METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING - Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Members present - Sharon Gentry (Chair), Rachael Anne Elrod, Jill Speering, Anna Shepherd, Christiane Buggs (Vice-chair), Fran Bush, Gini Pupo-Walker, Amy Frogge

Members absent: Will Pinkston

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

CONVENE and ACTION
A. Call to Order
   Dr. Gentry called the meeting to order.

B. Pledge of Allegiance
   Led by Board Member Anna Shepherd.

C. Quorum Validation
   A quorum was present at the meeting.

D. Adoption of the Agenda
   Ms. Speering asked to pull the calendar from the consent agenda.

   Motion to accept the agenda as printed.
   Motion by Christiane Buggs, second by Anna Shepherd.
   Final Resolution: Motion Passes
   Yes: Sharon Gentry, Jill Speering, Rachael Anne Elrod, Anna Shepherd, Christiane Buggs, Fran Bush, Gini Pupo-Walker, Amy Frogge

BOARD CHAIRMAN’S REPORT
A. Dr. Gentry gave a brief chair’s report.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES
Ms. Buggs read the following consent agenda. Ms. Speering pulled the School Calendar from the consent agenda.

A. Actions
   1. Consent
      a. Recommended Approval of Change Order #2 for New Tusculum Elementary School – RG Anderson Company
      b. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts
         (1) AVID Center
         (2) Metis Associates, Inc.
         (3) Metropolitan Public Health Department (MPHD)
      c. School Calendar
      d. Legal Settlement Claim #L-16472 ($61,500)
      e. Legal Settlement ($20,130)
Motion to approve the consent agenda as read.  
Motion by Christiane Buggs, second by Anna Shepherd.  
Final Resolution: Motion Passes  
Yes: Sharon Gentry, Rachael Anne Elrod, Jill Speering, Anna Shepherd, Christiane Buggs, Fran Bush, Gini Pupo-Walker, Amy Frogge

The Board discussed asked questions about Item A.1.c. School Calendar.

Motion to defer the School Calendar.  
Motion by Jill Speering, second by Gini Pupo-Walker.  
Motion Passes  
Yes: Sharon Gentry, Rachael Anne Elrod, Jill Speering, Anna Shepherd, Christiane Buggs, Fran Bush, Gini Pupo-Walker, Amy Frogge

COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. Ms. Frogge gave a Governance report. Ms. Frogge requested a Governance meeting to discuss the Director’s violation of Board Policies. Ms. Buggs added that there will be additional information forth coming concerning the elementary arrests, expulsion and suspension policy.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
A. Audit Update – Mr. Swan from the Metro Finance Department gave a brief audit overview and addressed questions concerning the audit.

B. Lead Program Update – Mr. Stark presented Lead Water Program Update to the Board.

C. Innovation Schools Update – Ms. Coons presented the Innovation Schools Update to the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
A. Ms. Frogge announced that Charlotte Park and Gower Elementary Schools were named Reward Schools.
B. Ms. Pupo-Walker announced that Eakin and Glendale Elementary Schools were named Reward Schools.
C. Ms. Pupo-Walker announced that J.T. Moore Middle School won the city-wide Summer Mayor’s Reading Challenge.
D. Ms. Buggs gave an update on the Elementary Arrests, Suspensions and Expulsions policy.
E. Ms. Shepherd announced September 13th the Scott Stump, Assistant Secretary U.S. Department of Education visited McGavock High School.
F. Ms. Shepherd announced that Andrew Jackson Elementary was a Reward School.
G. Ms. Speering announced that Hunters Lane High School Marching Band was featured on the Pickler and Ben daytime talk show and given a $15,000 donation.
H. Ms. Speering announced that Dan Mills, Neely’s Bend and Smithson-Craighead Schools were all Reward Schools.
I. Ms. Elrod announced that Crieve Hall Elementary, Valor Flagship and Valor Voyar School were all Reward Schools.
J. Ms. Elrod announced that Valor College Prep High School will hold their Ribbon Cutting on September 26th.
K. Ms. Elrod announced that Tusculum Elementary would hold their Hispanic Heritage Celebration on October 4th.
L. Ms. Elrod congratulated Overton High School for having two student recognized as Merit Scholars.
M. Ms. Bush congratulated Thomas Edison Elementary School for starting a new mentoring program.
N. Ms. Bush congratulated Mr. Gerron Hurt, a MNPS teacher, for being the 2018 Winner of the show Master Chef.

Ms. Frogge adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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Chris M. Henson           Sharon Gentry           Date
Board Secretary           Board Chair