



REGULAR MEETING

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE

MEMPHIS CITY SCHOOLS

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2007

5:30 P.M.

PRESENT:

**Ms. Stephanie Gatewood
Ms. Betty J. Mallott
Ms. Stephanie Gatewood
Ms. Tomeka Hart, Vice President
Mr. Martavius D. Jones
Dr. Jeff Warren
Dr. Sharon A. Webb
Ms. Wanda Halbert
Ms. Patrice Robinson, President**

**ABSENT AT
ROLL CALL:**

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Gatewood moved to approve the Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Hart.

President Robinson added an item under the President's Report, and under Special Recognitions and Presentations. She also added 1 name under opportunity for citizen's comments on non agenda items. Commissioners Jones and Warren asked to be recognized under New Business, and Commissioner Mallott under Items of Information.

President Robinson noted that Commissioner Whalum is absent attending a Board Orientation Meeting.

The President noted that Commissioners Jones and Halbert are to be honored tonight at a reception for Leadership Memphis. Congratulations were offered from the Board.

The Superintendent noted that pages 23 thru 25, and 131 thru 137 of the Board Report were being replaced with the blue sheets he passed out.

The Superintendent called the roll with the voting as follows:

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.	Absent
Commissioner Stephanie Gatewood	Aye
Commissioner Betty J. Mallott	Aye
Commissioner Tomeka R. Hart	Aye
Commissioner Martavius D. Jones	Aye
Dr. Jeff Warren	Aye
Dr. Sharon A. Webb	Aye
Commissioner Wanda M. Halbert	Aye
President Patrice J. Robinson	Aye

With 8 Ayes, and 1 absent, the revised Agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gatewood moved to approve the minutes, of August 06, 2007 and was seconded by Commissioner Webb.

The Superintendent called the roll with the voting as follows:

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.	Absent
Commissioner Stephanie Gatewood	Aye
Commissioner Betty J. Mallott	Aye
Commissioner Tomeka R. Hart	Aye
Commissioner Martavius D. Jones	Aye
Dr. Jeff Warren	Aye

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Dr. Sharon A. Webb	Aye
Commissioner Wanda M. Halbert	Aye
President Patrice J. Robinson	Aye

With 8 Ayes, and 1 absent, the Minutes of August 06, 2007 were approved.

Commissioner Warren moved to approve the minutes from the Special Called Meeting of August 7, 2007 and was seconded by Commissioner Gatewood.

The Superintendent called the roll with the voting as follows:

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.	Absent
Commissioner Stephanie Gatewood	Aye
Commissioner Betty J. Mallott	Aye
Commissioner Tomeka R. Hart	Aye
Commissioner Martavius D. Jones	Aye
Dr. Jeff Warren	Aye
Dr. Sharon A. Webb	Aye
Commissioner Wanda M. Halbert	Aye
President Patrice J. Robinson	Aye

With 8 Ayes, and 1 absent, the Minutes of August 07, 2007 Special Called Meeting were approved

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS/PRESENTATIONS

The Young Men's Club – (925)

President Robinson honored the collaborative work that has been done and continues to be done for the children at Riverview Elementary by Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Oak Grove officially adopted Riverview almost a year ago and since then has provided a steady flow of donations of supplies and clothing to assist students, in addition to personal meetings and mentoring of students.

She noted that minister Reverend James E. Kendrick worked closely with the school principal Mr. Samuel Polk and school counselor Ms. Peggy Misenhelter to create a strong and meaningful relationship between the school and the church. They identified a need to help fourth and fifth grade boys who were falling behind academically and formed a Young Men's Club.

To help these young men experience academic and social success, male representatives from the church, called "Image Builders," began to mentor this particular group. Meetings on Tuesdays and Fridays began last October and continued through the end of school. The mentors introduced the boys to such concepts as respect, rules, social issues, current events, economics, careers, grooming and good communication in addition to providing guest speakers who explained how school is truly preparation for the world of work. Pastor Kendrick created the phrase "It Pays to Pay Attention" and it quickly became the

club's motto. The dedication, commitment, consistency and the desire to help others displayed by the Image Builders truly inspires and motivates this group of boys to be successful. The school has been monitoring the progress with daily sign- in sheets and with individual student portfolios, as well as creating a specialized curriculum based on the boys' needs as the year progressed. The Young Men's Club sponsored 'The Angel Tree Project' (which included students from Head Start through fifth grade). The "Image Builders" have given much of their time to the boys and the school by attending special luncheons, school-wide activities, meeting with individual students, and sponsoring an End of Year Barbecue, with the goal of building positive long-term relationships with ALL of the young men. Evaluations were completed by the students with suggestions and comments for upcoming year. It says it all when one child wrote: "I felt like real man in the Men's Club."

