METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING – January 28, 2020

Members present – Anna Shepherd (chair), Amy Frogge (vice-chair), Christiane Buggs, Rachael Anne Elrod, Sharon Gentry, Jill Speering, Fran Bush, Freda Player-Peters, Gini Pupo-Walker, Adrienne Battle

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

CONVENE and ACTION

A. Call to Order
   Ms. Shepherd called the meeting to order.

B. Pledge of Allegiance by Logan Kelton, a MNPS teacher.

C. Dr. Battle recognized the Board in honor of Tennessee School Board Appreciation Week.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. The Board and Dr. Battle recognized Mert Sekmen, MLK Magnet High and School of Science and Math at Vanderbilt student for being a TOP 300 Scholar in the National Regeneron Science Talent Search.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A. 1. Consent
   a. Approval of Minutes – 12/10/2019 – Regular Minutes
   b. Recommended Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between MNPS and Metro Board of Parks and Recreation (MBPR)
   c. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts
      1. A&S Electric, Inc.
      2. CDW-G (2 contracts)
      3. Herff Jones LLC
      4. Hiller LLC
      5. IN2 Electric LLC
      7. Personal Computer Systems, Inc.
      8. Raptor Technologies LLC
      10. Voyager Sopris Learning, Inc.
   d. Legal Settlement Claim L-16743 ($425,000)
   e. Teacher Tenure 2020
   f. Capital Needs Budget 2020-2030
Motion to approve the consent agenda.
By Christiane Buggs, seconded Freda Player-Peters
Motion passes
Vote: 9-0 – Unanimous

DIRECTOR’S REPORT
A. The Student Support Services department presented the SEL Report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS
A. Jill Speering gave a brief Teaching and Learning Committee report. The next Teaching and Learning meeting will be held February 11th at 4:00 p.m.
B. Sharon Gentry and Gini Pupo-Walker gave brief committee reports on Capital Needs and Budget and Finance.

BOARD CHAIR REPORT
C. Anna Shepherd gave a brief update on the Director of Schools Search. She also congratulated tenure teachers that were approved on the consent agenda. She also requested that the Administration address school level technology issues.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
A. Sharon Gentry announced that Read Me Week would be the week of February 17th.
B. Rachael Anne Elrod announced that a Community Partner meeting would be held at Tusculum Elementary on January 29th.
C. Christiane Buggs announced that the dates for MNPS Day on Hill would be announced in the coming weeks.
D. Amy Frogge announced that she would bring a resolution to the next Board Meeting concerning adequate school funding.
E. Jill Speering announced that on Feb 3rd and 10th Madison Middle School will hold a Poetry Workshop. The poems from the workshop will be displayed on a billboard on Gallatin Rd.
F. Anna Shepherd announced that the McGavock Coalition would hold their annual breakfast on March 6th at McGavock High School. She also thanked the community for paying off MNPS lunch debts.

Ms. Shepherd adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

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Chris M. Henson Anna Shepherd Date
Board Secretary Board Chair