

MINUTES

Board of Education Regular Meeting

August 13, 2024 6:00 PM

City Hall Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER Procedural Item Present: Mr. Wesley Ballard, Ms. Karen Dodd, Ms. Barbara Long, Ms. Amanda Moore, Mr. Jimmy Richardson III, Mr. David Settles, Absent: Mr. Butch Campbell. In attendance: Dr. Trey Duke, Sheri Arnette, Daniel Owens, Maria Johnson, Don Bartch, Lisa Trail, Robin Newell, Jamara DeBerry, Shannon Linnell, Jeremy Lewis, Ken Rocha, Angela Fairchild, Sandy Scheele, April Zavisa, Will Bozeman, Eric Newell, Ballard family Assistant City Attorney Lauren Bush. City Liaison Bill Shacklett was absent.	Chair Butch Campbell
A. Pledge of Allegiance Procedural Item The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jordyn DeBerry, a student at Cason Lane PreK, and Cameron Clark, a third grade student at Bradley Academy.	
B. Moment of Silence Procedural Item Vice Chair Jimmy Richardson asked that we remember Chair Campbell and his family during the moment of silence.	
II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA Action Item Motion to approve the agenda. This motion, made by Mr. David Settles and seconded by Ms. Barbara Long, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1	Chair Butch Campbell
III. COMMUNICATIONS Information Item	Mrs. Lisa Trail
A. The Best of MCS-Mr. Will Bozeman Procedural Item	Dr. Trey Duke
B. Spotlight on Education-New Teacher Mentor Supports Procedural Item Dr. Johnson presented a PowerPoint on the new teacher mentor program and all supports that we provide for first-year teachers.	Ms. Maria Johnson
C. Public Comment Procedural Item	Chair Butch Campbell
IV. CONSENT ITEMS Consent Agenda Motion to approve consent agenda.. This motion, made by Ms. Amanda Moore and seconded by Mr. David Settles, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1	Chair Butch Campbell
A. Approval of 7-23-24 Board Minutes Consent Item	
B. Approval of Contract-JHA School Photography Consent Item	
C. Approval of Contract-Special Kids Agreement Consent Item	
D. Second Reading of Board Policies Consent Item	

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i. Approval of Board Policy 1.800 School Calendar on Second Reading Consent Item	
ii. Approval of Board Policy 3.301, Use of District Provided Cell Phones, on Second Reading Consent Item	
iii. Approval of Board Policy 6.406-Student Psychological Services on Second Reading Consent Item	
iv. Approval of Board Policy 6.407-Student Social Services on Second Reading Consent Item	
v. Approval of Board Policy 6.500 Special Education Students on Second Reading Consent Item	
vi. Approval of Board Policy 6.505 Students in Foster Care on Second Reading Consent Item	
V. ACTION ITEMS Action Item	Chair Butch Campbell
A. Approval of Resolution for Mr. Wesley Ballard Action Item Motion to approve the Resolution for Mr. Wesley Ballard. This motion, made by Ms. Barbara Long and seconded by Ms. Karen Dodd, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 All members of the Board thanked Mr. Ballard for his service. Ms. Dodd said that he was so kind and welcoming when she joined the Board. Ms. Moore added that someone will have to take his place in asking, "how are we going to pay for this?" Ms. Moore also thanked him for his work as the City Schools Foundation Board liaison. Ms. Long said that she was honored to sit beside him on the Board. Mr. Settles added that someone will not only have to ask how we will pay for this, but also "does it make sense to do this at this time?" He thanked Mr. Ballard for his work and dedication to MCS. Mr. Richardson quoted President Theodore Roosevelt. He thanked Mr. Ballard for his service and for keeping the Board on the straight and narrow. Vice Chair Richardson presented Mr. Ballard with a crystal in honor of his service. Mr. Ballard was very appreciative of the gift and thanked the Board for allowing him to serve.	Dr. Trey Duke
B. Approval of FY24 Outstanding Internal Schools Accounts Payable as of June 30, 2024 Action Item Motion to approve FY24 Outstanding Internal Schools Accounts Payable as of June 30, 2024. This motion, made by Mr. David Settles and seconded by Ms. Karen Dodd, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1	Dr. Trey Duke
C. Approval of Contract and Budget Amendment-Ford Cargo Van Action Item Motion to approve Contract and Budget Amendment-Ford Cargo Van. This motion, made by Mr. David Settles and seconded by Ms. Amanda Moore, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 Mr. Settles was concerned about taking money out of the gasoline line item because the price of gas is fluctuating. Mr. Owens said that we did not spend all of the money in the gasoline line last year, so based on that information, he feels comfortable making this move.	Dr. Trey Duke
D. Approval of Budget Amendment-Title IX McKinney Vento FY25 Action Item Motion to approve Budget Amendment-Title IX McKinney Vento FY25. This motion, made by Ms. Amanda Moore and seconded by Ms. Karen Dodd, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1	Dr. Trey Duke