The club plans to build on its successes during this new school year and is planning field trips, increasing family and community involvement, seeking grant funding opportunities and celebrating the successes of the students.

We are very fortunate to have Pastor Kendrick and Mr. Samuel Polk sponsor this mentoring group. Pastor Kendrick has been the pastor of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist church for the past 20 years. He is a published author, a former instructor of Criminal Justice Studies at Shelby State Community' College and has served as past chair and member of the Civilian Law Enforcement Review Board of Memphis. Mr. Polk has a master's degrees in Counseling and Administration, along with many other awards, serves on numerous committees, and has served as Principal at Riverview Elementary for the past two decades.

President Robinson asked Commissioner Sharon Webb to present certificates to Reverend Kendrick, Mr. Polk, Mrs. Misenhelter, the Image Builders, and some of the students who are members of the Young Men's Club.

Image Builders receiving certificates

Bob Bratcher Jr.
Tommie Evans
Robert Herrod
John Lackland
McGellan Tate
Joe Walton

Students who received certificates

D'Mario Moss
D'Niko Spencer
Therico Gipson
Calvin Jamison
Alvin Jones, Jr.
Jaquan Davis
Roland Stinson
Keidrick Stinson
Kyris Adair
Christopher Smith

Hajnal Pivnik

Ms. Pivnik, a Memphis City Schools graduate, and recent graduate of Carnegie Mellon University, along with her sister, Lela Pivnik, presented \$1, 620.00 to the Memphis City

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Schools Fine Arts Program. The monies were earned from the third annual Concert With A Cause, which featured Ms. Hajnal Pivnik.

Commissioner Gatewood commented that she attended the concert and felt as though she was actually in Carnegie Hall, the piano and violin concert was absolutely magnificent .

President Robinson recognized Ms. Patricia Bafford, the new Coordinator of School and Health Services.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The President reported the following since the last meeting:

On Tuesday, August 7, 2007 the US Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings, along with the US Secretary of Housing & Urban Development, visited Humes Middle School, the Metropolitan Apartments and the National Civil Rights Museum.

Also on August 7, 2007 the Personnel Committee (Interim Search Committee Report) held a meeting at 6:30 p.m. A Special Called Meeting immediately followed.

August 8, 2007 the Board held a Special Called Meeting and voted to name Mr. Dan Ward as Interim Superintendent.

On Monday, August 13, 2007 The Academic Support Committee and the CIC Committee both held meetings.

On Tuesday, August 14, 2007 the Board held a Special Called Meeting and voted to close YO! Academy.

Then on yesterday, August 19, 2007 the Board was invited to attend the Anniversary and Birthday Celebration of Rev. Ezekiel Bell at Redeemer Baptist Church.

Upcoming Events:

On tomorrow, August 21, the Board is invited to attend a Ground Breaking Ceremony for Lowe's / Skills USA Open Learning Pavilion at the So'West Career & Technology Center.

Thursday, August 23, 2007 there will be a reception honoring Memphis Prep Program Class of 2007 here in the Board Auditorium starting at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, August 24, 2007 the Board is invited to Central High School's Grand Opening of the NEW Crump Stadium. There will be a Tailgate Party beginning at 3:30 p.m. and the game against Kingsbury High begins at 7:00 p.m.

On Monday, August 27, 2007, there will be a Blue Ribbon Town Hall Meeting at Whitehaven High School, 4851 Elvis Presley Blvd, 5:30 p.m.

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The Labor Day Holiday is Monday, September 3, and the Board Office will be closed.

