

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING - Tuesday, November 28, 2017

Members present

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

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM

CONVENE and ACTION

A. Establish Quorum

Ms. Shepherd called the meeting to order.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Dr. Susan Kessler, principal of Hunters Lane High School.

C. 30 Seconds in My District...

Each Board Member gave a brief update on each of their districts.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

A. Sara Hoyal - Hunters Lane High School – The Board and Dr. Joseph recognized Ms. Hoyal for helping Hunters Lane High School rate fourth in the state for Chemistry group.

AND THE GOOD NEWS...

A. Metro Historical Commission – Commemorating 60th Anniversary of School Desegregation – Updated the Board on historical markers that will be placed at several schools within the district.

B. Hunters Lane High School Band – The band performed outside of the Board room prior to the start of the Board meeting.

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

A. Consent Agenda

Ms. Speering read the consent agenda.

- a. Approval of Minutes – 10/24/2017 – Regular Meeting
- b. Recommended Approval of Change Order #3 for Hume Fogg Magnet High School Renovations – Messer Construction Company
- c. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts
 - (1) Allovue, Inc.
 - (2) American Paper & Twine Co.
 - (3) Amplify Education Inc.
 - (4) CDW Government
 - (5) Eskola LLC dba Eskola Roofing
 - (6) Frist Center for the Visual Arts
 - (7) Metis Associates, Inc. (2 contracts)
 - (8) Millsaps Gowan Government Relations

- (9) QuaverMusic.com
 - (10) The New Teacher Project, Inc.
 - (11) University of Pittsburgh dba Institute for Learning (3 contracts)
- d. Legal Settlement Claim #C-35559 (\$6,000)

Approve the consent agenda as read.

Motion by Jill Speering, second by Jo Ann Brannon.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

Ms. Pierce asked why the Quaver Music contract was pulled? Ms. Shepherd said there were capacity concerns that involved the contract and Ms. Nola Jones would attend the December 12th Board meeting to address the concerns.

B. Approval of MNPS Next Recommendations for Caldwell/Glenn/Murrell
Approve the MNPS Next Recommendations for Caldwell/Glenn/Murrell Schools

Motion by Sharon Gentry, second by Christiane Buggs.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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

C. Smithson Craighead Academy

Accept the recommendation to revoke the approval of the Smithson Craighead Academy Renewal Application.

Motion by Sharon Gentry, second by Jo Ann Brannon.

Final Resolution: Motion Fails

Yes: Sharon Gentry, Jo Ann Brannon, Christiane Buggs, Mary Pierce

No: Will Pinkston, Jill Speering, Anna Shepherd, Tyese Hunter, Amy Frogge

Mr. Pinkston asked that the Board continue discussion of the Smithson Craighead Academy Renewal Application in the Governance Committee. Ms. Shepherd agreed.

REPORTS

A. Director's Report

1. Legislative Agenda
Mr. North presented the Legislative Agenda update to the Board.
2. Literacy Pilot Update – Dr. Felder and staff gave a comprehensive Literacy Pilot Update.

B. Committee Reports

1. Dr. Gentry stated that the Capital Needs Committee met before the Board meeting to review initial Capital Needs Budget. The next meeting will be held in the coming weeks.

C. Board Chairman's Report

1. Chair Report - Ms. Shepherd gave a brief Board Chair report.

D. Announcements

1. Ms. Pierce announced that West End Middle School would be presenting their winter play called, The Snow Queen on December 6th & 7th.
2. Ms. Speering announced that the Maplewood High School health clinic is open on Tuesday's and Thursday's from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. She encouraged the community to support the clinic which is open to the public.
3. Ms. Speering announced that the Backpack Full of Cash documentary is scheduled to be shown on November 29th at 6:00 p.m. at Vanderbilt University. Ms. Frogge is featured in the documentary.
4. Ms. Speering announced that the M3 Summit for the Northwest Quadrant for Males will be held December 2nd at I.T. Creswell Middle Prep.
5. Ms. Speering read the following announcement for Ms. Frogge: On December 9th, Charlotte Park Elementary will host their annual Breakfast with Santa at 8:30 a.m.
6. Dr. Brannon announced that Oliver Middle Prep would put on the Little Mermaid Play starting December 10th.
7. Ms. Shepherd announced that she served as Principal for a Day at Dupont Hadley Middle Prep.

WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

- A. Sales Tax Collections as of November 20, 2017
- B. Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Operating Budget Financial Reports

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Pierce adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Anna Shepherd
Board Chair

Date