

**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 (Glenclyff 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 21<sup>st</sup>.

**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 & Jofus 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
3. Ms. Speering announced on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and July 24<sup>th</sup> 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  
Board Secretary

Anna Shepherd  
Board Chair

Date