Then on Monday, September 10, join us back here in the Auditorium for our Regular Scheduled Board Meeting @5:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee

No Report

Academic Support Committee

Commissioner Gatewood asked the Board to accept the minutes of the Academic Support Committee and with a voice vote of 8 ayes the report was accepted.

Budget Committee

No Report

Capital Investment Committee

President Robinson reported that the minutes show the bids and purchases that were discussed to be brought before the Board. She noted that the blue sheets of the report include time periods for annual maintenance contracts as requested by Commissioner Jones. She motioned, and was seconded by Commissioner Gatewood, that the minutes of the August 13, CIC Meeting be adopted, and by voice vote of 8 ayes, the minutes were adopted.

FCC Committee

No Report

Mental Health Committee

No Report

Personnel Committee

President Robinson asked that the minutes of the August 7, 2007 Personnel Committee be adopted, and by voice vote of 8 ayes, the minutes were adopted.

Policy Committee

No Report

Supplier Diversity Committee

No Report

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S BUSINESS REPORT

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Warren moved to approve the Consent agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Webb.

Commissioner Gatewood pulled page 22, and Commissioner Halbert pulled pages 23-25 and 58.

The Superintendent called the roll with the voting as follows:

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.	Absent
Commissioner Stephanie Gatewood	Aye
Commissioner Betty J. Mallott	Aye
Commissioner Tomeka R. Hart	Aye
Commissioner Martavius D. Jones	Aye
Dr. Jeff Warren	Aye
Dr. Sharon A. Webb	Aye
Commissioner Wanda M. Halbert	Aye
President Patrice J. Robinson	Aye

With 8 Ayes, and 1 absent, the Consent Agenda was approved minus pages 22, 23-25, and 58.

Page 22 Riverdeep Learning Village Portal Gold

Commissioner Warren moved to approve page 22 and was seconded by Commissioner Halbert.

Commissioner Gatewood stated that in a previous meeting she believes it was stated that evaluations at Riverdeep would only be done for one year and this contract is for a two year renewal. Her question was why the two years? Dr. Hall stated that this particular program, the Renaissance Program, not the Riverdeep Program, speaks specifically to our teacher learning village program, on which we base our curriculum programs online for teachers to access as well as their lesson plans and other resources that they can use through this portal. He further stated that this program maintains the upkeep and maintenance of the system so that upgrades can be received as they are developed by the company.

Commissioner Gatewood questioned then what happened to the contract that was approved last year? Was it for a period of one or two years?

Dr. Hall answered that the previous Riverdeep Program spoke to student intervention programs that students accessed in the classroom. He stated that this is a new program that would begin, upon approval, for the two year duration.

Commissioner Gatewood stated that she would like to discuss Riverdeep in the Academic Programs Committee.

The Superintendent called the roll with the voting as follows:

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.	Absent
Commissioner Stephanie Gatewood	Aye
Commissioner Betty J. Mallott	Aye
Commissioner Tomeka R. Hart	Aye
Commissioner Martavius D. Jones	Aye
Dr. Jeff Warren	Aye
Dr. Sharon A. Webb	Aye
Commissioner Wanda M. Halbert	Aye
President Patrice J. Robinson	Aye

With 8 Ayes, and 1 absent, page 22 was approved.

Commissioner Warren moved to approve pages 23-25 and was seconded by Commissioner Halbert.

Commissioner Halbert stated that during the CIC Meeting the Board expressed a desire to know if all of these items were due and asked for the requested contractual period of the items. She questioned if the blue sheeted items are actually due between July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, and if on page 24, item #2 speaks to the access of MCS Enterprise Service Environment that had a due date of April 1, 2007. She noticed that this is not on the blue sheet document. She wanted to know how it is being presented.

Mr. Goar stated that what the staff did in conjunction with IT and Procurement was to identify those recurring service agreements that require immediate attention and those are the blue sheeted items. He stated that he will check with department heads to make sure that all have been identified.

Commissioner Halbert stated that in the CIC Meeting there were no dates on the contracts and that was her concern. She asked President Robinson if it would be okay to approve pages 23-25 all at once because at least one of the contracts is already past due and others are due in a month or two.

