### Roll Call

**Present:**  
Dr. Jo Ann Brannon  
Amy Frogge  
Michael W. Hayes  
Elissa Kim  
Cheryl D. Mayes, Chair  
Will Pinkston  
Anna Shepherd, Vice-Chair  
Jill Speering  
Dr. Jesse Register, Director of Schools  

**Absent:**  
Dr. Sharon Gentry  
Ms. Mayes  

Ms. Mayes called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Chris Henson, Chief Financial Officer.

### Governance Issues

#### Approval of Recommendation for STRIVE Collegiate Academy Amended Charter Application

Dr. Coverstone reviewed the Approval of the Recommendation for STRIVE Collegiate Academy Amended Charter Application.

**Ms. Shepherd made a motion to Approve the Recommendation for STRIVE Collegiate Academy Amended Charter Application. Mr. Hayes seconded.**

**Ms. Mayes called for the question.**

Ms. Speering argued that the Charter School Resolution passed by the Board became a policy once the Board voted to approve the resolution. She stated the resolution clearly articulated the needs of the district concerning accepting new charter schools in MNPS, and should have been followed by the Office of Innovation when considering the STRIVE application. Ms. Kim said there is data to prove that the Office of Innovation is good at recommending the approval of successful charter schools, and that should be the main point of consideration. It is important that this Board approves good charters to help meet the future growth of MNPS. Ms. Kim was excited about the STRIVE application, and believed that the school had the potential and the leader to ensure it would be a successful school. Dr. Register stated that he spoke with...
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<td>the STRIVE founder and suggested that the application be held a year; STRIVE chose to resubmit their amended application. Dr. Register said, after reviewing the amended application he believed STRIVE could add value to the district. He stated that he would prefer that the Board approve the application instead of the State Board Of Education. He recommended that the Board approve the STRIVE application. Mr. Pinkston stated that STRIVE, if approved, will serve the McGavock Cluster, but that cluster does not have need for the school nor does that cluster currently need to add more seats. Mr. Hayes said, although the district doesn’t show a need for seats, there are many parents that could decide to come back to the district. This would add more growth to the district, and result in the need for more seats. Mr. Hayes said he supported the resolution guidelines, but the resolution does not exempt the Board from state law. Ms. Frogge made the following comments: A resolution is a complex motion that creates policy for the district and should have been followed by the Office of Innovation. The STRIVE application does not meet the guidelines in the charter resolution, therefore the application should not have been recommended for Board approval. MNPS is financially unable to open an unlimited number of schools every year. If this application is approved, it will not be in the best interest of our students. Ms. Shepherd said, she had not had communication with the leaders of STRIVE, and the application does not meet the Board’s resolution, which made her wonder if the STRIVE leaders had MNPS students’ best interest in mind. I am not certain that this applicant is ready to open in my cluster, but I am also concerned that if the Board does not approve this application that the State Board of Education will approve the application. Dr. Brannon said she would like assurances that STRIVE will provide transportation, welcome parental involvement, and provide academic rigor and achievement for all students. Ms. Mayes asked, Ms. Sinback from Metro Legal to discuss the details of a resolution. Ms. Sinback said, a resolution is a complex motion. The charter school resolution guidelines cannot bind the Board to vote against future charter applications that do not line up with the resolution’s guidelines. The Board has been commissioned to vote on charter applications by state law. Ms. Mayes said, the Office of Innovation has a good record of recommending approval of successful charter schools. Mr. Pinkston said, he does not believe the STRIVE application was ready for approval. The guidelines of the Board’s...</td>
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<td>• Adjournment</td>
<td>Ms. Frogge adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.</td>
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Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Sharon Dixon Gentry
Board Chair

Date