
**CIXIV
TRANSITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

OFFICIAL REPORT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2017

ST. LOUIS, MO

M I N U T E S

The Special Administrative Board of the Transitional School District of the City of St. Louis met on the date noted above in Room 108 of the Administrative Building, 801 N. 11th Street, St. Louis, MO 63101. Those in attendance were Mr. Rick Sullivan, Mrs. Darnetta Clinkscale, Mr. Richard K. Gaines, Superintendent Dr. Kelvin Adams, Ms. Ruth Lewis, and the District's legal counsel, Jeffrey St. Omer of Mickes O'Toole, LLC.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

(Due to the early morning announcement by the State Board Education approving the District to receive full accreditation status, a press conference was held which delayed the start time of the regular meeting.)

The meeting was called to order at 6:38PM on the following roll call.

AYE: Mrs. Darnetta Clinkscale, Mr. Richard Gaines, Mr. Rick Sullivan

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

The Spirit of Excellence Award was presented to Hildrey Jones and Michael Jones, juniors at the Northwest Transportation and Law Academy. Hildrey and Michael were selected as delegates to attend the Anti-Defamation League National Youth Leadership Conference that was held in November, 2016. The program brought high school juniors from all over the country to learn about the Holocaust and to work on ways to reduce prejudice in schools and communities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Erma Nevels-McNeil came before the Board and shared comments about the ongoing absence of a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for retirees of the St. Louis Public School Retirement System. She also commended the Board and Superintendent for achieving full accreditation for the District.

Elected Board President, Susan Jones extended remarks on behalf of the Elected Board of Education. The Board of Education would like to congratulate St. Louis Public Schools (SLPS) on its accreditation. We applaud and appreciate your commitment and dedication to student achievement, but more importantly to our students, staff, and teachers in our classrooms and our entire community who put in the hard work. We look forward to supporting you and maintaining accreditation and all of SLPS improvement needs. Our kids come first. And today we are closer to the community having a voice in education again. Today we are a step closer to quality education and many doors being open for our children once again.

Mr. Danny Flowers appeared a 3rd time before the Board retelling his position in response to the District's 11-9-16 final decision letter denying his claim for financial reimbursement for damages sustained to his vehicle as a result of a theft while parked outside in front of Beaumont High School. Under Board policy Mr. Flowers' claim was ineligible.

Mr. Clarence Stanton, a former SLPS student also commended the SAB and the Superintendent for achieving full accreditation for the District. He also put these inquires before members..... *while we celebrate having accreditation, one thousand kids leave SLPS every year; teachers complain about pay and two more schools have closed this year. So what is the Board doing to restore faith in the SLPS and to the people of St. Louis?*

Mr. Sullivan asked Mr. Stanton to leave his address with the board secretary for a formal response. (Mr. Stanton did not leave an address.)

Elected Board member William "Bill" Monroe congratulated Superintendent Adams for achieving full accreditation for SLPS. He then provided members with a copy of a letter to him dated October 23, 2007 from a past SLPS superintendent in response to a proposal he submitted for the establishment of the Harriet Tubman High School and Career Academy. Mr. Monroe addressed Mr. Sullivan solely and stated the letter was a charge against Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Monroe believes Mr. Sullivan had a part in his proposal not being considered. He further stated Mr. Sullivan was an impediment to proactive black involvement for those in the community with a solution for what plagues the community. Mr. Monroe stated now that the District has achieved full accreditation, there should be collaborative efforts and allow the Elected Board to sit at the table with the SAB and DESE to have some awareness of any changes being planned for SLPS so that those changes do not become a surprise to the Elected Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve the December 8, 2016 open session minutes. On a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the December 8, 2016 regular meeting minutes.

