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TRANSITIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE  
SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD**

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**OFFICIAL REPORT**

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**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
ST. LOUIS, MO  
OCTOBER 16, 2014**

**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 in Room 108 of the Administrative Building, 801 N. 11<sup>th</sup> Street, St. Louis, MO 63101.

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Mr. Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:10PM on the following roll call.

**AYE:** Dr. Melanie Adams, Mr. Richard Gaines, Mr. Rick Sullivan

A quorum was present.

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve the September 4, 2014 open minutes.

**AYE:** Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

The motion carried.

**STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS**

The Community Education Full Service Schools Council Chairpersons were recognized for four decades of dedicated volunteerism services to the Community Education Program. The program in conjunction with the City of St. Louis was scaled back because of a reduction in funding by the City of St. Louis. Four (4) sites are still in operation. The honorees were Douglas Petty (Vashon), Maurice McIntosh (Clay), Kellie Novel (Shaw), Evie Williamson-Moore (Mullanphy), Ralph Tidwell (Yeatman), Curtis Royston (Walbridge), Don Owens (Sigel), Dave Buss (Lyon @ Blow), Michael Pattin (Hamilton) and Rachel DeClue (Long).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. William "Bill" Monroe, Elected Board member expressed his position about the need for the Elected Board and the Special Administrative Board (SAB) to meet collaboratively. He cited Mr. Sullivan as the reason this has not moved forward. Mr. Monroe referred to Mr. Sullivan as the *czar* of the SAB and stated it is Mr. Sullivan's word that makes a difference. Mr. Monroe felt both boards should meet jointly to address issues of the District. He mentioned an incident that happened at Vashon High School he felt supported his enduring stance. In Mr. Monroe's comments he stated Mr. Sullivan did not want to see the SAB's term end and that he, Mr. Monroe, hoped that *something slick* did not occur at Mr. Sullivan's urging as the time approached.

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Mr. Bob Miller thanked the SAB for their commitment to the students of the City St. Louis. He also expressed remarks about the Superintendent's accomplishments, but most noteworthy the District receiving provisional accreditation.

Mr. Alfred Montgomery, a senior at Vashon High School read a prepared statement surrounding the September 25, 2014 Vashon student "walk-out". Mr. Montgomery stated students were not receiving quality instructions because of a steady flow of substitute teachers in and out of the classrooms. He stated this is attributed to low test scores by not having regular classroom teachers to provide instruction. Mr. Montgomery stated Vashon students have become very frustrated and asked the Superintendent for a Town Hall meeting to speak to this issue.

Ms. Dominique Bullock a Blueprint Tutor gave comments concerning Vashon's curriculum. Ms. Bullock is a student at Fontbonne University working on her Master's Degree in Secondary Math. A class assignment directed Ms. Bullock to analyze a curriculum and she chose Vashon's curriculum as her project. She stated she found the Freshman Algebra 150 class did not have a curriculum. She made inquiries of the teachers. Ms. Bullock did her own research and the results only added to her confusion. She went on to state the freshman math class did not have a teacher for 3 months. She concluded by asking if someone could explain the lack of a curriculum and teachers at Vashon School.

Ms. Tanisha Joyce a 7<sup>th</sup> grade reading teacher in SLPS concluded public comments. Ms. Joyce expressed concerns about students' performance on the State mandated tests being linked to teacher performance evaluations/salaries. This area of interest will appear as Amendment 3 on the November 4, 2014 general election ballot. Ms. Joyce stated the tests are not designed as a representation of the District's student population. She also stated there are no available resources that could offer guidance on how to teach to the tests. Ms. Joyce also shared comments about how the magnet schools are promoted verses the regular schools. She suggested the development of a guide that promotes regular schools as well. Ms. Joyce stated she would be willing to assist with this effort.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

- Mrs. Yvonne Green, Interim Executive Director of Operations provided an updated presentation on Prop S improvements at Yeatman Middle School. Some improvements noted were landscaping at the front entrance, new exterior doors and door readers, lighting upgrades, restroom upgrades, and computer labs.
- Mrs. Mary Houlihan, Chief Operating Officer provided an updated report on the Bid Bond Policy for construction Request for Proposals (RFP). The District does not have a policy that speaks to bid bond requirements nor did research disclose a state Statute that spoke to a requirement. The District does note on its construction RFPs that a 5% bid bond of the base bid is required. The District will amend the language on construction projects to state a bid bond is required for all bids above \$25,000.
- Mr. Martin Jenkins, Supervisor of Public High League provided an updated report on the Football Helmet Program. A brand new helmet has a shelf life of 10 years. District high schools have at least 32 helmets per school that are 4 years old or less. All used helmets are inspected and certified for use by the National Operation Committee of Athletic Equipment.

These reports can be viewed in their entirety on the District's website.

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BUSINESS ITEM(S):

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Numbers 10-16-14-01 through 10-16-14-12. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 10-16-14-01 through 10-16-14-12.

**AYE:** Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

The motion passed.

**(10-16-14-01)** To approve the acceptance of the 2 year Homeless Children and Youth Federal Grant for 2014-2016 in a total combined amount of \$299,390.

**(10-16-14-02)** To approve the fall bus routes for Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The report detailing the bus routes is available in the Transportation Office.

