

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
Nashville School District  
October 20, 2020

President Jerry Wilson called the regular meeting of the Board of Education for the Nashville School District to order at 5:35PM. Members in attendance were David Hilliard, Jamar Finley, Tem Gunter, and Nick Britt.

Jamar Finley made a motion to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Nick Britt seconded the motion with it passing 5-0.

Superintendent Douglas Graham stated there was no old business to discuss.

Mr. Graham recommended with 27.91% of the budget spent and an overall balance of \$4,850,596.94 that we pay our bills. David Hilliard made a motion to approve the bills with Jamar Finley seconding. This passed 5-0.

The Scrapper Moment this month focused on the Golf, Tennis, and Cross Country Teams. Jerrad Jones introduced the Cross Country boys and girls teams. The addition of Coach Baker allowed for more individualized attention this year. Both teams worked hard despite the season last year having been short and all of the COVID restrictions. Both teams became District Champions with both beating DeQueen by 11 points. Coach Jones is proud of his teams and looking forward to another strong showing next year.

Maddie McRae introduced the tennis teams. They had the earliest start ever having started in June with their first match in August. They practice 2-3 hours a day and have to deal with only two tennis courts to practice in. The girls and boys teams were both runners up at District. Interest in tennis is growing, and she is looking forward to next year.

Aaron Worthen introduced the golf teams. His biggest worry was not being able to have a season this year, and they ended up having a fantastic overall season. Players dropped their scores from last year, and Ellen Spigner was the District 1<sup>st</sup> place medalist and placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the State. Coach Worthen is very proud of all of his players and is excited about next year.

Mr. Graham reminded the board of the state law passed in 2018 where the legislature set the amount of money that could be carried over each year to 20%. The district was notified last week that we had over 20% carryover from last year (due to the year ending from COVID). Mr. Graham recommended we transfer \$800,000 from operating to the building fund. If for some reason we decide as a district or as the board there is an expense that we need that money for the board can take action to transfer some or all of that money back into operating to be spent. For example, after the scrapper moment Mr. Graham has noticed that the lack of tennis courts has hindered the growth of the tennis team and may be something to look at in the future. David Hilliard made a motion to approve the transfer of funds with Jamar Finley seconding the motion. This passed 5-0.

Mr. Bryce Petty presented a report on the state of the technology department. This has been a busy year for the department with the Cares act money and local money we have spent nearly 1 million dollars on technology this year. The two biggest expenses were the completion of the classroom display project, which began last year, and the chromebook purchases of this year. The completion of the classroom display project is installation of promethean boards and tvs. This purchase upgrades 81 classrooms which when combined with what we upgraded last year totals 138 classrooms. This huge achievement was made possible in a shorter timeline than expected due to COVID funds. The second project was the chromebooks that were purchased for the students to get the district closer to 1 to 1. The school ordered 1100 chromebooks, and we also ordered 350 extra refurbished chromebooks due to the backorder of devices. This order places us at around 2300 chromebooks district wide. This gives enough chromebooks for each student to be able to use them whether that is a home device, one that is used at home and at school, or a classroom device. Teachers and students are getting better at using these devices every week, and the district should be prepared if we are sent home.

Mr. Graham stated in his superintendent report that there will be no face-to-face parent teacher conferences this semester. Report cards will be sent home on Friday. Teachers are reaching out to students with an average below a C, but if a parent looks at the report card and wishes to have a phone conference that can be arranged with the teacher.

Mr. Graham also mentioned that the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> nine weeks we are expecting many virtual students to reenroll in on-site school. Some students are doing very well with virtual learning, but some students are struggling for many reasons. We are hoping that many of these students will return. Some students doing well want to return just to be back in school again. Mr. Graham expects around half of the virtual students to return to on-site.

Mr. Graham presented to the board the resignation of Lisa Harvill, District Bookkeeper. Harvill had worked with the Nashville School District for 10 years. Nick Britt made a motion to accept Harvill's resignation with Jamar Finley seconding. This passed 5-0.

Mr. Graham presented to the board the hiring of Cassandra Evans (transferring from Secretary to the Superintendent to District Bookkeeper), Ashley Hale (transferring from JH Secretary to Secretary to the Superintendent), and Alisha Perez (part-time custodian at Primary). David Hilliard made a motion to approve the hires with Tem Gunter seconding. This passed 5-0.

David Hilliard made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Jamar Finley seconding. This passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:22.

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Jerry Wilson-President

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Jamar Finley-Secretary