Mr. Goar stated that Commissioner Halbert was correct in that there were no dates on items presented in the CIC Meeting. He further stated that if it is okay with the Board items

that are past due can be approved and anything post July 1 is not being presented. He said that 2 contracts must have been missed on the blue sheets tonight and staff will identify those contracts, and that in the future dates will be attached to items presented to the Board.

Commissioner Mallott stated that she thought it was brought up in the CIC Meeting that because of the CGCS Audit, if we could delay making some approvals until we knew more about that audit, that there might be some advantage. She felt that the Board should not approve the entire list of software contracts unless it would cause problems.

Commissioner Jones noted one contract had a September 1, date and one with a January 1 start date. He requested that the Board approve the blue sheeted items and also include those that have a beginning date within the next 30 to 45 days, and was seconded by Commissioner Warren. The President stated that the motion just needed to be amended, and asked Commissioner Jones to make that motion. He motioned to approve the bids and purchases for IT Annual maintenance contracts but to include those items that are not listed that have a start date prior to September 30, 2007 and was seconded by Commissioner Warren.

Commissioner Halbert asked if all of the items listed in the document have been purchased or are being purchased by Memphis City Schools.

Mr. Goar stated that the items are not purchases but continuations of service/maintenance agreements.

Commissioner Halbert stated that technology is very important and if service agreements are due in two or three months it makes sense from a business point of view for the Board to go ahead and approve them because the services wont change in a year or two. She stated that she is willing to do whatever the Board needs to do to approve the items. She stated that we need the maintenance services that are listed on all of the pages.

The Superintendent called the roll on the original motion, to accept pages 23-25 with the voting as follows:

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.	Absent
Commissioner Stephanie Gatewood	Aye
Commissioner Betty J. Mallott	Aye
Commissioner Tomeka R. Hart	Aye
Commissioner Martavius D. Jones	Aye
Dr. Jeff Warren	Aye
Dr. Sharon A. Webb	Aye
Commissioner Wanda M. Halbert	Aye
President Patrice J. Robinson	Aye

With 8 Ayes, and 1 absent, pages 23-25 were accepted.

The Superintendent called the roll on the amended motion to approve the blue sheeted items and also include those that have a beginning date within the next 30 to 45 days with the voting as follows:

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.	Absent
Commissioner Stephanie Gatewood	Aye
Commissioner Betty J. Mallott	Aye
Commissioner Tomeka R. Hart	Aye
Commissioner Martavius D. Jones	Aye
Dr. Jeff Warren	Aye
Dr. Sharon A. Webb	Aye
Commissioner Wanda M. Halbert	Aye
President Patrice J. Robinson	Aye

With 8 Ayes, and 1 absent, the blue sheeted items and also those that have a beginning date within the next 30 to 45 days were approved.

Commissioner Gatewood noted that on page 30 there was a typographical error in that Cingular Wireless is now AT&T.

Page 58, Berclair Elementary Donation

Commissioner Warren moved to approve page 58 and was seconded by Commissioner Webb.

Commissioner Halbert wanted to commend the Second Presbyterian Church member responsible for the award. She asked if the IT Department has been working in conjunction with the award in making sure we have the correct requirements in the school for the computers.

Mr. Timmons stated that he had not had any communications about the computers but would follow up to make sure that the computers are within MCS specifications.

The Superintendent called the roll with the voting as follows:

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.	Absent
Commissioner Stephanie Gatewood	Aye
Commissioner Betty J. Mallott	Aye
Commissioner Tomeka R. Hart	Aye
Commissioner Martavius D. Jones	Aye
Dr. Jeff Warren	Aye
Dr. Sharon A. Webb	Aye
Commissioner Wanda M. Halbert	Aye
President Patrice J. Robinson	Aye

With 8 Ayes, and 1 absent, the Berclair Elementary donation was approved.

The President acknowledged the following grants and donations:

GRANTS

1. \$285,408 (6/1/2007 – 5/30/2010) from the US Department of Education to the Department of Curriculum and Professional Development for students who feed into and attend Craigmont High School.
2. \$150,000 from the Tennessee Department of Education to the Department of Parent and Community Engagement for school-age homeless/formerly homeless children and youth in both the MCS and Shelby County School Districts.

