

## MINUTES

Murfreesboro City School Board  
6 p.m., Tuesday, August 11, 2015  
Council Chambers

### ATTENDANCE

Chair Butch Campbell, Vice Chair Nancy Rainier, Jared Barrett, Andy Brown, Phil King, Nancy Phillips, Collier Smith.

Staff: Dr. Linda Gilbert, Gary Anderson, Kim Frank, Joe Marlin, Robin Newell, Lea Bartch, Shavon Davis-Louis, Lisa Trail, Ralph Ringstaff, Crystal Farris, Greg Lyles, Stacey Burt, and Essence Brisco.

Staff Attorney Kelley Baker

### I. CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD CHAIR

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Brown and was immediately followed by a moment of silence.

### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Brown moved to approve the agenda. Ms. Smith seconded the motion, and all approved by saying aye.

### III. COMMUNICATIONS

Dr. Gilbert made the following announcements:

MCS would like to thank the following individuals for their financial support of the Franklin Heights student activities:

Kristen Hampton  
Thomas & Kristen Chase  
Leah & Brian Bartley  
Michael's Homes

MCS Community Outreach would like to thank the following:

United Way of Rutherford and Cannon Counties for providing school supplies and backpacks for students  
North Boulevard Church of Christ for providing school supplies, which were distributed to teachers  
Rutherford County Farmers Co-Op for a \$5,000 donation to the Backpack Food Program  
Farm Credit Services for their donation of a copy machine, table, and chairs

MCS Appreciates Girl Scout Troop 540 for collecting 18 book bags filled with school supplies for Hobgood Elementary.

Ms. Smith gave a brief presentation about the Confucius Institute. She said the McPhees (MTSU) spearheaded the project, and that this year the group came back with 38 students, a few parents, and a few teachers. Scales Elementary hosted them in the science lab at MTSU with some of their science fair winners. She said the group was overwhelmed by the size of Overall Creek. Ms. Smith praised the opportunity for exchange for some of our

elementary students to go over there and them to come over here. Dr. Gilbert added that MCS will be receiving two teachers from the Confucius Institute who will be coming over here.

#### IV. CONSENT ITEMS

##### Minutes: June 9, 2015 Meeting

Mr. Barrett moved to approve the minutes. Mr. King seconded the motion, and all approved by saying aye.

#### VI. REPORTS/INFORMATION

##### Report on Summer Camps and Activities

Mr. Lyles presented a video and information about the Community Outreach summer camps and activities. He stated that camps are only possible with community partnerships who are eager to step up to the plate when called as well as the faculty, volunteers, and administrators, who participate. Mr. Lyles recognized the activities of Club Marvel, Boys2Men, GEMS Camp, Camp Prism, and Camp Boost as well as camp partners such as MTSU, Stones River Mall, Olive Branch Church, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. He said that Franklin Heights had a number of camps going on at a number of sites. Overall, Mr. Lyles stated that about 400 kids were serviced over the summer.

Ms. Phillips said she appreciated the opportunity to visit the last day of the GEMS Camp for the tea party and see what it meant to those kids and their parents.

##### Construction and Maintenance Updates

Mr. Anderson gave the construction and maintenance updates for the schools. Bradley school was repainted on the inside. Northfield had a major catastrophic breakdown with HVAC right before school started. Hobgood's new addition contracts have been signed, and construction is getting ready to start. Scales' ductwork started to peel, and had to be redone. The school was also repainted, and a brick firewall was built around the kiln. Cason Lane had 31 thermal pane windows that were replaced. Discovery School had electrical panel that had to be replaced. A thermal scan was performed and a safety team inspected to make sure they are all good. Bleacher inspections were performed by a professional company. As a result of our energy initiative, the state approved \$1.5 million loan to do new lighting for Cason Lane, Black Fox, and Bradley. Mr. Anderson said he approached them about putting in LED lights instead of T8 bulbs. As a result, we are receiving an additional \$2.1 million because of the new technology.

Ms. Rainier asked which room was being divided at Bradley. Dr. Gilbert said it is the old library on the right as you go down the hall. She said we have been delayed in completing the rooms because we had to special order the sink. Ms. Rainier asked if Reeves-Rogers would still have to use the portable. Mr. Anderson said he does not believe they intend to use it as a classroom at this time because of numbers.

Ms. Rainier asked about custodial issues of buildings not being cleaned. Ms. Smith said she was concerned as well. Mr. Anderson said we have switched from GCA to our own custodial services, and we have had issues with getting enough staff to work the night shift. He explained the shortage of about 20 to 22 employees at night. We are trying to interview as many as apply, but we are not getting applicants. Mr. Anderson gave a brief explanation of the processes that are in place in the buildings, noting that efforts would be increased to meet the need.

## Enrollment Updates

Mr. Anderson reported said he added an item to the PTR sheet, which is the yellow box at the bottom showing growth over the previous year. He said the original projection was 8419, and we are really close to that now. He noted a four percent growth rate over the end of last year. Ms. Phillips said that is a little over 17 classrooms at that growth, and that is a lot of classrooms. Dr. Gilbert said she is still looking at numbers, and there may be some shifts in the classrooms. Discussion was also held about capacities of the school buildings and potential changes due to the Franklin Heights housing removal. Dr. Gilbert said she has spoken to Mr. Rowe at the Housing Authority and a second group of residents will be displaced by the end of December. Dr. Gilbert said there were about 80 students on that list, and it is unknown where they may end up at this time. Ms. Phillips noted that, while there is a pupil teacher ratio by what the law allows, she hopes we will consider what is the most optimum for student learning. Dr. Gilbert said they have been discussing the use of the CHOW bus for something like tutoring on wheels, adding that Mr. Lyles is staying in close contact with our community partners to meet the needs where they are.

## Update on Growth Funds for 2014-15 School Year

Mr. Anderson said MCS received \$818,000 in growth money from the State in January but that money went toward hiring teachers because of the extended growth.

## VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A request was made for a report from Mr. Marlin at an upcoming meeting about the special needs population.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Barrett moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Smith seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:06 p.m.

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Director of Schools