<p>Dr. Duke explained that McKinney Vento cannot be used on emergency housing, so we will use this grant money to pay for emergency clothing, transportation, and food.</p> <p>Ms. Long asked how someone would go about applying for these funds. Dr. Duke explained that our social workers, family liaisons, classroom teachers, and school counselors, all work very closely to Ms. Carmen Maples, our homeless liaison.</p> <p>Mr. Settles asked how many homeless students we serve each year. Dr. Duke told him that we have 51 students as of today. He said that there was a significant increase in homelessness last year, and it is a growing population that we are serving.</p>	
<p>E. Approval of Budget Amendment-ARP Homeless Action Item Motion to approve Budget Amendment-ARP Homeless. This motion, made by Mr. David Settles and seconded by Mr. Wesley Ballard, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1</p>	Dr. Trey Duke
<p>F. Approval of Budget Amendment-Stronger Connections Grant Action Item Motion to approve Budget Amendment-Stronger Connections Grant. This motion, made by Ms. Karen Dodd and seconded by Mr. Wesley Ballard, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1</p>	Dr. Trey Duke
<p>G. Approval of Budget Amendment-Robotics Action Item Motion to approve Budget Amendment-Robotics. This motion, made by Ms. Amanda Moore and seconded by Ms. Barbara Long, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1</p>	Dr. Trey Duke
<p>H. Approval of Budget Amendment-Book Bus Action Item Motion to approve Budget Amendment-Book Bus. This motion, made by Mr. David Settles and seconded by Mr. Wesley Ballard, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 Ms. Moore asked how this new program will change what he have done in the past with the book bus. Ms. Trail explained that the book bus served certain apartment complexes with books. The new van will have the ability to visit several different locations and will provide not only books, but wi-fi and computers for registration purposes. She explained that it will be an office on wheels, along with the fact that with the van being smaller, we will be able to get in and out of places easier and will give us more flexibility in that the driver wouldn't need a CDL. She added that the Foundation has dollars set aside to provide shelving and everything to make it look like a book bus.</p> <p>Mr. Settles asked if it will be called Bob the Book Bus. Ms. Trail said that we will bring the name back to the Board when we bring the contract back for approval.</p>	Dr. Trey Duke
<p>I. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding-Murfreesboro Police Department School Resource Officers Action Item Motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding-Murfreesboro Police Department School Resource Officers. This motion, made by Mr. Wesley Ballard and seconded by Mr. David Settles, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1</p>	Dr. Trey Duke
<p>J. Approval of Contract-STARS Nashville Service Agreement Action Item</p>	Dr. Trey Duke