DONATIONS

1. \$28,500 in IBM Computers from Second Presbyterian Church to Berclair Elementary School. A church member wrote a matching grant through IBM and Second Presbyterian Church has taken care of the matching funds.
2. \$5,000 to Central High School from Pepsi to help support the maintenance of the school's scoreboards. This is the second year of a three year agreement.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION AGENDA

Interim Superintendent's Contract

Commissioner Hart moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Warren.

The President stated that this item is being pulled from the agenda tonight because the Superintendent had some questions on some items. She apologized that it was included.

May 2007 Financial Statements

BE IT; THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT the Memphis City Schools Board of Commissioners approves the acceptance of this report.

June 2007 Financial Statements

BE IT; THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT the Memphis City Schools Board of Commissioners approves the acceptance of this report.

Commissioner Halbert moved to approve the May 2007 and June 2007 Financial Statements collectively and was seconded by Commissioner Hart.

The Superintendent called the roll with the voting as follows:

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.	Absent
Commissioner Stephanie Gatewood	Aye
Commissioner Betty J. Mallott	Aye
Commissioner Tomeka R. Hart	Aye
Commissioner Martavius D. Jones	Aye
Dr. Jeff Warren	Aye
Dr. Sharon A. Webb	Aye
Commissioner Wanda M. Halbert	Aye
President Patrice J. Robinson	Aye

With 8 ayes, and 1 absent, the May 2007 and June 2007 Financial Statements were approved.

Memphis Ten-Point Coalition Partnership

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT the Memphis City Schools Board of Commissioners approves the renewal contract for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 with Memphis Ten Point Coalition Inc. for the 2007 – 2008 school year.

Commissioner Halbert moved to approve the Ten Point Coalition Partnership as blue sheeted and was seconded by Commissioner Webb.

Commissioner Hart noted that on page 2 of the contract the part that speaks to research, evaluation and assessment is broader than the original agreement discussed in committee. She stated that the former agreement stated that students would be evaluated every six weeks and this one just states that research, evaluation and assessment would evaluate students on outcomes related to attendance and behavior. She stated that this seemed vague. She further stated that another change is to the Saturday classes for parental training, now the agreement just states classes will be provided. She also thought compensation seemed vague and did not readily see where it was addressed.

Mr. Bacchus stated that adjustments were made to give a more summative evaluation of the program and that student attendance and grades would be reviewed. He stated that the provider did not agree to Saturday classes, but that they would provide training for parents and would involve parents in the training. He further stated that page 3 speaks to how the provider will receive funds, \$333 per student who attends at least ten prescribed meetings by the provider. He further stated that the agreement has been reviewed by Mr. Bond and the General Counsel and that the addition of the billing and right to withhold payment was added.

President Robinson asked how would the Board know if the program is successful. Would there be behavioral differences?

Mr. Bacchus stated that attendance behavior and academics from previous years would be used to show successes.

The Superintendent stated that baseline data from 2006-2007 would be acceptable and the measurement would be how close or how far beyond the students move around the goals that are set.

Commissioner Halbert asked if it would be too much to ask that whoever works with the concept of this program would work with the Office of Research and Development so that the Board can know that each and every component of the evaluation that is presented to the Board has been accurately considered.

The Superintendent answered that that is not too much to ask.

Commissioner Halbert stated that once a committee makes a decision, any changes should be brought before the Board or go back to committee. The Superintendent agreed.

For clarity, Commissioner Gatewood asked if the program includes ages 8 through 17 as originally stated, because most of the schools on the list are high schools.

Mr. Bacchus stated that the blue sheets speak to high school students.

Commissioner Halbert asked if a final document would be provided showing the changes and the President answered of course.

The Superintendent called the roll with the voting as follows:

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.	Absent
Commissioner Stephanie Gatewood	Aye
Commissioner Betty J. Mallott	Aye
Commissioner Tomeka R. Hart	Aye
Commissioner Martavius D. Jones	Aye
Dr. Jeff Warren	Aye
Dr. Sharon A. Webb	Aye
Commissioner Wanda M. Halbert	Aye
President Patrice J. Robinson	Aye

With 8 ayes, and 1 absent, the Ten Point Coalition Partnership was approved.

Third Party Provider of Service for Private Schools Contract
(Catapult Learning, Inc.)

