

METROPOLITAN BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION MEETING – October 9, 2018

Members present – Sharon Gentry, Will Pinkston, Rachael Anne Elrod, Anna Shepherd, Christiane Buggs, Fran Bush, Gini Pupo-Walker, Chris Henson (sitting in for Dr. Joseph)

Absent – Shawn Joseph and Jill Speering

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

CONVENE and ACTION

- A. Call to Order
Dr. Gentry called the meeting to order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
Led by Dawn Efionayi
- C. Quorum Validation
- D. Adoption of the Agenda

AND THE GOOD NEWS IS...

- A. Student Ambassadors from Pearl-Cohn Magnet High School and Maplewood High School presented brief reports on each of their school academies.
- B. Glencliff High School displayed artwork during the Board meeting.
- C. Glendale Elementary performed for the Board before the start of the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- A. Theresa L. Wagner – Ms. Wagner addressed the Board concerning a list of working condition problems that she would like addressed within MNPS.
- B. Katherine Price – Ms. Price addressed the Board concerning School Psychology Shortages.
- C. Susan Blair Clayton - Ms. Clayton addressed the Board concerning School Psychology Shortages
- D. Michael Utley – Mr. Utley addressed the Board concerning budget shortages.
- E. Dr. Erick Huth – Dr. Huth addressed the Board concerning issues impacting teachers and the underfunding of the district.

- F. Ashley Haugen – Ms. Haugen addressed the Board concerning issues with MNPS leadership.
- G. Denise Bentley – Ms. Bentley addressed the Board concerning the arrest, suspension and expulsion of elementary students. She asked the Board create a policy to address the expulsion of elementary students.
- H. Derica Griggs – Ms. Griggs addressed the Board concerning alternatives to suspension of elementary students. She also discussed the alternative suspension programs used at Napier Elementary School.
- I. Whitney Russell – Ms. Russell addressed the Board concerning alternatives to suspension of elementary students. She also discussed the alternative suspension programs used at Napier Elementary School.
- J. Linda Bowling – Ms. Bowling addressed the Board concerning elementary suspensions and also talked about her personal experience with elementary suspension.
- K. Amy Cate – Ms. Cate addressed the Board on behalf of PASSAGE concerning the arrests, suspensions of elementary school students.
- L. Jill Barber - Ms. Barber addressed the Board concerning cooperation between Dr. Joseph and the Board.
- M. Katherine Brown – Ms. Brown addressed the Board concerning MNPS leadership.

BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT

- A. Dr. Gentry announced that Dr. Julie Williams, a former MNPS employee, passed away and offered kind words and condolences to her family and also gave a brief Board Chair’s report.

- B. Dr. Gentry read the following Proclamation for National Hispanic Month:
Proclamation

The Metro Nashville Public Schools supports the recommendation of the Equity & Diversity Department and the Hispanic Heritage Month committee comprised by:

- Mariechelle Bonifacio
- Susana Couch
- Rubén De Peña
- Laura Escalante-Ramos
- Ana Marina Evensizer
- Dr. Maritza González
- Claudia Humphrey
- Carlos Moncayo
- Ernesto Ortega
- Ameerah Palacios

- Allison Ross
- José Saucedá
- Nere Vargas-Ortega

to approve the below proclamation declaring September 15-October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month in Metro Nashville Public Schools. During National Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15), whose roots go back to 1968, we recognize the contributions made and the important presence of Hispanic Americans to the United States and celebrate their heritage and culture.

WHEREAS, Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and service. They have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community; and WHEREAS, approximately 26% of our students across MNPS are Hispanic, and represent countries including but not limited to Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, and many more; and WHEREAS, nearly 20,000 of MNPS students come from a household where Spanish is spoken at home; and

WHEREAS, we are proud to recognize and honor the rich heritage and cultures of our students, families and Nashville community; BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Metro Nashville Board of Public Education issues this resolution to proclaim September 15-October 15 to be HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH in Metro Nashville Public Schools. We encourage all staff, students, families and residents to join in celebrating the collective ingenuity, creativity, cultures and traditions of Hispanic Americans and to continue honoring the contributions of Hispanic Americans throughout the year.

Adopted this day, Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Motion to approve the Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation.

Motion by Will Pinkston, second by Anna Shepherd.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Sharon Gentry, Will Pinkston, Rachael Anne Elrod, Anna Shepherd, Christiane Buggs, Fran Bush, Gini Pupo-Walker

GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- A. Consent
 - a. Recommended Award of Contract for Professional Services for Structural Engineering Services – Ross Bryan Associates, Inc.
 - b. Recommended Approval of Supplement #4 for Professional Services Contract for Facilities Condition Assessment and Master Planning Services – MGT Consulting of America, LLC
 - c. Awarding of Purchases and Contracts
 - (1) MealViewer, LLC
 - (2) Teachstone Training, LLC
 - (3) Tyler Technologies

Ms. Buggs read the consent.

Motion by Will Pinkston, second by Anna Shepherd.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Sharon Gentry, Will Pinkston, Rachael Anne Elrod, Anna Shepherd, Christiane Buggs, Fran Bush, Gini Pupo-Walker

REPORTS

- A. Director's Report
 - 1. Pre-K Update – Dr. Felder and members of the Pre-K department presented a Pre-K update to the Board.
 - 2. MAP Update – Dr. Changas presented a MAP update to the Board.
 - 3. Recruitment and Retention Update – Ms. Story and staff presented a Recruitment and Retention Update to the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Ms. Bush announced that she attended the Cane Ridge High School Senior Night.
- B. Ms. Elrod announced Cole Elementary will be hosting a Parent Guardian Workshop.
- C. Ms. Elrod announced that the Overton High School Lady Bobcat Soccer Tournament will be held on October 9th.
- D. Ms. Elrod announced that the Overton Players just completed four nightly performances of "Acts of Murder".
- E. Ms. Shepherd announced that the first "MNPS Round Table discussion" hosted by Councilman Glover would be held October 10th at McGavock High School at 6:00 p.m. On October 17th, a discussion will be held in District 5 at Stratford High School.
- F. Ms. Shepherd announced McGavock High School will be hosting a professional skills fair on October 11th.

- G. Ms. Shepherd announced that the Music City Band Invitational will be held at McGavock High School on October 13th.
- H. Ms. Buggs congratulated all of the Reward Schools and the schools that were removed from the Priority School list in her district.
- I. Ms. Buggs announced that she will be attending the Warner Elementary Culture Night on October 11th.
- J. Ms. Buggs announced that she will attending the Elementary Arrest, Suspension and Expulsion evening hosted by MNEA and NOAH on October 11th at 5:00 p.m.
- K. Ms. Buggs announced that Inglewood Elementary held their Family STEM Night the week of October 2nd.
- L. Ms. Buggs announced that she will be attending Walk to School Day at Stratford High School.
- M. Ms. Pupo-Walker announced that she will be attending Walk to School Day at West End Middle School.
- N. Ms. Pupo-Walker announced that Eakin Elementary School recently held their first Project Lit meeting.
- O. Ms. Pupo-Walker announced that both West End and J.T. Moore Middle School would be hosting football games and Fall Festivals in the upcoming weeks.
- P. Dr. Gentry announced that the month of October is Breast Cancer Month.

WRITTEN INFORMATION TO THE BOARD

- A. New Hire Report

Ms. Pupo-Walker adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.



Chris M. Henson
Board Secretary

Sharon Gentry Date
Board Chair