AYE: Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

INFORMATION ITEMS

The Food Service and Student Support Services reports scheduled for this meeting were moved to the February 16, 2017 meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS – CONSENT AGENDA

Item 01-10-17-02, to approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and the Compliance Report for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2016 was moved to the December 20, 2016 Special Meeting Agenda under Resolution Number 12-20-16-01. The Board's approval is reflected in the December 20, 2016 Minutes.

The Board moved items 01-10-17-01 and 01-10-17-11 to the February 16, 2017 meeting agenda.

(01-10-17-01) To approve an amendment to Board Resolution Number 04-23-15-22, a contract renewal with Southwest Foodservices Excellence to increase the cost by \$472, 082.68. Fewer meals were needed and served due to the later school start times and low District enrollment. Food cost also increased because of the cost of poultry. There was also an increase in labor, in wages and benefit costs. If approved the total cost of this contract renewal for the 15-16 school year will be \$16,931,674.52.

(01-10-17-11) To approve and adopt the 2017 Legislative Platform/Items for the St. Louis Public Schools.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers 01-10-17-03 through 01-10-17-10. On a motion by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Mrs. Clinkscale on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 01-10-17-03 through 01-10-17-10.

AYE: Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(01-10-17-03) To approve a contract renewal with Emerald Data Solutions for the web-based Governance Document Management System (BoardDocs) for the period February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00, pending funding availability

(01-10-17-04) To approve a contract renewal with BTU, LLC to provide E-Rate consulting services for the period February 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$86,184.00, pending funding availability

(01-10-17-05) To approve a contract with Maryville University for professional development services as outlined in the *K-6 Mathematics and Science Partnership* grant, for the period February 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$124,402.00. This is year 1 of a 2-year contract.

(01-10-17-06) To approve a contract with Math Solutions, a division of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, for professional development services as outlined in the *K-6 Mathematics and Science Partnership* grant for the period February 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$88,141.00. This is year 1 of a 2-year contract.

(01-10-17-07) To approve a contract with Dr. Mascheal Schappe for professional development coordination services as outlined in the *K-6 Mathematics and Science Partnership* grant for the period February 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$35,000.00. This is year 1 of a 2-year contract.

(01-10-17-08) To approve a contract with the University of Missouri-St. Louis (UMSL) to conduct evaluation services as outlined in the *K-6 Mathematics and Science Partnership* grant for the period February 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$28,269.00. This is year 1 of a 2-year contract.

(01-10-17-09) To approve a Memorandum of Understanding with The Magic House for the period January 11, 2017 through May 31, 2017 to provide complementary classroom-based school outreach and museum-based family programs based on exhibit content to enhance STEM learning for young children and parents and professional development workshop for educators to integrate STEM vocabulary development into their instruction. Participating elementary schools are Ashland, Froebel, Lexington, Monroe, Nance, Peabody, Shenandoah, Sigel, Walbridge and Woodward.

(01-10-17-10) To approve a sole source purchase from Gordon Stowe for the AudioScan Analyzer for use by Audiologist to verify FM/DD systems fitting/function and hearing aid fitting/function at a cost not to exceed \$9,950.00.

BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)

Mr. Gaines provided informative comments concerning the October 23, 2007 letter Mr. Monroe gave to members. Quite some years ago, the District had offered auto mechanics but the Deseg program would not underwrite existing programs so the Board started an aeronautics program instead. When Mr. Monroe originally submitted his proposal back in 2007, Mr. Gaines was in complete agreement with the sentiment of the proposal. He worked with Mr. Monroe to explore the likelihood of establishing an automotive program as an alternative career choice for SLPS students. But as the automotive industry mainstreamed into sophisticated technology, and given the limited budget the District operates under, the District would not be able to sustain an automotive program because of the unending high-tech equipment upgrades needed to run such a program every subsequent fiscal year. As a supplement, the District has an agreement with Ranken Technical College where 20 students are currently enrolled in a Dual Enrollment Program.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, on a motion by Mrs. Clinkscale and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:08PM.

AYE: Mrs. Clinkscale, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

NAY: None

The motion passed.