<p>Motion to approve Contract-STARS Nashville Service Agreement. This motion, made by Mr. David Settles and seconded by Ms. Karen Dodd, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1</p>	
<p>K. Approval of Contract-CDW-G for Cybersecurity Software Action Item Motion to approve Contract- CDW-G for Cybersecurity Software. This motion, made by Ms. Barbara Long and seconded by Ms. Amanda Moore, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1</p>	Dr. Trey Duke
<p>L. Approval of Contract-Douglas Lawn Care Action Item Motion to approve Contract-Douglas Lawn Care. This motion, made by Ms. Barbara Long and seconded by Mr. David Settles, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 Ms. Dodd and Mr. Ballard were concerned that the bid for mowing was \$100,000.00 less than the next lowest bid. Ms. Bush explained that this company is a small family-owned business that does not need to provide worker's comp insurance; therefore, they can keep their bid low.</p>	Dr. Trey Duke
<p>M. Approval of Contract-Forte Action Item Motion to approve Contract-Forte. This motion, made by Ms. Amanda Moore and seconded by Ms. Barbara Long, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1</p>	Dr. Trey Duke
<p>N. Approval of Cooperative Agreement-JHA-School Yearbooks Action Item Motion to approve Cooperative Agreement-JHA-School Yearbooks. This motion, made by Mr. Wesley Ballard and seconded by Mr. David Settles, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1</p>	Dr. Trey Duke
<p>O. Approval of Board Policy 1.104, Memberships, on First Reading Action Item Motion to approve Board Policy 1.104, Memberships, on First Reading. This motion, made by Mr. David Settles and seconded by Ms. Barbara Long, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1</p>	Ms. Lauren Bush
<p>P. Approval of Board Policy 1.108, Nepotism, on First Reading Action Item Motion to approve Board Policy 1.108, Nepotism, on First Reading. This motion, made by Mr. David Settles and seconded by Mr. Wesley Ballard, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1</p>	Ms. Lauren Bush
<p>Q. Approval of Board Policy 1.204, Board Member Development Opportunities, on First Reading Action Item Motion to approve Board Policy 1.204, Board Member Development Opportunities, on First Reading. This motion, made by Ms. Barbara Long and seconded by Ms. Karen Dodd, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 Mr. Ballard said that since we are in a time of trying to hire teachers fast and furious, do we check if anyone is related to an employee or directly under the supervision of a relative? Ms. Bush said that an employee cannot directly supervise a relative and HR does uphold that policy and do checks. She said that the old policy said that someone could not directly or indirectly supervise someone that they are related to, and we went back to the TSBA model policy in that it could be indirect supervision. Dr. Duke said that when that happens, he will alert the Board.</p>	Ms. Lauren Bush
<p>R. Retirement of Board Policy 1.6011, Administration in the Absence of Policy, on First Reading</p>	Ms. Lauren Bush

<p>Action Item Motion to approve Board Policy 1.6011, Administration in the Absence of Policy, on First Reading. This motion, made by Mr. David Settles and seconded by Mr. Wesley Ballard, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1</p>	
<p>S. Retirement of Board Policy 2.,4001, Federal School Meal Program, on First Reading Action Item Motion to approve Board Policy 2.,4001, Federal School Meal Program, on First Reading. This motion, made by Mr. David Settles and seconded by Ms. Karen Dodd, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1</p>	<p>Ms. Lauren Bush</p>
<p>VI. REPORTS AND INFORMATION Information Item</p>	<p>Chair Butch Campbell</p>
<p>A. Review of Changes to Expense Allowances and Reimbursement Guidelines per Policy 2.804 Action Item Dr. Duke said that no action will be taken on this policy, but as an annual provision to the board, we are providing this to the Board. He said that the policy was last adjusted on March 12, 2024.</p>	<p>Dr. Trey Duke</p>
<p>B. Summer Feeding Report Information Item Sandy Scheele provided the summer feeding report. She informed the Board that it was another great year. She employed 37 workers, they went to 19 locations and fed 50,715 meals. Ms. Scheele told the Board that she had recently received an invitation from the previous Vice President to speak on a panel for Farm to School. Mr. Settles said that the Chow Bus is so beautiful for the city of Murfreesboro, and it shows that we do more than educate our kids. He said that it speaks to our connection to our city. He thanked Ms. Scheele and the Farm to School program staff.</p>	<p>Ms. Sandy Scheele</p>
<p>C. Director's Update Information Item Dr. Duke thanked Mr. Ballard for his time on the Board. He recognized Mr. Eric Newell in the audience. He said that he is the new City Schools Foundation president. Dr. Duke said that grants are now open and encouraged teachers to apply. Dr. Duke said that Mr Ballard has one more meeting and that will be our 8/27 board workshop at central office at 5:00 p.m. Dr. Duke also told the Board that we are still monitoring our enrollment every day. He said that tomorrow is the first full day of kindergarten and we will provide the Board with more solid numbers at the 8/27 board work session. Mr. Ballard asked how we are doing with bus drivers. Mr. Bartch came forward and explained that we are in a good spot, better than in the past few years. He said that he has done alot of different projects and they seem to be helping. He said that we still have double routes, but at least the office staff at the bus garage are not having to drive buses alot. All in all, it seems to be a smooth beginning to the school year.</p>	<p>Dr. Trey Duke</p>

<p>Mr. Richardson ended the meeting by wishing the teachers, administrators, parents, and students an excellent year. He thanked Mr. Ballard once again for his service on the Board and he told the Campbells that we are sending our love to the family.</p>	
<p>VII. OTHER BUSINESS Information Item</p>	<p>Chair Butch Campbell</p>
<p>VIII. ADJOURNMENT Action Item Motion to adjourn at 7:16. This motion, made by Mr. David Settles and seconded by Mr. Wesley Ballard, passed. Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1 The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.</p>	<p>Chair Butch Campbell</p>

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