

**METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING – Minutes
Tuesday, August 8, 2017**

Members present

Will Pinkston, Jo Ann Brannon, Jill Speering, Anna Shepherd, Christiane Buggs, Tyese Hunter, Mary Pierce, Amy Frogge, Dr. Shawn Joseph

Members absent

Sharon Gentry

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

COVENE and ACTION

Establish Quorum

Ms. Shepherd called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLIEGIANCE

Led by a MNPS student.

30 Seconds in My District...

Each Board member gave a brief update on their districts.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lynn Ewing - Ms. Ewing asked the Board to partner with Nashville Rise.

Raghad Mahdi - Ms. Mahdi asked the Board to support STEM Prep.

Maria del Rosario Robles - She asked the Board to support STEM Prep and the Newcomer's Academy.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

Consent Agenda

Ms. Frogge pulled item III-A-1-g- Revised 2017-2018 District Calendar.

Ms. Speering read the consent agenda.

- a. **Approval of Minutes – 05/23/17 and 06/13/17**
- b. **Recommended Approval of Contract for Professional Services for Geotechnical Investigation & Construction Materials Testing -- Terracon Consultants, Inc.**
- c. **Recommended Approval of Supplement #1 for New Nashville School of the Arts – Tuck Hinton Architects**

- d. **Recommended Approval of Request #2 for Purchase of Furniture (Martin Luther King, Jr. Magnet School Additions and Renovations) – GBI**
- e. **Recommended Approval of Request #2 for ADA Renovations (Donelson Middle School) – Orion Building Corporation**
- f. **Awarding of Purchases and Contracts**
 - (1) **Apple, Inc.**
 - (2) **American Paper and Twine Co.**
 - (3) **Benefit Express Services**
 - (4) **California Creative**
 - (5) **CDW Government**
 - (6) **Conexion Americas**
 - (7) **Cross & Joftus**
 - (8) **Ensafe**
 - (9) **Helton Management Group dba ESS**
 - (10) **Learning Labs**
 - (11) **Nashville Machine Elevator**
 - (12) **PENCIL Foundation**
 - (13) **Praters**
 - (14) **R.E.A.D America**
 - (15) **Romeo Music**
 - (16) **St Thomas Hospital**
 - (17) **System Integrations**
 - (18) **Tennessee School Boards Association**
 - (19) **WASCO, Inc.**
- g. ~~Revised 2017-2018 District Calendar~~
- h. **Legal Settlement C-35380 (\$8,000)**

Motion to approve consent agenda as read.

Motion by Jill Speering, second by Jo Ann Brannon.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Will Pinkston, Jo Ann Brannon, Jill Speering, Anna Shepherd, Christiane Buggs, Tyese Hunter, Mary Pierce, Amy Frogge

Due to the concerns that many teachers, bus drivers and other staff would not be present on the solar eclipse day, the Board asked Dr. Joseph to give an update on the 2017 -2018 Revised District Calendar to discuss whether to open or close schools.

Made a motion to deny the Revised 2017-2018 District Calendar.

Motion by Amy Frogge, second by Tyese Hunter.

Motion Passes

Yes: Jo Ann Brannon, Jill Speering, Anna Shepherd, Christiane Buggs, Tyese Hunter, Mary Pierce, Amy Frogge

Present Not Voting: Will Pinkston

Made a motion to request that the calendar be revised to show August 21 as a day out of school for all students and 10-month employees.

Motion by Amy Frogge, second by Tyese Hunter.

Motion Passes

Yes: Jo Ann Brannon, Jill Speering, Anna Shepherd, Christiane Buggs, Tyese Hunter, Mary Pierce, Amy Frogge

Present Not Voting: Will Pinkston

COLLABORATIVE CONFERENCING

Ms. Harkey and Ms. Story presented the Collaborative Conferencing list updates to the Board.

Made a motion to approve the changes to Collaborative Conferencing member list (see agenda for list).

Motion by Jill Speering, second by Jo Ann Brannon.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Will Pinkston, Jo Ann Brannon, Jill Speering, Anna Shepherd, Christiane Buggs, Tyese Hunter, Mary Pierce, Amy Frogge

CONTRACT AMENDMENT - TEACH FOR AMERICA

Ms. Clark from the Federal Programs department addressed the Board concerning the Teach for America contract amendment.

Made a motion to approve the Contract Amendment for Teacher for America.

Motion by Jo Ann Brannon, second by Jill Speering.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Will Pinkston, Jo Ann Brannon, Jill Speering, Anna Shepherd, Christiane Buggs, Tyese Hunter, Mary Pierce, Amy Frogge

REPORTS

Director's Report

1. Opening of Schools - Dr. Joseph presented the Opening Schools report to the Board.
2. MNPS Next - Dr. Carlise and Mr. Henson presented the MNPS Next report to the Board.
3. Public Education Leadership Project Update - Dr. Joseph gave a brief update.

Committee Reports

1. Teaching and Learning Committee - Ms. Buggs gave a brief update.

Board Chairman's Report

1. Ms. Shepherd gave an update on the launch of STEM within the district.

2. Announcements

- a. Dr. Brannon announced that the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Tusculum Elementary would be held on August 17th.
- b. Ms. Speering announced that the Donelson- Hermitage Chamber of Commerce would be holding the Rachel Awards presented by the Nashville Airport Authority. Ms. Shepherd is nominated as an award recipient.
- c. Ms. Speering announced that on the first day of school she visited six schools in her district.
- d. Ms. Hunter thanked Mayor Barry for passing out backpacks.
- e. Ms. Pierce announced that the Hillsboro High School Groundbreaking would be held on August 23rd.
- f. Ms. Buggs announced that she is accepting applications for Student Board member interns that are in the 10th – 11th grades.
- g. Ms. Shepherd announced that she and other elected officials would be hosting a Community Conversation on August 10th at the Hermitage Police Precinct.
- h. Ms. Shepherd announced that on August 16th a Meet and Greet would be held for Damon Cathey, the Donelson area Community Superintendent.
- i. Ms. Shepherd announced that Parent University would be held on August 12th.
- j. Ms. Shepherd congratulated Samuel Kallaos, music teacher at Ruby Major Elementary, for being named the Tennessean’s Music Teacher for the month of August.

WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD (not for discussion)

A. Sales Tax Collections as of July 20, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Buggs adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Chris M. Henson

Anna Shepherd

Date

Board Secretary

Board Chair