Metropolitan Board of Public Education – Minutes
Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Members present
Jo Ann Brannon, Jill Speering, Anna Shepherd, Tyese Hunter, Mary Pierce, Amy Frogge

Members absent
Sharon Dixon Gentry, Will Pinkston, Christiane Buggs

Meeting called to order at 3:25 PM

1. CONVENE and ACTION

   A. Establish Quorum
   Ms. Shepherd stated that there was a quorum.

   B. Pledge of Allegiance
   Led by Dennis Queen

   C. 30 Seconds in My District...
   Each Board member gave a brief summary of things going on in their districts.

2. AND THE GOODS NEWS IS...

   A. Whitsitt Elementary School
   Students from Whitsitt Elementary School performed a yoga demonstration before the Board meeting.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

   A. Thomas Weber addressed the Board concerning new policies. He asked the Board to support choice within MNPS. He also asked the Board to support EL within MNPS.

   B. Angel Carter addressed the Board concerning Project ADAM. Ms. Carter asked the Board to partner with Project ADAM to support MNPS and further the use of AED’s and emergency support.

   C. Quasia Walker addressed the Board concerning education. Ms. Walker gave the Board a brief summary of her educational background and asked the Board to partner with Nashville Rise.

4. GOVERNANCE ISSUES

   Ms. Frogge pulled item: III-A-1-g-(5) - Teach for America, Inc.

   Ms. Pierce pulled item: III-A-1-f- Recommended Purchase of 247.47 acres of property (Hope Park Church Site) for the New Hillwood High School

   Ms. Speering pulled the following items: III-A-1-g-(4) STEM Prep Academy, (6) University of Pittsburgh and III-A-1-h- Revised 2017-2018 District Calendar.

   Ms. Speering read the following consent agenda:
   a. Recommended Approval of Change Order #1 for Hillsboro High School Renovations – Southland Constructors, Inc.
   b. Recommended Approval of Change Order #1 for McMurray Middle School Additions & Renovations – Orion Building Corporation
   c. Recommended Approval of Change Order #2 for East Nashville High School Stadium Improvements – Romach, Inc.
d. Recommended Approval of Supplement #3 for Professional Services Contract for Facility Conditions Assessment and Master Planning Services – MGT Consulting of America, Inc.
e. Recommended Approval of Request for Projects at Various Schools (Glencliff Elementary School Kitchen Hood Replacement) – Bomar Construction Company
f. Recommended Purchase of 247.47 acres of property (Hope Park Church Site) for the New Hillwood High School
g. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts
   (1) Five Stones Research Corporation
   (2) Gallup, Inc.
   (3) Ricoh USA, Inc.
   (4) STEM Prep Academy
   (5) Teach for America, Inc.
   (6) University of Pittsburgh
   (7) Vanderbilt Peabody Research Institute
   (8) Vanderbilt University – Center for Science Outreach
   (9) Vanderbilt University – Center for Science and Math
h. Revised 2017-2018 District Calendar
i. Approval of Special Courses
j. Approval of Textbook Adoption: Fundamentals of Firefighter Skills and Exercise Physiology: An Integrated Approach
k. A Resolution To Establish An Updated Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan, Devise Rules and Regulations, and To Provide for a Safety Director and the Implementation of Such Program Plan

Motion to approve consent agenda as read.
Motion by Jill Speering, second by Amy Frogge.
Motion Passes
Yes: Jo Ann Brannon, Jill Speering, Anna Shepherd, Tyese Hunter, Mary Pierce, Amy Frogge

Discussion: III-A-1-g-(5) - Teach for America, Inc.
The Board asked for a clarification around the Teach for America, Inc. contract. Ms. Story and Dr. Narcisse addressed the question.

Motion to approve (5) Teach for America
Motion by Mary Pierce, second by Tyese Hunter.
Motion Fails
Yes: Jo Ann Brannon, Anna Shepherd, Tyese Hunter, Mary Pierce
No: Amy Frogge
Abstain: Jill Speering

Discussion: III:A-1-g-(6) University of Pittsburgh
Ms. Speering requested that the Board hold a work session to discuss and review the variety of Literacy contracts that the district is using.

