

Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
February 28, 2017

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roll Call</li> </ul>	<p>Present: Dr. Jo Ann Brannon Amy Frogge Dr. Sharon Gentry Tyese Hunter Christiane Buggs Mary Pierce Will Pinkston Anna Shepherd, Chair Jill Speering, Vice-Chair Shawn Joseph, Director of Schools</p> <p>Ms. Shepherd called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pledge of Allegiance</li> </ul>	Led by Steve Ball, Principal of East Nashville High School.	
<b>AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Football Award               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jacob Phillips – East Nashville High School</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	The Board and Dr. Joseph presented Jacob Phillips with a certificate of recognition for receiving the Tennessee Titan Mr. Football Award for Class 3A. Jacob was also a U.S. Army All-American player, two-time Region 5-3A MVP and No. 4 on the Tennessean’s “Dandy Dozen” list of the top 12 Nashville-area football prospects for the Class of 2017.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andy Mizell – Margaret Allen Middle Prep</li> </ul>	The Board and Dr. Joseph recognized Mr. Mizell for going above and beyond during an extremely difficult situation for a MNPS EL family following the tragic loss of their daughter, who was a former student of Mr. Mizell’s.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. John Bailey Portrait Presentation – Cheekwood Museum of Art</li> </ul>	Cheekwood Museum of Art presented a portrait of Dr. Bailey to the Board. Dr. Bailey is a Nashville native; the Bailey school building is named in his honor.	
<b>AND THE GOOD NEWS IS...</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hillwood High School – Student Ambassadors</li> </ul>	Student Ambassadors from Hillwood High School gave a brief summary of their experiences in their school academies.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whitsitt Elementary – L5 Update</li> </ul>	Principal Uppinghouse of Whitsitt Elementary presented an L-5 update to the Board.	
<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erick Huth – Issues Impacting Teachers and Other Employees</li> </ul>	Mr. Huth addressed the Board concerning issues impacting teachers and other employees. He asked the Board to ensure that Immigrant Students are protected. He also congratulated HR and teachers on the Tenure list.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pastor James Turner – Nashville Rise Clergy Engagement</li> </ul>	Pastor Turner addressed the Board concerning the Nashville Rise Clergy Engagement. He gave a brief summary of the clergy that is affiliated with Nashville Rise.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neonta Williams – Nashville Rise</li> </ul>	Ms. Williams addressed the Board concerning Nashville Rise. She introduced herself as the Director of Nashville Rise, and expressed the organization’s desire to partner with MNPS.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Genny Petschulat – Resolution for Safe Zones for Immigrant Students</li> </ul>	Ms. Petschulat addressed the Board concerning a Resolution for Safe Zones for Immigrant Students. She asked the Board to support the resolution.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paige Dozier - District Policy</li> </ul>	Ms. Dozier addressed the Board concerning district Policy. She asked the Board to provide teachers and staff with professional development to help address issues related to immigrant student safety.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Devan Franklin – Clergy Coalition</li> </ul>	Mr. Franklin addressed the Board concerning the Clergy Coalition. He gave the Board a brief summary of the coalition and expressed the desire to partner with MNPS.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lashawn Covington – Brick Church and LEAD Public Schools</li> </ul>	Ms. Covington addressed the Board concerning Brick Church and LEAD. She expressed to the Board her good experience with the schools.	
