

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
Nashville School District
May 17, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Nashville School Board was called to order by President Jerry Wilson at 5:32 PM. Other members present were David Hilliard, Jamar Finley, Nick Britt, and Tem Gunter.

Jamar Finley made a motion to approve the minutes from both the April regular and special meetings. Nick Britt seconded the motion. It passed 5-0.

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

With 66.3% of the budget spent and an operating balance of \$5,925,216, Mr. Graham recommended the payment of bills. David Hilliard made a motion to approve. Tem Gunter seconded the motion. It passed 5-0.

The Scrapper Moment this month focused on the Scrapper Soccer Team. Coach Matlock introduced the team. Mr. Graham congratulated them on their success this season, being the first soccer team in the school to win a state match, as well as being State Semi-finalists.

Mr. Graham asked the board to approve the purchase, using ESSER funds, of three additional 2022 Blue Bird All American Rear Engine Diesel School Buses for \$144,960 each and two 2022 Blue Bird Vision Gas School Buses for \$99,878 each from Central States Bus Sales, Inc. These buses would be air conditioned to comply with ESSER standards and would be used as activity buses. Mr. Graham explained to the board that the district had applied and received Prior Approval for the purchase of six buses using ESSER Funds. He stated these five additional buses would go along with the bus already approved and ordered earlier this year. David Hilliard made a motion to approve the purchase of the buses using ESSER Funds. Tem Gunter seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Graham recommended the hiring of EFS GeoTechnologies to review and ensure that our School Board Zones are still in compliance. Mr. Graham advised the board that by law, after the census is conducted, districts are required to review Zones to ensure all are equally divided and citizens are equally represented. The cost of Phase One, which is reviewing the zones and making sure the district is in compliance, will be \$900. If it is found the district is not in compliance, an additional \$1500 would be paid for Phase Two which would include the redistricting of the zones. Jamar Finley made a motion to hire EFS GeoTechnologies. David Hilliard seconded the motion. It passed 5-0.

During his Superintendent's report, Mr. Graham announced that the first night of Night Classes were being held at Nashville High School. These night classes were to help those that had fallen behind due to COVID and Virtual Learning.

Mr. Graham advised that the District would not be receiving state funding for the Primary School roof. He explained that the roof project had been approved but that the Legislature had given \$70 million for

projects and only the first 23 projects received funding before funds had been depleted. Mr. Graham explained that the school would take on the full cost of \$812,000 for the Primary roofing project.

Mr. Graham announced a retirement reception would be held for the 13 retirees on May 25, 2021 at 3:30 PM in the High School Cafeteria.

Mr. Graham updated the board on new Acts from the Legislative session. He advised that of 185 bills presented 114 have become Acts, so far.

Mr. Graham asked the board to accept the resignations of Jaree Hall, Elementary Music, Daniel Dunn, High School Band Director, Julie Smith, Food Service Director, Regina Westfall, High School Spanish, and Rick Baker, Elementary PE/High School Track. David Hilliard made a motion to accept the resignations. Nick Britt seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

At 6:17, David Hilliard made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Jamar Finley seconded the motion. At 6:28, the meeting resumed.

Mr. Graham recommended the transfer of Janet Jamison to Elementary Computer Lab and the employment of Amanda Brown, Elementary Teacher, and Melisa Musick, Elementary Music. Jamar Finley made a motion to accept the recommendations. David Hilliard seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

David Hilliard made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Nick Britt seconded the motion. It passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Jerry Wilson, President

Jamar Finley, Secretary