Motion to approve (6) University of Pittsburgh
Motion by Jill Speering, second by Amy Frogge.
Motion Passes: 6-0
Yes: Jo Ann Brannon, Jill Speering, Anna Shepherd, Tyese Hunter, Mary Pierce, Amy Frogge

Discussion: Item-III-A-1-h- Revised 2017-2018 District Calendar
The Board discussed options around school being out or in during the Eclipse on August 21st.

Motion to approve Item h – Revised 2017-2018 District Calendar
Motion by Jill Speering, second by Mary Pierce.
Motion Fails
Yes: Jo Ann Brannon, Tyese Hunter, Mary Pierce
No: Jill Speering, Anna Shepherd, Amy Frogge
Motion to approve Item-III-A-1-h- Revised 2017-2018 District Calendar with an update on accommodations teacher and safety from the Administration.
Motion by Amy Frogge, second by Jill Speering.
Motion Passess
Yes: Jo Ann Brannon, Jill Speering, Anna Shepherd, Tyese Hunter, Mary Pierce, Amy Frogge

Discussion: III-A-1-g-(4) STEM Prep Academy
Ms. Speering asked the Administration to support the services within the MNPS EL department and asked questions around the Newcomer’s Academy.

Motion to approve (4) STEM Prep Academy
Motion by Jill Speering, second by Amy Frogge.
Motion Passess
Yes: Jo Ann Brannon, Jill Speering, Anna Shepherd, Tyese Hunter, Mary Pierce, Amy Frogge

Discussion: III-A-1-f- Recommended Purchase of 247.47 Acres of property (Hope Park Church Site) for the New Hillwood High School.
Ms. Pierce asked for an update on the Hope Park Church Site purchase. Mr. Henson provided the update.

Motion to approve Item-III-A-1-f- Recommended Purchase of 247.47 Acres of property (Hope Park Church Site) for the New Hillwood High School.
Motion by Amy Frogge, second by Jill Speering.
Motion Passess
Yes: Jo Ann Brannon, Jill Speering, Anna Shepherd, Tyese Hunter, Amy Frogge
No: Mary Pierce

5. Director's Reports
A. NWEA Data
   Mr. Henson read a memo from Dr. Joseph in his absence.

B. Hiring Update
   Ms. Story presented a Hiring Update to the Board.

C. School Climate and Behavioral Management
   Dr. Majors presented the School Climate and Behavioral Management presentation to the Board

6. Committee Reports
A. Governance
   Ms. Frogge stated that the Governance Committee agreed to hire TSBA to assist the district in revising Board Governance Policies.

B. Director's Evaluation
   Ms. Shepherd announced that the Board has hired Cross & Joftus to assist with the development and implementation of the Director’s Evaluation Tool.

7. Board Chairman's Report
A. Announcements
   1. Ms. Pierce announced that a Meet and Greet for the new principal at West End Middle School, Dr. Young, will be held on July 13th at 5:00 p.m.
   2. Ms. Pierce announced that a Meet and Greet for the new principal at Eakin Elementary School, Dr. Nelson, will be held on July 17th at 5:00 p.m.
   3. Ms. Speering announced on July 13th at 1:00 p.m. and July 24th at noon at the Madison Precinct, a community meeting with the new Community Superintendents will take place.
4. Ms. Frogge made notice that she would be bringing a discussion onto the Board floor around joining the Shelby County law suit for adequate funding at a future meeting.

5. Ms. Shepherd announced that on August 16th at 6:00 p.m. she would be hosting a community meeting for the new community superintendent, Damon Cathey, at the Hermitage police station.

6. Ms. Shepherd announced that there will not be a second Board meeting in July.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

   A. Ms. Pierce adjourned the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

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Chris M. Henson                                             Anna Shepherd
Board Secretary                                            Board Chair

Date