# Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools
## Board of Education
### Regular Meeting
#### Minutes
##### July 23, 2015

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<td><strong>Roll Call</strong></td>
<td>Present: Dr. Jo Ann Brannon&lt;br&gt;Amy Frogge&lt;br&gt;Tyese Hunter&lt;br&gt;Dr. Sharon Gentry, Chair&lt;br&gt;Elissa Kim, Vice-Chair&lt;br&gt;Mary Pierce&lt;br&gt;Will Pinkston&lt;br&gt;Anna Shepherd&lt;br&gt;Jill Speering&lt;br&gt;Chris Henson, Interim Director of Schools</td>
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<td>Dr. Gentry called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.</td>
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<td><strong>Pledge of Allegiance</strong></td>
<td>Led by Shannon Hunt, Nashville Public Education Foundation President.</td>
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## GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- **Consent Agenda**

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Ms. Shepherd made the motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Dr. Brannon seconded.  

**VOTE: 9-0 – Unanimous**

| • Motion to confirm Board selection of Dr. Michael Looney as Director of Schools | Ms. Shepherd made a motion that the Board select Dr. Michael Looney as Director of Schools for MNPS. Ms. Speering seconded. |  |

**VOTE: 8-1 – No - Hunter**
### TOPIC

#### DISCUSSION/MOTION

Dr. Gentry thanked the community and staff for their input and participation in the Director of Schools search process. She also thanked the Board for their hard work during the search.

### TOPIC

- **Motion to approve the contract for new Director of Schools**

  Ms. Shepherd made a motion to approve the contract that the Board discussed prior to the meeting with the one revision agreed to by the Board. Ms. Speering seconded.

  Ms. Speering asked if Dr. Looney had agreed with the contract, specifically the “Termination without Cause” clause? Dr. Gentry said, the clause had been removed from the contract. She stated that Dr. Looney’s requests concerning his salary, Davidson County residency, date, and termination clause were all met.

  **VOTE:** 9-0 – Unanimous

### REPORTS

#### A. Director’s Report

1. **Start of School**

   Mr. Henson stated the staff is working diligently in preparation for the start of the new school year. He thanked the staff, and especially teachers, for their hard work.

#### B. Committee Reports

1. **Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) Conference**

   Ms. Speering gave a report on the 5th Annual Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL) Conference.

2. **CLASS**

   Ms. Shepherd stated that Millsaps/Gowan would like to address the Board to give a CLASS update at a future Board meeting.

#### C. Board Chairman’s Report

1. **Announcements**

   Ms. Speering announced that NAZA has hired a new literacy coach, Rachel Rosenberry, and offered her congratulations.

   - **First Day of School**

     Ms. Shepherd announced that the First Day of School for MNPS students is August 5th.

   - **McGavock High School First Day of School**

     Ms. Shepherd announced that the McGavock Coalition and other community organizations will attend the first day of school at McGavock High School to welcome students.

   - **Director of Schools Search Process**

     Ms. Shepherd thanked the community and staff for their input and participation in the Director of Schools search process.

   - **Election**

     Ms. Shepherd encouraged the community to Early Vote.

   - **New Elementary Schools Opening**

     Mr. Pinkston announced that the district would be opening two new elementary schools, Waverly Belmont and Smith Springs. He congratulated...
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<td>o Notice of Motion</td>
<td>Mr. Pinkston made notice that he would bring a motion concerning asking the Davidson County Delegation to file legislation on the MNPS Board of Education’s behalf to eliminate language in the state law that prohibits the MNPS Board from participating in meetings via teleconference.</td>
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<td>o “Sneak Peak” of Waverly Belmont Elementary School</td>
<td>Ms. Pierce announced there will be a “Sneak Peak” of Waverly Belmont Elementary on Monday, August 3rd at 6:00 p.m.</td>
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**WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

- Sales Tax Collections as of July 20, 2015
- Upcoming Committee Meetings
- Adjournment

Ms. Frogge adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

**Signatures**

Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Sharon Dixon Gentry
Board Chair

Date