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education of Memphis City Schools approves the contract in the amount of \$234,699.48 with Catapult Learning, Inc.

Commissioner Halbert moved to approve the contract and was seconded by Commissioner Hart.

The Superintendent called the roll with the voting as follows:

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.	Absent
Commissioner Stephanie Gatewood	Aye
Commissioner Betty J. Mallott	Aye
Commissioner Tomeka R. Hart	Aye
Commissioner Martavius D. Jones	Aye
Dr. Jeff Warren	Aye
Dr. Sharon A. Webb	Aye
Commissioner Wanda M. Halbert	Aye
President Patrice J. Robinson	Aye

With 8 ayes, and 1 absent, the Third Party Provider of Service for Private Schools Contract was approved.

Memphis Literacy Academy Contractual Agreement

BE IT, THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Board of Education for Memphis City Schools approves funding in the amount of \$224,000 to be used to provide professional development through the Memphis Literacy Academy.

Commissioner Warren moved to approve the Agreement and was seconded by Commissioner Gatewood.

Commissioner Mallott stated page 144 states that the TCAP results indicate that teachers who are graduates of the MLA have higher percentages of students who read at proficient and advanced levels as compared to similar matched cohorts of teachers. She stated that she would like to see the data on the percentages.

The Superintendent asked Dr. Hall to provide the information to the entire Board.

Commissioner Gatewood asked if the data could be on the agenda of the Academic Support Committee and the President answered that the information could be provided to both.

The Superintendent called the roll with the voting as follows:

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.	Absent
Commissioner Stephanie Gatewood	Aye
Commissioner Betty J. Mallott	Aye
Commissioner Tomeka R. Hart	Aye
Commissioner Martavius D. Jones	Aye
Dr. Jeff Warren	Aye
Dr. Sharon A. Webb	Aye
Commissioner Wanda M. Halbert	Aye
President Patrice J. Robinson	Aye

With 8 ayes, and 1 absent, the Memphis Literacy Academy Contractual Agreement was approved.

Addition to Kate Bond Elementary School

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, THAT the Memphis City Schools Board of Commissioners approves the allocation of \$3,000,000 from the CIP budget for the construction of a 10 classroom addition to Kate Bond Elementary School.

Commissioner Warren moved to approve the addition to Kate Bond Elementary School and was seconded by Commissioner Gatewood.

Commissioner Halbert stated that members of the annexed community have stated that there is a dire need at Cordova, and wanted to know if staff had evaluated where the greatest needs are?

Mr. Goar stated that needs are great in this community. He stated that there are 14 portables located on that property that need to be moved. He stated that there are three choices for the property; 1) remove the students from Kate Bond to another school for a year 2) buy more portables 3) or add to a currently existing building. He stated that financially and academically it makes sense to build an addition for around \$3,000,000 than to buy more portables for the same amount. He stated that the Board has approved the removal of all portables under our five year facilities plan and that staff feels that this is step one in alleviating long term problems in that area.

Commissioner Halbert asked why the portables had to be removed. Mr. Goar stated that they were in the way for construction, and that they are some of the worst portables in the system.

Commissioner Halbert noted that some of the portables in other school are also older, and we want to be very cognizant of equity and to make sure that we are not giving the appearance that we are going out east and doing great and wonderful things because of the dire needs, and ignore schools in the inner city.

The Superintendent called the roll with the voting as follows:

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.	Absent
Commissioner Stephanie Gatewood	Aye
Commissioner Betty J. Mallott	Aye
Commissioner Tomeka R. Hart	Aye
Commissioner Martavius D. Jones	Aye
Dr. Jeff Warren	Aye
Dr. Sharon A. Webb	Aye
Commissioner Wanda M. Halbert	Aye
President Patrice J. Robinson	Aye

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With 8 ayes, and 1 absent, the addition to Kate Bond Elementary School was approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