**(10-16-14-03)** To approve and ratify a contract renewal with Ranken Technical College for the Full Year Dual Enrollment Program for eligible students who plan to pursue careers in Career and Technical Education Programs for the period August 26, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$16,327.

**(10-16-14-04)** To approve a contract with the Alliance of Parents and Children for Educational Empowerment (APCEE), Inc. to provide parent resource centers and a comprehensive attendance and behavior support model at Walbridge, Pamoja at Cole and Langston schools for the period October 17, 2014 through May 31, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$195,000.

**(10-16-14-05)** To approve a sole source contract renewal with the Missouri Botanical Garden to provide courses to students attending Gateway Elementary, Gateway STEM High School, Washington Montessori and Soldan International High School for the period October 20, 2014 through May 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$23,320.

**(10-16-14-06)** To approve a sole source contract renewal with the St. Louis Science Center to provide courses to students attending Gateway Elementary, Gateway STEM High School, Washington Montessori and Soldan International High School for the period October 20, 2014 through May 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed 18,000.

**(10-16-14-07)** To approve a sole source contract renewal with the St. Louis Society for the Blind and Visually Impaired for collaboration with the community service project that will develop resources for visually impaired students enabling their participation in school activities for the period October 20, 2014 through May 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$12,414.

**(10-16-14-08)** To approve a sole source contract renewal with the St. Louis Zoo to provide courses to students attending Gateway Elementary, Gateway STEM High School, Washington Montessori and Soldan International High School for the period October 20, 2014 through May 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$20,100.

**(10-16-14-09)** To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with HOME WORKS! the Teacher Home Visit Program to provide academic support to 9 District schools for the period October 17, 2014 through June 30, 2015. A cost associated with this program is the extra service pay to participating teachers that will not exceed a total amount of \$66,000.

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**(10-16-14-10)** To approve the renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Curators of the University of Missouri on behalf of the University of Missouri to implement and evaluate the Missouri College Advising Corps Program at Gateway STEM, Soldan International Studies and Roosevelt High Schools for the period October 17, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

**(10-16-14-11)** To approve a renewal of a Memorandum of Understanding with Craft Alliance to provide opportunities for SLPS students to learn about contemporary craft art that goes beyond the traditional classroom art experience for the period October 17, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

**(10-16-14-12)** To approve a sole source purchase of testing materials from NOCTI for Career and Technical Education course evaluations at a total cost not to exceed \$6,434.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 10-16-14-13. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 10-16-14-13.

**AYE:** Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

The motion passed.

**(10-16-14-13)** To approve the amendment of Board Resolution Number 08-14-14-10, a contract with Sunfarm Food Service to provide the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program to 10 additional schools at a cost not to exceed \$138,207.88. The Board originally approved 21 schools under this resolution. If this request is granted the total cost of this contract will now be \$530,279.29.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 10-16-14-14. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 10-16-14-14.

**AYE:** Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

The motion passed.

**(10-16-14-14)** To approved the execution by the Chief Executive Officer and delivery of up to \$25,000,000 in tax anticipation notes (TAN) with a floating interest rate based on 1 month LIBOR plus 75 basis points (as of October 16, approximately 90 basis points) secured by a first priority pledge of the 2014 general fund property tax levy and other revenues available for school purposes on deposit in the general fund, and the execution by the Chief Executive Officer and delivery of all related documents, pledges, deposit agreements, and other agreements and certificates. The District shall repay the tax anticipation notes with proceeds of the pledged taxes before using such pledged taxes for any other purposes. The tax anticipation notes may be issued at any time beginning October 18, 2014 but must mature on or before June 30, 2015. The interest and fees associated with the tax anticipation notes will not exceed \$250,000 in the aggregate (recognizing that the interest rate thereon is a floating rate which could result in the foregoing limit being exceeded). PNC Bank or an affiliate of the bank will be the purchaser of the tax anticipation notes.

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Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 10-16-14-15. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 10-16-14-15.

**AYE:** Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

The motion passed.

**(10-16-14-15)** To approve and ratify an Agency Agreement with the St. Louis Public Schools Foundation to fundraise strategically in support of the District's initiatives, to secure funds for system-wide or school-specific projects, and to undertake other supportive activities for the period February 4, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$28,000, pending funding availability.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 10-16-14-16. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 10-16-14-16.

**AYE:** Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

The motion passed.

**(10-16-14-16)** To approve a sole source contract renewal with School Improvement Network to provide a bundled system for teacher effectiveness and support designed to support professional development as it relates to teaching and learning quality for the period October 17, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$390,320.37.

Mr. Sullivan called for a motion and a second to approve Resolution Number 10-16-14-17. On a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 10-16-14-17.

**AYE:** Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

The motion passed.

**(10-16-14-17)** To approve a contract with the University of Missouri- St. Louis (UMSL) to provide Reading Specialist Certifications for teachers in the lowest performing schools within SLPS for the period October 17, 2014 through June 30, 2015 at a cost not to exceed \$450,000.

**BOARD MEMBER UPDATE(S)**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board in open session, on a motion by Dr. M. Adams, and seconded by Mr. Gaines on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn at 7:06PM.

**AYE:** Dr. M. Adams, Mr. Gaines, Mr. Sullivan

The motion passed.