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<b>GOVERNANCE ISSUES</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consent Agenda</li> </ul>	<p><b>Ms. Speering read the following consent agenda items V-A-1-a- Recommended Approval of Change Order #1 for Casa Azafran Classroom Expansion – Dowdle Construction Company; V-A-1-b- Recommended Approval of Site Acquisition of 0.27 Acres for a Parking Lot for Martin Luther King Jr. Magnet School; V-A-1-c- Recommended Approval of Site Acquisition of 5.26 Acres for a Parking Lot for Thomas Edison Elementary School; V-A-1- d- Awarding of Purchases and Contracts (1) Awardees from ITB #B17-8 Roof Repairs - Davis Brothers Roofing and Eskola Roofing, (2) Catapult Learning, (3) Conexion Americas, (4) FitWorx LLC, (5) LiveSchool, (6) Middle Tennessee Exterminator, (7) Noser Consulting, (8) Trevecca Nazarene University; V-A-1-e- Teacher Tenure List 2017.</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Speering made a motion to approve the consent agenda as read. Dr. Brannon seconded.</b></p>	<b>VOTE: 9-0 - Unanimous</b>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of School and Student Characteristics</li> </ul>	Item deferred to the March 14 <sup>th</sup> Board Work Session.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approval of Voucher Resolution</li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Frogge read the following resolution:</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education is responsible for providing a local system of public education; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, there is pending legislation before the Tennessee General Assembly that would create a voucher program allowing students to use public education funds to pay for private school tuition; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, more than 50 years have passed since private school vouchers were first proposed, and during that time proponents have spent millions of dollars attempting to convince the public and lawmakers of the concept’s efficacy, and yet, five decades later, vouchers still remain controversial, unproven and unpopular; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Tennessee requires that the Tennessee General Assembly “provide for the maintenance, support and eligibility standards of a system of free public schools,” with no mention of the maintenance or support of private schools; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, through work of the Tennessee General Assembly, the Tennessee Department of Education, the State Board of Education and local school boards, has established nationally recognized standards and measures for accountability in public education; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, vouchers eliminate public accountability by channeling tax dollars into private schools that do not face state-approved academic standards, do not make budgets public, do not adhere to open meetings and records laws, do not publicly report on student achievement, and do not face the public accountability requirements contained in major federal laws, including laws that protect students with special needs; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, vouchers have not been effective at improving student achievement or closing the achievement gap, with the most credible research finding little or no difference in voucher and public school students’ performance; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, vouchers leave many students behind, including those with the greatest needs, because vouchers channel tax dollars into private schools that are not required to accept all students, nor offer the special services they may need; and</p> <p>WHEREAS, vouchers give choices to private schools, not students and parents, since private schools decide if they want to accept vouchers, how many and which students they want to admit, and the potentially arbitrary reasons for denying admission or for subsequently</p>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of Voucher Resolution - continued</li> </ul>	<p>dismissing a student; and WHEREAS, voucher programs divert critical dollars and commitment from public schools to pay private school tuition for a few students, including many who already attend private schools; and WHEREAS, vouchers are an inefficient use of taxpayer money because they compel taxpayers to support two school systems: one public and one private, the latter of which is not accountable to all the taxpayers supporting it; and WHEREAS, in Davidson County about one-third of school funding is from the State, yet proposed legislation requires vouchers for half the per pupil expenditures, creating a funding drain with a greater negative impact on Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools than on most other districts; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS: The Metropolitan Nashville Board of Public Education opposes any legislation or other similar effort to create a voucher program in Tennessee that would divert money intended for public education to private schools. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution should be delivered to the Governor, the Lt. Governor, the Speaker of the House and every member of the General Assembly.</p> <p><b>Ms. Frogge made a motion to approve the resolution. Ms. Buggs seconded.</b></p>	<p><b>VOTE: 9-0 – Unanimous</b></p>


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<b>REPORTS</b>		
Director's Report		
1. District Literacy Data	Dr. Changas presented the District Data Literacy to the Board.	
Committee Reports		
1. Governance	Ms. Frogge gave a Governance Committee Report which included a brief summary of the February 28 <sup>th</sup> meeting in which the following topics were discussed: Magnet School Resolution, Annenberg Standards (EE-17), Revocation Policy Update, Proposed Ethics Disclosure and Lobbyist Registration, Update on Charter Legislation Draft.	
2. Teaching and Learning	Ms. Buggs gave a Teacher and Learning Committee Report on the February 20 <sup>th</sup> meeting where the topic of Reading Recovery was discussed. Future meetings will be held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.	
Board Chairman's Report		
1. Chair Report	Ms. Shepherd introduced Mr. David Sevier, the new Director of Board Relations and Management, to the Board and audience. She also thanked the Administration for developing the Frequently Asked Questions documents created for MNPS immigrant students and families.	
2. Announcements	Ms. Buggs announced that the monthly Napier Sudekum Envision meeting is still taking place within the community. She urged the community to give input.	
• Napier Sudekum Envision		
• Hume-Fogg Academic High School	Ms. Buggs announced that Hume-Fogg would put on a production of Rent on March 4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> .	
• Seven Ways to Sunday Play	Ms. Buggs announced the production of the play Seven Ways to Sunday, which was recently featured at TPAC, would be scheduling additional shows in the near future.	
• MNEA	Ms. Buggs announced that MNEA is meeting at the MNEA headquarters at 6:00 p.m. on March 1 <sup>st</sup> .	