1. Ms. Darlene Green, 3435 Dawnridge, Memphis TN. 38118
Re:Overton High School Principal
2. Mr. Derrick Green, 3435 Dawnridge, Memphis TN. 38118
Re:Overton High School Principal
3. Mr. Jerry Bradfield, 182 Rembert, Memphis, TN 38104
Re:Alley/Traffic Near Idlewild School
4. Mr. Gordon Alexander, Rembert, Memphis TN 38104
Re:Alley/Traffic Near Idlewild School
5. Ms. Liz Salton, 850 Poplar, Memphis TN 38105
Re: LeBonheur Medical Center
6. Ms. Michelle Stubbs, 850 Poplar, Memphis TN. 38104
Re: LeBonheur Medical Center
7. Rev. Bernard Jennings, 3388 Emerald, Memphis TN. 38115
Re: Overton High School Principal
8. Ms. Mary Trice, 1755 Lanier, Memphis TN 38115
Re: Ivy Youth Program/ABTY
9. Janice Connor, 1612 Harmon St, Memphis, TN 38018
Re: Bus Routes

SUPERINTENDENT'S WORK SESSION AGENDA

None

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY

Attorney Khumalo stated that the Office of General Counsel is now fully staffed with the addition of Rubbie King, Executive Assistant/Paralegal. She further stated that they will be preparing a quarterly report that will let the Board know in more detail the activities in which the office has been involved, an update on the budget, a litigation report and goals and objectives of the office. The office has been working with the Board's Executive Assistant to get a date for an ad hoc committee meeting of the Policies and Legal Representation Committee before the September 24th Board Meeting. She stated that the Office is also working on a teaching session on ethics and the role of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution

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Whereas, on June 18, 2007, Dr. Carol Johnson informed the Board of Commissioners of Memphis City Schools of her intent to accept the superintendent's position with the Boston Public Schools, and

Whereas, numerous candidates applied and or were nominated for consideration for the position, two finalist were identified, and

Whereas, Daniel Ward, a 34 year veteran of MCS was named as the Superintendent to continue the progress that the district has made in recent years, and

Whereas, Dr. Robert Schiller, the other finalist for the Superintendent's position has served as the State or Deputy State Superintendent in four (4) states and an interim superintendent in Baltimore, and possess experiences and insight on a national level that would be beneficial to the district on a long-term basis.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Memphis City School Board of Education initiate discussions with Dr. Robert Schiller, on a consultancy basis, similar in spirit to the arrangement with EFS, to provide long term planning and other services as deemed appropriate.

Respectfully submitted:
Commissioner Martavius D. Jones

Seconded by:
Commissioner Betty Mallott

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President Robinson stated that this resolution would be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

Resolution To Support Delay of Approval of High Density Housing Development Next to Snowden School

Whereas, traffic patterns at Snowden School are already too crowded, and

Whereas, a high density apartment community immediately adjacent to the school will make the traffic situation more dangerous, and

Whereas, the introduction of a dwelling which potentially could serve as a college dormitory like setting or private apartment building next to an elementary school is not in the best interest of our students' education, and

Be it therefore resolved, that the Memphis City School Board of Education directs the Superintendent to send appropriate staff to support delay of this project at the City Council, Tuesday, August 21, 2007, until the Memphis City School Board can receive appropriate Information from its staff on this project.

Respectfully submitted:
Commissioner Jeff Warren, M.D.

Seconded by:
Commissioner Sharon Webb

Date: August 20, 2007

Commissioner Warren moved to suspend the rules and vote on the resolution tonight and was seconded by Commissioner Gatewood.

The Superintendent called the roll with the voting as follows:

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.	Absent
Commissioner Stephanie Gatewood	Aye
Commissioner Betty J. Mallott	Aye
Commissioner Tomeka R. Hart	Nay
Commissioner Martavius D. Jones	Aye
Dr. Jeff Warren	Aye
Dr. Sharon A. Webb	Aye
Commissioner Wanda M. Halbert	Absent
President Patrice J. Robinson	Aye

With 6 ayes, 1 nay, and 2 absent the motion to suspend the rules passed.

Commissioner Warren stated that while we were involved in replacing the Superintendent, an item was presented at the Land Use Control Board. He stated that we did receive a letter in the middle of her leaving that did not get to the appropriate staff in time to respond. He stated that there is a plan to put a 164 unit apartment building adjacent to Snowden School and the concern is that the traffic study that was presented to the Land Use Control Board was done during the summer when school was out and they approved it without taking that into consideration. He showed a video of traffic patterns around Snowden.

