METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – October 13, 2020

Members Present: Christiane Buggs, chair, Freda Player-Peters, Fran Bush, Gini Pupo-Walker, Rachael Anne Elrod vice-chair, Christiane Buggs, Emily Masters, Abigail Tylor and Sharon Gentry (left at 6:00 p.m.)

Members Absent: Berthena Nabaa-Mckinney

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

CONVENE AND ACTION

A. Call to Order
   Christiane Buggs called the meeting to order.

B. Pledge led by Michelle Maultsby-Springer, Chief Student Support Services

C. Emily Masters read a brief In Memoriam in honor of Tony Dorris, former Goodlettsville Middle School coach.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A. Christi Mayo – Ms. Mayo addressed the Board concerning MNPS parents attending student-athlete events.
B. Felicia Lively – Ms. Lively addressed the Board concerning MNPS parents attending student-athlete events.
C. Nicole Corey – Ms. Corey addressed the Board concerning students attending in-person school attendance.
D. Tony Griffy – Mr. Griffy addressed the Board concerning in the overall district.
E. Erica Perry – Ms. Perry addressed the Board concerning in-person classes.
F. Greg Jones – Mr. Jones addressed the Board concerning in-person classes.
G. Cassie Norton – Ms. Norton read remarks from several MNPS staff members and parents concerning COVID-19 concerns.
H. Victoria Gain – Ms. Gain addressed the Board in support of Nashville Propel and virtual learning.

I. Torvis Gardner - Mr. Gardner addressed the Board in support of Nashville Propel and student learning.

J. Shonka Dukureh – Ms. Dukureh addressed the Board in support of Nashville Propel and asked that every student have access to high speed internet.

K. Sonya Thomas – Ms. Thomas addressed the Board in support of Nashville Propel, students having access to internet access and learning loss within the district.

L. Andrew Reckard – Mr. Reckard addressed about COVID-19 guidelines within the district.

M. Amanda Kail – Ms. Kail addressed the Board concerning COVID-19 guidelines within the district.

N. Susan Norwood – Ms. Norwood addressed the Board concerning how COVID-19 is affecting herself and others teacher within the district.

O. Cecilia Prado – Ms. Prado addressed the Board concerning Wage Theft.

P. Armando Arzate – Mr. Arzate addressed the Board concerning Wage Theft.

Q. Kelly Ann Graff – Ms. Graff read a letter to the Board from a MNPS teacher concerning COVID-19 guidelines and in person learning.

R. Melveshia Dotson – Ms. Dotson read a letter to the Board from a MNPS teacher concerning COVID-19 guidelines and in person learning.

S. Todd Cassetty – Mr. Cassetty addressed the Board concerning COVID-19 student safety and learning.

T. Jasmine Lively – Ms. Lively addressed the Board how COVID-19 is affecting high school students.

U. Daniel Bush – Mr. Bush addressed the Board how COVID-19 is affecting high school students.

V. DeWayne Bush – Mr. Bush addressed the Board concerning COVID-19 guidelines and in-person school attendance.

W. Bill Elder – Mr. Elder addressed the Board to reconsider high school students starting in-person classes in January.
X. Hope Hall – Ms. Hall read a letter to the Board from a MNPS teacher concerning COVID-19 guidelines and in person learning.
Y. Matt Malkus – Mr. Malkus addressed the Board concerning COVID-19 and in-person student learning.
Z. Keeli Price – Ms. Price read a letter to the Board from a MNPS teacher concerning COVID-19 guidelines and in person learning.
AA. Chirie Sumanasekera – Ms. Sumanasekera read a letter to the Board from a MNPS teacher concerning COVID-19 guidelines and in person learning.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES
A. 1. Consent
   a. Approval of Minutes - 08/11/2020 – Meeting
   b. Recommended Approval of Request #1 for Large Scope Projects at Various Schools (Cane Ridge High School) – Carter Group
   c. Recommended Approval of Request #2 for Large Scope Projects at Various Schools (Administrative Building Business Office) – Carter
   d. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts
      1. Tennessee Department of Human Services
      2. TESOL International Association
   e. Board Policy 6.304 Student Discrimination, Harassment, Bullying, Cyber-bullying, and Intimidation

Motion to approve consent agenda
By Freda Player-Peters, seconded Rachael Anne Elrod
Motion Passes
Vote: 7-2
2. Chartering Oversight

Motion to approve KIPP Collegiate High as a MNPS school.
By Fran Bush, seconded Freda Player-Peters
Motion Fails
Vote: Christiane Buggs, Fran Bush, Freda Player-Peters and Gini Pupo-Walker (yes)
Emily Masters and Abigail Tylor (No)

BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT
A. Director’s Remarks – Dr. Battle gave a brief report.
B. Christiane Buggs gave a brief chair report that include Board Committee Assignments and a Board Retreat update.

COMMITTEE REPORT
A. Gini Pupo-Walker gave a brief Governance Committee Report.

ANNOUNCEMENT
A. Gini Pupo-Walker announced that the Board would bring Student Board Members back to the Board.
B. Rachael Anne Elrod announced that a virtual scavenger hunt for the John Overton community.
C. Freda Player-Peters announced that Flu Shot schedule for MNPS employees.
D. Emily Masters congratulated Gini Pupo-Walker for receiving the Distinguished Alumni Award by Nashville Public Education Foundation.

Ms. Buggs adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

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Chris M. Henson                        Christiane Buggs                                Date
Board Secretary                                      Board Chair