• National Beautiful Art Contest	Ms. Pierce announced that she attended the National Beautiful Art Contest event where students from her district received the honor of their art work being featured on Metro Recycle Trucks.	
• Hillsboro High School	Ms. Pierce congratulated Dr. Pelham, principal of Hillsboro High School, for being awarded the William J. & Lucille H. Field Award for Excellence in Tennessee high schools.	

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• Hillsboro High School	Ms. Pierce announced that March 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> the Hillsboro Players would be putting on a production of Guys and Dolls.	
• Middle School Girls Basketball	Ms. Pierce announced that both J.T. Moore and West End Middle Schools Girls' Basketball Teams played in the City Championship Games. West End Middle won the championship game.	
• PondGap Community School	Ms. Speering thanked Dr. Felder and staff for arranging a field trip to PondGap Community School in Knoxville, TN.	
• Read Across America	Ms. Speering announced that she would be at Gateway Elementary School for Read Across America Week.	
• Maplewood High School	Ms. Speering announced that she and Ms. Shepherd attended Maplewood High School for Project LIT.	
• Hunters Lane High School	Ms. Speering congratulated Dr. Kessler for working to provide students with dinner at Hunters Lane High School.	
• District 4 Tour	Ms. Speering announced that 100 seniors from Hunters Lane traveled to the American Baptist College to gain knowledge on college and career goals.	
• Dr. Sue Kessler	Ms. Speering announced that Dr. Kessler and staff presented at a conference at the Music City Center on the topic of Student Achievement.	
• MNPS Virtual School	Ms. Speering announced that 100 percent of students at MNPS Virtual School completed the FAFSA for financial assistance.	
• Paragon Mills Elementary	Mr. Pinkston congratulated Ms. Britney Walker, a teacher at Paragon Mills Elementary for receiving the honor of Teacher of the Year.	
• District 7 School Tour	Mr. Pinkston announced that he toured schools in his district with Dr. Joseph on February 24 <sup>th</sup> .	
• Read Across America	Ms. Frogge announced that she read to a class at Fall-Hamilton Enhanced Option Elementary for Read Across America Week.	
• Oliver Middle Prep	Dr. Brannon commended students at Oliver Middle Prep for their Black History Program that she attended on February 27 <sup>th</sup> .	
• Shayne Elementary School	Dr. Brannon announced she helped welcome principals from China on February 27 <sup>th</sup> at Shayne Elementary School.	
• Dan Mills Elementary School	Dr. Brannon thanked Dan Mills Elementary for the Valentine's Day goodies the school made for the Board members.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hume-Fogg Academic High School</li> </ul>	Dr. Gentry congratulated Ania Milford and Taylor Gentry, members of the Black Americans United Organization at Hume-Fogg High School. The organization hosted a panel on February 23 <sup>rd</sup> on the topic: The State of African American Teens in Nashville.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joelton Middle School</li> </ul>	Dr. Gentry announced that she was invited to speak to girls at Joelton Middle School.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Great Debate</li> </ul>	Dr. Gentry announced she was a featured judge for a high school and college debate on February 25 <sup>th</sup> at Gordy Memorial. McGavock High School and Pearl-Cohn High Schools, with Vanderbilt and Tennessee State University debate teams, participated.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dr. Joseph</li> </ul>	Dr. Gentry thanked Dr. Joseph and his leadership team for their hard work.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Read Across America Week</li> </ul>	Ms. Shepherd announced that she read at several MNPS schools for Read Across America Week.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teacher Tenure List</li> </ul>	Ms. Shepherd congratulated the teachers that were on the Tenure List.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Retreat</li> </ul>	Ms. Shepherd announced that the Board Retreat would be held on March 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> at the Martin Center.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>McGavock High School</li> </ul>	Ms. Shepherd announced that the McGavock Drama Club would be traveling to Louisville, KY to compete in the Regional Competition.	
<b>WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD</b>		
A. Sales Tax Collections as of February 20, 2017		
B. Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Operating Budget Financial Reports		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adjournment</li> </ul>	Ms. Buggs adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signatures</li> </ul>	<div style="text-align: center;">   <hr/> Chris M. Henson Board Secretary </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-left: 200px;"> <hr/> Anna Shepherd Board Chair </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-left: 200px;"> <hr/> Date </div>	