

## **METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING - Tuesday, March 27, 2018**

### **Members present -**

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

Members absent – Sharon Gentry and Will Pinkston

### **Meeting called to order at 5:01 PM**

### **CONVENE and ACTION**

- A. Establish Quorum  
Ms. Shepherd called the meeting to order.
  
- B. Pledge of Allegiance  
Dr. Pelham, principal of Hillsboro High School, led the pledge.
  
- C. 30 Seconds in My District...  
Each Board member gave a brief update of each of their districts.

### **GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

- A. Consent
  - a. Recommended Award of Contract for Professional Services (District-Wide Geotechnical Investigation and Construction Materials Testing) -- Beaver Engineering, Inc.
  - b. Recommended Award of Contract for Professional Services (District -Wide Geotechnical Investigation and Construction Materials Testing) -- Professional Service Industries, Inc.
  - c. Recommended Award of Contract for Professional Services (District-Wide Geotechnical Investigation and Construction Materials Testing) -- S&ME, Inc.
  - d. Recommended Award of Contract for Professional Services (District-Wide Testing and Balancing Services) -- Thermal Balance, Inc.
  - e. Recommended Approval of Supplement #2 for Tusculum Elementary School Additions -- Binkley Garcia Architecture LLC
  - f. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts
    - (1) Advanced Mechanical Contractors, Inc.
    - (2) Cascio Interstate Music, Inc.
    - (3) Demand Mechanical
    - (4) Matthew Walker Comprehensive Health Center, Inc.

- (5) Washington Music Center
- g. Recommended Approval Textbook Adoptions for Science, P.E., Health and Wellness, Visual Arts and Performing Arts
- i. Recommended Approval of Textbook Adoptions for Physics, Visual Arts (2) and Science

**Motion to approve the consent agenda as read.**

**Motion by Jill Speering, second by Jo Ann Brannon.**

**Final Resolution: Motion Passes**

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

**Not Present : Christiane Buggs**

#### B. Resolution on School Safety and Gun Violence

**WHEREAS**, the powers and duties of the Board of Education of the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools allow for the definition of the policies and positions and acts in furtherance of those policies, except where the organization is prohibited from doing so by law or other governing documents;

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for the nation's major city school systems to express their positions on school safety matters that affect its students and the children residing in its cities;

**WHEREAS**, thousands of our students have publicly expressed concern for their safety and well-being and have indicated that policymakers should act immediately to protect them in school and beyond;

**WHEREAS**, the leaders of the nation's major city public school systems respect the concerns of their students, and support the growing civic and social participation of high school students that was inspired by recent events;

**WHEREAS**, since the school shooting in Columbine in 1999, there have been numerous other school shootings, including those in Red Lake (MN), Lancaster (PA), Blacksburg (VA), Chardon (OH), Cleveland (OH), Sandy Hook (CT), Broward County (FL), and many others that have taken scores of young lives;

**WHEREAS**, too many of our young people are shot and killed on the streets of our major cities almost every day;

**WHEREAS**, Americans are 25 times more likely to be killed with a gun than people in other developed countries;

**WHEREAS**, Americans make up about 4.4 percent of the world's population but own some 42 percent of the world's guns;

**WHEREAS**, assault weapons have no place in society and other types of guns are too easily obtained;

**WHEREAS**, teachers are not trained law enforcement officers, and should not be asked or incentivized to keep weapons accessible in their classrooms;

**WHEREAS**, there is no reason, based on any viable research, to suggest that adding guns into a school setting or arming teachers would prevent these acts of violence;

**WHEREAS**, schools across the country need considerable additional resources to plan for the possibility of such acts of violence, coordinate with law enforcement, and secure their buildings from intruders;

**WHEREAS**, many schools lack the mental health counselors, psychologists, and social workers they need to identify and work with students showing warning signs for depression and violence;

**WHEREAS**, the nation's data collection on gun violence and gun ownership is inadequate to monitor, understand, or prevent these events from happening; and

**WHEREAS**, the multiple school shootings that the nation has witnessed over the years have complex causes requiring multiple solutions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools stands with the students of Broward County Public Schools and the nation in demanding effective and comprehensive action from the federal government to protect schoolchildren;

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools calls on the Congress of the United States to ban the manufacture, sale, purchase, possession, and use of assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition cartridges, except those needed by the military and law enforcement;

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools calls on the Congress of the United States to require and strengthen universal background checks to possess any type of firearm;

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools calls on the President of the United States to charge all agencies of the federal government with the task of reducing the number of gun-related injuries and deaths in America.

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools is opposed to the arming of teachers to protect schools and children;

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools calls on the Congress of the United States to extend the perimeter of Gun-Free School Zones;

**NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools calls on the Congress of the United States to appropriate adequate new funds to allow school districts across the nation to plan and coordinate school security efforts with law enforcement officials and make other building alterations that may be necessary to protect students, teachers, and staff;

**ADOPTED BY THE ELECTED METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION, TENNESSEE, MEETING IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE \_\_27\_\_ DAY OF March, 2018.**

**Motion to adopt the resolution as read.**

**Motion by Amy Frogge, second Tyese Hunter**

**Motion Passes**

**Yes: Tyese Hunter, Jill Speering, Amy Frogge, Jo Ann Brannon, Anna Shepherd**

**Not present at vote: Christiane Buggs**

## **REPORTS**

### A. Director's Report

1. HR Update – Ms. Story presented an HR update to the Board.
2. Winter MAP-R and MAP-M Data – Dr. Changas presented the Winter MAP-R and MAP-M Data to the Board.
3. Community Eligibility Program – Mr. Stark and staff presented the Community Eligibility Program report to the Board.

### B. Board Chairman's Report

1. Ms. Shepherd gave a brief report concerning the budget process.

C. Announcements

1. Ms. Buggs announced that the Mayor's Art show would be held at the Frist Center on March 29 and April 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
2. Ms. Hunter announced that the SE cluster held two community meetings during the week of 19<sup>th</sup>. Additional meetings will be scheduled in the near future.
3. Ms. Speering congratulated the Blue Ribbons Teachers winners from her district.
4. Dr. Brannon announced that the Blue Ribbon Teacher ceremony has been rescheduled to April 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD**

A. Sales Tax Collections as of March 20, 2018

B. Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget Financial Reports

**The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.**



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Chris M. Henson  
Board Secretary

Anna Shepherd  
Board Chair

Date