Commissioner Gatewood asked if staff is aware of the situation and what time would the meeting be held? Superintendent Ward stated that staff was not aware and that he was told that the meeting was at 10:00 a.m. tomorrow.

Commissioner Hart stated that since the OPD and the Land Use Control Board have already approved it, and they do hold public hearings, and without more information she does not know if she could move forward. Commissioner Warren noted that only the Land Use Control Board had approved it.

Ms. Mercuro stated that staff has met with the developer twice to express concerns and a letter has been sent to Mary Baker, the Deputy Director of the Land Use Control Board, expressing concerns.

Commissioner Halbert asked for clarification why the Board was just hearing about this if staff has already been involved.

Commissioner Warren restated that everything went through very quickly, while the Board was involved in selecting an interim superintendent, in the middle of the summer. He stated that it went from one reading to vote.

Commissioner Halbert stated that her question was if staff has been involved in this situation in any way, why is the Board just hearing about it?

Mr. Goar stated that staff only gets involved with comments to the Land Board. In this particular project staff has voiced concerns, asking for additional information from the developers and others. He stated that just an hour ago the developer was here trying to talk to staff and the same concern was addressed then; traffic flow. He stated that the resolution seems to be calling for staff to oppose rather than provide additional information from the developer.

Commissioner Halbert stated that if there are concerns about potential safety issues to our children that should have been brought to the Board, regardless of what the Board might be involved in at the time. She also stated that our legislative representative to the City Council and County Commission should be notified when staff hears about items like this so that they can attend meetings and report back to the Board because the teeth of the school district is the Board. She asked what the recommendation from staff would be so that a decision on tomorrow can be made.

President Robinson commented that she believes that it is the responsibility of this Board to communicate with other like elected officials. She feels that maybe we need to go to the City Council tomorrow and asked Commissioner Warren if he is available to attend, and he answered yes, he planned to attend. Ms. Mercurio of MCS staff also volunteered to attend the meeting.

Commissioner Warren changed his resolution to read: directs the Superintendent to send appropriate staff to support delay of this project or opposition of this project based on staff's recommendation.

Commissioner Gatewood noted that the third paragraph says "whereas the introduction of a college dormitory dwelling without college oversight." She asked if that sentence could be reworded because it was recently stated that this is not a college dormitory. She asked if language that speaks to the developer, high cost housing, and adults living in the complex could be added to the resolution.

Commissioner Hart stated that she is for postponing versus opposition because the Board does not have all of the facts and should be able to make decisions based on all available information.

Commissioner Jones noted that he agreed with Commissioner Harts sentiments, that more information is needed to make an informed decision.

Commissioner Halbert asked if the President could call the Chair of the City Council or the Chair of the appropriate committee and ask for a delay. The President stated that she would make the call.

The Superintendent called the roll with the voting as follows:

Dr. Kenneth T. Whalum, Jr.	Absent
Commissioner Stephanie Gatewood	Aye
Commissioner Betty J. Mallott	Aye

Commissioner Tomeka R. Hart	Aye
Commissioner Martavius D. Jones	Aye
Dr. Jeff Warren	Aye
Dr. Sharon A. Webb	Aye
Commissioner Wanda M. Halbert	Aye
President Patrice J. Robinson	Aye

With 8 ayes, and 1 absent, the Resolution To Support Delay of Approval of High Density Housing Development Next to Snowden School was approved.

ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President recognized the Board's most efficient Executive Assistant, Mrs. Tuggers, who will celebrate a birthday on tomorrow, August 21. Superintendent Ward sang a bar of happy birthday.

Commissioner Mallott thanked and commended Superintendent Ward and staff for their diligence and their recognition of the urgency of the placement of students who had planned to go to YO! Academy. She stated that William White, Charisse Sales, Stacey Thompson and Linda Sklar have worked many long diligent hours to meet the needs of the families affected. She stated that she would like to get the names of the schools who worked with staff in welcoming those families into the traditional school setting of Memphis City Schools.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Halbert moved to adjourn the meeting, and was seconded by Commissioner Warren. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Daniel Ward, Secretary

Patrice J. Robinson, President