1 (John Little)**

**Motion to approve the removal of 5<sup>th</sup> grade from Strive Academy.**

**By Sharon Gentry, seconded Freda Player-Peters**

**Vote: 8-0**

**Motion to approve the renewal of Lead Southeast's Prep application.**

**By Freda Player-Peters, seconded Sharon Gentry**

**Vote: 6-1-1 (Rachael Anne Elrod – no, Abigail Tylor – abstain)**

**Motion to defer Knowledge Academy until next meeting.  
By Freda Player-Peters, seconded Sharon Gentry  
Vote: 5-3 (Rachael Anne Elrod, Abigail Tylor and Emily  
Masters)**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Abenezer Haile announced that Vanderbilt University SSMV program for rising high schoolers is accepting program applicants.
- B. John Little gave a brief update on his community meeting.
- C. Rachael Anne Elrod congratulated Ms. McMinis for being the Teacher of the Year at Overton High School.
- D. Emily Masters announced that Goodlettsville Middle School name it's basketball court after beloved former basketball Coach Tony Doris.
- E. Abigail Tylor congratulated H.G. Hill Middle School on being the MNPS Football Middle School Championships.
- F. Angelie Quimbo encouraged rising juniors and seniors to apply to attend the Tennessee Governor's School.

**WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

- A. Sales Tax Collections as of November 20, 2021

**Ms. Buggs adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.**



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Chris M. Henson  
Board Secretary

Christiane Buggs  
Board Chair

Date